Abortion pill RU-486 sparks controversy

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Less than three weeks have passed since the Food and Drug Administration approved the controversial abortion-inducing drug RU-486. The effect of the pill on the number of abortions is unknown but groups on both sides of the abortion debate already hold strong positions on the use of the drug, which is also known as Mifepr.

"It is very difficult to predict the consequences of the FDA's approval of RU-486, especially in terms of the number of abortions," Saint Mary's philosophy professor Kevin McDonnell said. "Larger social factors seem to be in play currently decreasing that number, but these forces could change quickly."

McDonnell monitors the moral consequences of medical decisions as the Edna and George McMahan Aquinas Chair in Philosophy. He has written a book on medical ethics and teaches a course on medical ethics at Saint Mary's.

"The effect of RU-486 may be to move abortions from abortion centers to physicians' offices. More physicians will become involved in doing abortions, including some primary care physicians. That might increase the number of abortions, but, again, the numbers are too hard to predict," he continued.

Polly Edwards, executive director of Planned Parenthood of North Central Indiana, Inc., said that there is no connection between an increase in the number of abortions and the use of RU-486.

"This medicine has been available in Europe for over 10 years," Edwards said. "In France they've been using it since 1990. In France [the use of it] in no way increased the number of abortions." Kathy Black, the executive director of Saint Joseph County Right to Life, Inc., agreed with Edwards that RU-486 would not greatly increase the number of abortions. Black, however, questioned the safety of the new drug.

"It's not expected to increase the abortion rate, because it's not a very safe method of abortion," said Black. "Some of these abortions will not fully expel and surgery would be required anyway. I feel that RU-486 will have a short life span in this country."

Preliminary effects of the drug acknowledged by the FDA include severe cramping and bleeding, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headaches, dizziness, back pain and tiredness.

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Professor killed in car accident

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Holy Cross College professor Eric Makielski died in a traffic accident early Thursday morning, Kokomo police said.

Makielski, 42, of Edwardsburg, Mich., was in his first year as an adjunct computer graphics instructor at the College.

"We wish to express our great sympathy in response to this tragedy," said Beverly Bradley, Holy Cross director of community relations. "[Makielski]’s family has the support and prayers of the entire Holy Cross community."

Makielski was killed in his pickup truck around 2:12 a.m. at the intersection of Boulevard and U.S. Highway 23 in Kokomo, Ind., police reported.

Preliminary accounts from Bradley indicate that Makielski fell asleep while traveling home from Indianapolis and collided with a semi-truck. As of Thursday night, Kokomo Police had not confirmed that information or if speed and alcohol were factors in the crash. They said the acci-
Although we may not be afflicted with breast aunts, cousins, sisters, friends and our nieces. It is likely to affect us indirectly. Women were predicted to die from breast cancer, with such high numbers (43,300 cases) in 1999. It is a destructive force in our society. The only way we can feel safe is to keep aware and protective measures. At 21, I realize I am much more susceptible than I was even a year ago. The past year has been increasingly exposed to preventative measures, at 21 I realize I am much more responsible than I was even a year ago. With my maturity has come the realization that as an adult I need to protect and take care of myself. As an adult I need to protect and take care of myself.

Despite the presence of cancer in my family, I ignored its fatality and trusted the power of modern medicine and treatment. However, the past two months have made me realize the importance of early detection and treatment. I have in the past year been increasingly exposed to preventative measures, at 21 I realize I am much more responsible than I was even a year ago. With my maturity has come the realization that as an adult I need to protect and take care of myself.

As college-age men and women, we are relatively more prone to be diagnosed with breast cancer. Women under 20 comprise only 1.3 percent of all cases, and more specifically, women under 30, a key age range for breast cancer, make up only 1.3 cases in every 100,000 people. Men are certainly not excluded from breast cancer, though only constitute 1 percent of all cases. Even though the chances are slim, the only way to feel safe is to keep aware and informed, because these are our bodies and our responsibility. Although it may not affect us directly, it can, and has, affected many of our families and friends.

The producer of the second highest number of cancer-related deaths among women, breast cancer is a destructive force in our society. Although we may not be afflicted with breast cancer, with such high numbers (43,300 women age 20-24 have an incidence rate of 0.8 percent of all cases, and more specifically, women under 20 comprising 1.3 percent of all breast cancer cases). Though they only consist of 1 percent of all cases, and more specifically, women under 20 comprising 1.3 percent of all cases.
Library preservation aims to protect fragile texts

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Tucked between the railroad tracks and the Douglas Road Notre Dame Federal Credit Union sits a one story sand-colored building. Outside in the parking lot of this former rat lab only half of the eight parking spots are filled. Red flowers greet visitors at the door and serve as the only hint of color on a gray Friday morning. Inside, down in the basement amazing things are happening. Here, in a place that looks like a combination office building, art studio and high-tech organic chemistry lab, damaged books, manuscripts and other materials from Hesburgh Library's circulating and special collections come for rehabilitation and repair.

According to Liz Dube, the conservation librarian for Notre Dame's Conservation and Preservation Unit, places like this one haven't been around very long.

"Preservation is a relatively new concept from the '80s," she said. In a room where two women sit behind tables stacked with brushes, special non-damaging glue and books.

Preservation Assistant Patricia Karpinski spreads out scores of before and after photographs of books that have been successfully repaired.

The first shot shows a heavily water damaged Bible. Its spine has folded over on itself and from the side its brown pages bulge out in a semi-circle. Another photo shows the same Bible, although this time smaller in size, with a straight spine and pages now contained within the covers.

"Seems magical doesn't it?" said Karpinski with a proud smile.

Judging from the equipment in an adjoining room, which includes a huge suction table with a bubble-shaped covering and a special freezer with individual temperature probes for each book, technology plays an important role as well.

According to Dube, the freezer is especially important because it prevents the water from drying and staining the books. One especially technical procedure the staff uses to preserve the books is a deacidification process which significantly slows down the chemical degradation process of acidic paper—particularly useful thing for the bulk of books printed before 1970 on poorly processed wood pulp paper.

Although the majority of the books treated at this site are sent from the main library, the Conservation and Preservation Unit also responds to emergency situations in which books have been damaged in accidents, like burst pipes. Sometimes, according to Dube, the amount of books involved in these accidents exceeds space in their facility.

"Once we actually had to use one of the dining hall freezers. But it was okay because it was a library emergency," said Dube.

Based upon the banana peels and Twinkies that have been found inside it is apparent that aside from old age and accidents, the books that pass through the Preservation and Conservation Unit also suffer from general abuse and disrespect.

"That's what hurts the most, that kind of deliberate abuse," said Dube.

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According to Black, there have also been reports of more serious consequences, such as infertility and possible hemorrhaging.

"Some women have died from the drug," she said. "Others have had to have blood transfusions. There is documentation to back it up."

Black is confident that if enough cases develop severe complications, the FDA will be forced to withdraw the drug.

"The FDA withdraws it if there are too many reports of side effects," Black said. "Once it is approved that doesn't mean its going to stay. That's good news for us."

The effective use of the drug in Europe shows that the drug is safe, according to Edwards. "It has been under clinical study for over 10 years," Edwards said. "It is 92 to 95 percent effective in France, and has been chosen in one out of every three cases. The strength of the medication is that it has proven safe and effective."

According to the FDA's policy, the treatment will consist of three visits with the procedures beginning before the 49th day of the pregnancy.

"If we need to administrate the first visit to abort the fetus, the patient will then be directed to come back after two days to receive Mifepristone, which will expel the fetus. After waiting 12 more days, women must return to their physician for a follow-up visit. At this visit, the doctor will determine if the abortion was successful or if there must be a surgical procedure.

RU-486 was first developed by a French pharmaceutical firm and will be distributed in the United States by Danco Laboratories, LLC, of New York. The drug, however, is made in China— a country whose uncontrolled drug production makes RU-486 even more dangerous, according to Black.

"The drug will be made in China, a country known to have poor drug-making procedures," Black said. "The company stands to make a great profit from this. The fact that a communist company is going to make a drug to destabilize the American population makes it more political consequences down the line."

"Black is also disturbed by the political attributes of the drug, which was first banned by the Bush administration, and pushed for approval by the Clinton administration.

"The Clinton administration has been very active to push this through," Black said. "Usually the FDA will do six years of testing. In this case it only took six months to go through. The FDA was under a lot of pressure from the administration to get this drug through. For America, this has very sad implications."

McDonnell agreed with Black that the drug had little choice in the matter.

"The FDA is not in the business of making wise decisions — only technical ones. RU-486 probably is 'safe and effective.'" omitting the ironic character of 'safe.' Given its legal charter, the FDA probably has little choice in this matter," he said. "For the FDA to approve this drug, I assume that its safety for the woman must be about the same as that of surgical procedures."

The disagreement over the FDA's decision has not degenerated into violence, nor has either side picked up any implications of such action.

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**YEMEN**

The port side of the guided missile destroyer USS Cole was damaged after a suspected terrorist bomb exploded during a refueling stop in Aden, Yemen. Five sailors were killed in the blast, which the U.S. government says was caused by terrorists in a small boat.

**GAZA STRIP**

Israel rockets Arafat's compound

But it degenerated swiftly, with both sides unleashing pent-up rage.

"This is a declaration of war — a crazy war," said Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian official.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Arafat "does not appear to be a partner for peace at this time."

Barak said he held Arafat indirectly responsible for the killing of the soldiers, and said Israel would hunt down those involved. He demanded that the United States publicly affirm blame to Arafat for the collapse of the peace talks and the escalation of violence.
The Following Events Are Happening At
The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

David Small and Sarah Stewart, award winning husband and wife team have collaborated as author and illustrator on a number of children’s books, including The Gardener, The Library, and The Money Tree. They join us Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1:00 p.m., to discuss and sign copies of David’s newly illustrated So You Want To Be President! David’s hilarious illustrations complement this rip-roaring celebration of forty-one Presidents, showing us the foibles, the quirks, and most of all—the humanity of those men who have risen to one of the most powerful positions in the world. What a fun way for youngsters to learn about our country’s leaders.

Father Donald Cozzens is president-rector and professor of pastoral theology at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Cleveland. His timely new book entitled The Changing Face of the Priesthood is inspiring considerable discussion and debate on why the priesthood is in a state of crisis. Fr. Cozzens joins us Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2:30 p.m., for a discussion and book signing.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 11:00 a.m. Storytime features the story Jubal’s Wish, by Don and Audrey Wood, with craft and sing-along.
Dining halls offer food facts

Online service now provides nutrition facts for students

By MEG DADAY New Writer

As students pick up a tray and silverware in South Dining Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays around 11:45, they can often smell the aroma of rice and vegetables in South Antonelli. In the dining halls is listed the Web site, where the nutrition content of everything found in the dining halls is listed. "We've gotten a lot of requests for this information," said manager of nutrition and safety Jocelyn Antonelli. Although the site was ready for use at the beginning of the semester, it had not been widely advertised until recently because there was a lot of "kinks" in the system. Since most of the problems have been fixed, posters in the dining halls now ask, "How does your nutrition add up?" Students interested in finding out how healthy they really eat can login into the site with their AFID IDs and password and continue by clicking on a particular day of the month and the particular meal in question. Each meal is broken down into the various sections of the dining hall; dinner lists include home-style favorites, pizza, Mexican, the grill and Italian. Food items are listed under subheadings with a complete nutritional content listing for each. "I don't know how people are going to use the Web site," said Antonelli. "There are good ways and there are scary ways." She said the Web site "can have a really good purpose" because it allows athletes and students with health concerns who have legitimate reasons for monitoring the nutritional content of what they eat, such as anemia or high cholesterol do so. However, Antonelli is concerned that students who have eating disorders or eating issues could misuse the site. Before its implementation, students had to meet with Antonelli in order to find out nutrition information. "I was always the stop gap. I could at least provide concrete information with the numbers," said Antonelli. Although the site makes nutritional information easier to access, Antonelli hopes it will still refer to her if they have any questions. "I want students to use the information in a good way," said Antonelli. "They should be educated about things which are higher in fat and higher in Calories and balance those things that are lower in fat and Calories over the course of the day." Junior Caroline Craft uses the Web site regularly to monitor her eating habits. "I like the reassurance that I'm eating a healthy diet," said Craft, who also said that one of the main reasons she uses it is to check the nutritional value of things, such as soup and other "stuff where I didn't know all of the ingredients," which are prepared by food services.

Antonelli and Craft agree that more students need to be educated about nutrition. "All our lives our moms cooked for us — until we got to college — now we have to choose what we want completely on our own," said Craft. "In the dining hall, people just go for what they like instead of thinking about receiving all the nutrients they need. Many people aren't aware of what a balanced meal consists of." "If people have accurate knowledge, they can put any food item in the dining hall into a healthy eating plan. Students need to stay away from labeling food," Antonelli said. "Nobody should be stressed about what they eat. They need to eat balanced meals that include vegetables and grains because it allows athletes and students with health concerns who have legitimate reasons for monitoring the nutritional content of what they eat, such as anemia or high cholesterol do so. However, Antonelli is concerned that students who have eating disorders or eating issues could misuse the site. Before its implementation, students had to meet with Antonelli in order to find out nutrition information. "I was always the stop gap. I could at least provide concrete information with the numbers," said Antonelli. Although the site makes nutritional information easier to access, Antonelli hopes it will still refer to her if they have any questions. "I want students to use the information in a good way," said Antonelli. "They should be educated about things which are higher in fat and higher in Calories and balance those things that are lower in fat and Calories over the course of the day." Junior Caroline Craft uses the Web site regularly to monitor her eating habits. "I like the reassurance that I'm eating a healthy diet," said Craft, who also said that one of the main reasons she uses it is to check the nutritional value of things, such as soup and other "stuff where I didn't know all of the ingredients," which are prepared by food services.

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Nobel Prize candidate to discuss human life

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture will host an academic conference entitled "A Culture of Death," Thursday through Saturday at McKenna Hall. Among the principal speakers at the center's inaugural conference will be Sister Helen Prejean, a leading candidate for this year's Peace Prize. Whose winner will be announced during the conference today.

Prejean, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille, is the author of the bestselling book, "Dead Man Walking," which, along with the 1995 film it inspired, has made her an internationally prominent advocate for the abolition of capital punishment. She received Notre Dame's highest honor, the Lannan Medal, in 1996.

The conference will concern Pope John Paul II's claim that a pervasive "culture of death" threatens the sanctity and dignity of human life in contemporary society. The first of a triennial series of interdisciplinary conferences on life issues planned by the Center for Ethics and Culture, it will address a wide variety of topics, including war, totalitarianism, abortion, mass communication and the media, physical assisted suicide, the oppression of women, technology and human flourishing, racism, human dignity and human rights, the arts, the plight of the world's children the responsibilities of business and the evolution of the developing world.

Other conference speakers include Judge John Noonan, Jr. of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Alysse Gynns, visiting professor of Law at Notre Dame; moral philosophers Alan Plantinga and Martin Smyth, research professor of philosophy of Notre Dame, Helen Norrie, former spokesperson for the U.S. bishops on pro-life issues; Hans Reinders of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, author of "The Future of the Disabled in Liberal Society;" H. Tristram Engelhardt, professor of philosophy at Rice University; Commonweal columnist Sidney Callahan, professor of psychology at Mercy College; Gilbert Meilaender, professor of philosophy at Valparaiso University. Margaret Monahan Hogan, professor of philosophy at Kings College; and Ralph McInerny, professor of philosophy and former director of the Jacques Maritain Center at Notre Dame.

The conference, which is free and open to the public, will conclude with Mass at 15:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A schedule and further information on the conference may be obtained from Tracy Westlake at (219) 631-9656 or by e-mail from tdhickey@nd.edu.
RU-486 provides a different, less invasive method to terminate a pregnancy. Moral implications, however, still surround the use of RU-486 as much as they surround a surgical abortion. Although the pill may appear to be procedurally easier, it is a means to the same end.

The RU-486 pill, an abortion pill, can be used at any time before the eighth week of pregnancy. Women wanting to use the RU-486 pill go through a series of steps. The patient's doctor will give her three misoprostol pills to take in the doctor's office. Forty-eight hours later, two misoprostol pills are taken, causing contractions that lead to a miscarriage, usually within four days. A third doctor's visit is essential in confirming the procedure's success. The pill has been proven to be 92 to 97 percent effective. There are, however, possible side effects of severe bleeding. If a woman is considering a surgical abortion, the implications of choosing RU-486 are no greater, nor are they any less. Social implications, emotional repercussions and considerations that women take into account should not change because the procedure has changed.

We are not arguing RU-486 should not be legal, nor are we supporting the fact that it is. A thorough consideration of the implications of abortion must precede the use of RU-486 the same way it must precede a surgical abortion. Decisions about RU-486 must be educated ones. RU-486 is an abortion. It should not be viewed as anything else.
Having to live with University policies even after graduation

Since most of the students will not be around to read today's column, it will read much like the title says; I should read; a collection of ravings that might generally tend toward a point. First on the list is a letter that I received in the mail a few weeks ago from the Department of National Respect Life week. Our intent was never to hurt anyone, only to raise awareness of the alarming amount of deaths that occur everyday in our nation due to abortion. I would like to thank Ms. Morey, however, for bringing up a very important issue to the forefront the problem of post-abortion syndrome. Her article was very successful in pointing out how devastating these methods can be emotionally and mentally for women entering an abortion clinic. This is not to say that this man has the right to do this. I do not agree with the comment made by Brant about the man outside the clinic. He would ask women entering the clinic, "Please, Ma'am, don't kill your baby." Brant seemed not even slightly surprised when he was able to acquire front and last row seats to the Fleita Bowl in 1995 for my sisters and he was able to purchase a pair of tickets for almost every home game. On a somewhat related note, who updates these databases? Somehow the University can find me at my address in Kensington, Md. in order to beg me for money for Generations (Somehow, I think, because I provided them with it a short while ago). But they were not able to find that address to send my ticket application?

Additionally, despite repeated attempts to correct this information, they continue to warn my father that his Soris Club membership has lapsed and that his class reunion is coming up. Since his passing in 1997 though, don't think he cares much about these events...

Actually, I suspect that will be the last two years. We have seen a single application for the University of Notre Dame, Office of the President. I immediately open it and excitedly gaze at its contents. The letter was written by someone who had moved around so often in our life. Her article was very successful in pointing out how devastating abortion can be emotionally and mentally for women. This is not something many people are aware of and something many abortion protesters deny. Right to Life is not just about protecting the unborn, but also about protecting peaceful dissent. As Ms. Huddleston's letter to the editor, she is right about one thing — groups who claim to be pro-life/Christian but resort to bombing or driving a car into an abortion clinic are absolutely wrong. Viciously taunting women entering an abortion clinic or judging women who have had abortions is not at all what Christ would have us do. As Christians we are called to act through mercy and love, not hatred and self-righteousness.

However, there is one point that needs to be made extremely clear here. Neither Saint Mary's College nor Notre Dame's Right to Life group use these methods when defending the unborn. We do not use "tools of violence, intimidation, false rhetoric and emotional manipulation" to help our cause, nor do we endorse anyone who does.

As for Ms. Huddleston's letter to the editor, she is right about one thing — groups who claim to be pro-life/Christian but resort to bombing or driving a car into an abortion clinic are absolutely wrong. Viciously taunting women entering an abortion clinic or judging women who have had abortions is not at all what Christ would have us do. As Christians we are called to act through mercy and love, not hatred and self-righteousness.

My main purpose for writing this letter is to set the record straight. I am sure Ms. Morey, Ms. Huddleston, and all those who share their mind sets understand what Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life stand for. We are not here to condemn or judge. We are here to help, to love, and to promote life in all of its stages.

Erica DeVoir
Junior
off-campus
October 11, 2000

De-emphasizing the role of guilt in our society

I am writing in response to Brant Beckett's letter to the editor in the Oct. 11 Observer. I like Brant am neither pro-life nor pro-choice, but I am a Catholic. I find myself drawn between what my faith and many of the pro-life or pro-choice arguments have to say on the topic.

Last Friday, as my roommate and I walked to calculus, I was very uneasy about walking among all the crosses. If I felt uneasy about walking through these crosses, I can't imagine the feeling felt by someone who had made the decision to have an abortion. In many ways, I agree with what Maribel Morey said in her Oct. 9 column and what Natalie Huddleston agreed with in her Oct. 10 letter to the editor. I think Maribel relates an abortion to something everyone has experienced very well. She says, "Imagine 500 copies of your worst exam copied and laid out on the lawn. The shame to know that everyone who was looking at it knows that test was yours. She goes on to say that every year this would remind someone of their actions and add to their guilt.

This brings me to my personal point. I do not agree with the comment made by Brant about the man outside the abortion clinic. He would ask women entering the clinic, "Please, Ma'am, don’t kill your baby." Brant should understand that this man has the right to do what he is doing. I strongly disagree. People can have their own opinions and the right to voice their opinions, but they do not have the right to harass people who do not feel the same way.

They do not have the right to make other people feel guilty about the choices they made in their life. That is exactly what this unidentified man was doing and exactly what the crosses were trying to do to the Notre Dame students.

Nick Reifsnick
Freshman
Alumni Hall
October 11, 2000
One room, two strangers

Risa Hartley-Werner and Gina Moody were strangers as freshmen year roommates.

By LAURA KELLY
Assistant Scene Editor

Freshmen roommates meet for the first time surrounded by over-emotional parents, knee-deep in boxes of their worldly possessions, their heads swirling with new names and faces. They exchange quick handshakes and smile nervously as they gaze around the eight-by-10 foot closet they will call home for the next nine months. Once the families are finally pushed out of the door and the stream of orientation activities slows for a moment, two strangers are left alone in a single room.

A year of firsts lies ahead of them. They may become the best of friends or the worst of enemies, but for now, they know nothing about the person sleeping in the bunk below them. As the weeks begin to roll by, the strangers slowly get to know each other.

Annoying habits sneak out in the open. Tensions can flare as the stress of college classes piles up. Shared fears and excitements give them common ground. They learn to share; they learn to communicate.

But sometimes, the friends wear black for a week to show their mourning. Beyond practical jokes, the girls discovered a shared love of true love. One that never missed. It was “Must-See-TV,” the man that brought the two roommates together, but the gods of housing yet again controlled Risa and Gina's fate.

Though Risa (above left) and Gina (above right) no longer live together, they are a freshman double in Pasquerilla East. These years spanned everything from T-shirts to plenty of memories and stories to tell.

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“George became a priority early on,” says Gina.

The two often dreamt together of stalking Clooney from her’s room, and Risa did not notice until frantically dressing for Clooney's birthday celebration, a family tradition. As the two friends wear black for a week to show their mourning. It was very hard on us,” Gina says. “We didn’t go to class all day Thursday, and I even sent in a note to my Core class explaining why I couldn’t attend.”

As freshman year went on, Gina and Risa discovered more quirky similarities— a love of Mary Tyler Moore on “Nick at Nite” and a craving for Reckless food at all hours of the night. Both are very close to their families, and understood the many phone calls from home. One day Gina’s parents called up to wish her a happy “half-birthday,” a family tradition she shamelessly admitted to her roommate, only to learn that Risa’s family celebrates half-birthdays as well.

Freshman year ended, Gina and Risa came to Notre Dame from Youngstown, Ohio. She had exchanged letters and phone numbers with her roommates like this. Soulmates who can’t believe that a random computer selection brought them together. And this is a story of two roommates like this.

Gina Moody came to Notre Dame from Youngstown, Ohio. She had exchanged letters and photographs with her roommate, but when she pushed through the door of Pasquerilla East for the first time, she had no idea what to expect.

Risa Hartley-Werner had driven to South Bend from Fort Wayne, Ind. She hugged her boxes up to the second floor of PE and opened the door to room 612 eager to put a face with a name.

The room was nothing extraordinary, the same size as all the others (though the girls now claim it was four inches bigger than the rest, and still no one believes them). That first night, Gina and Risa climbed into bunk beds just like every other freshman “Psy.” And they soon began to form a friendship, much like all the new roommates around them.

Gina and Risa shared many in common from the beginning.

Both came to school with boyfriends from home. Something they look back on now and laugh. Both girls were night owls, staying up all night and then sleeping late into the day.

Their sleeping habits earned them the nickname of “The Vampires” from the freshmen in section 6A. Gina and Risa liked to leave the lights on all night, once prompting their friends to steal all the light bulbs and leave a sad note from the bulbs lamenting their absence.

Pranks like these became their signature. “It was the strange pranks that made us click,” Risa says. “All the funny stuff we did, even when we didn’t know each other that well.”

The two claim their only point of contention is Gina’s beloved childhood doll. Erica is either the ugliest or the cutest doll ever, depending on which you ask, but regardless, fights over the doll have become a source of many stories. One night Risa and a friend stole Erica, stuck forks in her wild blond hair and covered a shared true love, one that only to learn that Risa’s family celebrates half-birthdays as well. Freshman year was a difficult transition, Risa says, but having such a fast friend eased the change. When the time came for room picks, the freshmen of 6A had formed a group that wanted to stick together, but the gods of housing yet again controlled Risa and Gina’s fate.

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Stanford wins defensive struggle

By SUSAN CARPENTER
Sports Writer

Wednesday's game between Stanford and Morrissey was a battle of two defensive powers. The game was physical and intense as both teams forced multiple turnovers throughout the night. However, it was Stanford who was victorious with a 1-6-6 win, overcoming two straight losses, the Grizzlies pulled together as a team to feed off Morrissey. "Our defense played well and our offense got it together," said Stanford coach Errol Rice. The first touchdown came from an interception by IJ Robert. After Morrissey player John Caver sacked the quarterback and recovered the fumble, the Maron inched back with a 30-yard run for the touchdown. Morrissey's offense threatened to score with several long drives, but Stanford's defense stymied them running down each half. The Grizzlies put the nail in the Maron's coffin with a final touchdown run by Chris Pagant.

"I think he had a good game at tackle," said Rice. "We didn't have him run for too much time." With no chance of competing in the playoffs, Morrissey entered the game free of pressure to win. In true football spirit, the goal of the night was to have fun and to enjoy their last game of the season.

Morrissey co-captain Josh Rife de-emphasized the loss. "Yeah, we're disappointed, but it gives us something to shoot for next year," he said. He stressed the solid play of their defense for keeping Stanford to only two touchdowns and credits the offense for running the ball well, especially in the second half. "Mike Riley has been his best game of the season," Rice said. "He was unstoppable as wide receiver. Mike's speed was a key asset to the passing game."

This was a transitional year for the Maron, but, with much improvement from the freshmen, they are looking forward to being more of a competitive force next season.

A playoff berth for Stanford will depend on the O'Neill/Keith game. With full third quarter, Stanford needs Keith to win by less than 18 points in order to earn a spot in the post season. Stanford co-captain J.C. Chavez is optimistic about their chances.

"For playoff potential, we have a long way to come, but I think we have the talent and capability to do it," he said.

An 'O'Neill player heads upfield against the Stanford defense earlier this week. Stanford will rely on their defense to carry them through the playoffs.

TABORGA TOPS THIRD SEED

Taboagba upsets third seeded Hippensteel

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame men's tennis junior Javier Tabogba upset Stanford's third-seeded and defending champion K.J. Hippensteel 6-1, 6-3 on Sunday in the second round of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Men's All-American Championships, the second round of the ITA Grand Slam at the Lincoln Tennis Center at Stone Mountain, Ga.

"I served well and that opened up things for my forehand and allowed me to attack," said Taboga, the first Notre Dame player to reach the round of 16 at the ITA All-American since Ryan Schaefer in 1996, who went on to reach the final that year. "I'll have to play great to win. I went out there and just tried to play the type of game which I was going to have to beat me," he said.

The unranked Taborga, who had been one ranked opponent in his first two seasons at Notre Dame combined — beat two ranked players on Thursday to reach the final 16, in his first month of the day Taboga defeated Auburn's 31st-ranked Georges Matjasievic 6-1, 7-5 in the first round to set up his match against Stanford's No. 1 player. Up next for Taborga in the third round with Georgia's Freshman 80 Judge, who defeated the 13th-seeded player in the second round of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Men's All-American Championships, the second round of the ITA Grand Slam at the Lincoln Tennis Center at Stone Mountain, Ga.

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The Spirituality of Drivers Ed.
by Fr. Tom Doyle, c.s.c.

Elden Humphrey taught Drivers Ed. Although the class was at an inconvenient time, the presentations were beyond tedious and we had more homework than geometry class, we were all willing to tolerate the discomfort because we knew the prize that awaited. I worked through the class with some arrogance because I'd been driving tractors and pickups for local farmers for some years. Emergency braking and correcting the vehicle from a full slide were second nature given my vast experience on gravel roads. Little did I know that Mr. Humphrey would give me some of the best driving and most relational advice of my life.

"Keep your eyes high," he would say in his squeaky voice. Whether we were driving down Main Street or the highway, he repeated "keep your eyes high" like a mantra. It worked! With eyes raised to the horizon, I naturally stayed in my own lane of traffic. The vehicle was no longer a pinball ricocheting between the stripes. My nervous, quick corrections of the wheel were no more.

I've noticed, and it happens every year about this time, that peoples' eyes have dropped. As we pass about campus between classes, meetings, rehearsals, practices, meals and appointments the friendly, eager eye contacts that characterized our August have given to the anxious fallen eyes of October. The excitement of connecting with that friend or stranger along the way has been overcome by something that draws our heads and eyes downward. And, if history repeats itself, this trend will last beyond our temporary mid-semester fatigue through the remainder of the year. Why is it that when passing another person the concrete sidewalk becomes the preferred place for our eyes?

While there are certainly many explanations, I'd like to throw out a hypothesis that it has to do with intimacy. As human beings we are wired to desire intimate relationship with others and God. Intimacy is not merely physical closeness, but it requires emotional and spiritual connections as well. To know and be known is a beautiful thing; but it's not an easy thing.

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So, remember what Mr. Humphrey always said, "Keep your eyes high." It will do more for you than prevent collisions and keep you out of the mud troughs along the sidewalk. With your eyes on the horizon, you can focus on true intimacy with others and steer toward your desired destination.
HOCKEY

Irish set to take on No. 4 ranked Eagles

By MATT ORENCUHK
Sport Writer

The road doesn't get any easier this weekend, as the Notre Dame men's hockey team travels to Omaha to participate in the Maverick Stampede Tournament.

The Irish will face their second ranked opponent in two weeks when they face off against the Boston College Eagles tonight. Boston College is ranked fourth in the National Hockey poll. Last weekend Notre Dame faced the 11th-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers.

The Maverick Stampede tournament features Boston College, Notre Dame, Nebraska-Omaha and Niagara. Boston College and Niagara both made the NCAA tournament last season. Nebraska-Omaha barely missed the tournament after making it to the CCHA finals in Detroit. After Notre Dame and BC finish their game tonight, Nebraska-Omaha and Niagara will face each other. Then the winners and losers will play each other on Saturday evening.

The Irish enter this weekend's game looking to bounce back from a dismal performance in Minnesota. Notre Dame only scored one meaningful goal in the second period to cut the lead Gopher lead to 3-1. The other two Irish goals came late in the third with Minnesota already having the game well in hand.

Boston College comes into tonight's contest with a No. 4 ranking nationally and a solid nucleus with a lot of experience. Under the watchful eye of coach Jerry York, Boston College has been one of the dominant teams in NCAA hockey. They are returning 16 lettermen from a team that has made three consecutive NCAA Frozen Four's. The Frozen Four is hockey's equivalent of the Final Four in basketball. Boston College has the experience to make a serious run at the National Championship.

ROWING

Irish ready to row past Spartans

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sport Writer

The Irish rowing teams travel to East Lansing Saturday to take on Michigan State and Calvin College. Notre Dame is looking to build on an outstanding performance in last weekend's Head of the Rock race, and will compete in both the varsity and novice competitions.

Coming off such a strong effort, head coach Martin Stone has specific expectations for his rowers.

"We need to be within 2 percent of Michigan State's time," he said. "Last year, we gained on them in the spring season, but they're going to be a great team.

Notre Dame has a definite challenge against Michigan State. The Spartans are an elite team in the Midwest, and last year they finished in the top 10 in the nation.

The rowing conditions for Saturday are stacked against the Irish, as the race will be held at Michigan State's home course on the Grand River. The Spartans have better knowledge of the river's curves and breaks, which is especially critical for a three-mile boat race.

"They really have the home-water advantage," said Stone. As for the race lineups, Stone doesn't foresee any changes in the first varsity open eight boat that took third in the Head of the Rock. Though the second open eight will experience some shake-ups. The lightweight rowers, who performed impressively last weekend against Wisconsin and Iowa, will run race this weekend.

As an up-and-coming program, Notre Dame must battle for respect each time it competes.

"If [the competition] hasn't respected us in the past, they will start to this year," said sophomore Becky Luckett.

"We have gained the respect of a team like Tulsa or Indiana," Stone said. "To get the respect of someone like Wisconsin, we'll have to flat out beat them.

In practice, the team has been focusing on improving faster than the competition.

"We've been practicing with different line-ups, so that we're all nailing the same strokes," said Luckett. The novice program for first year rowers has been living up to Stone's high expectations.

"We'll always have great novices," he said. "If you're a novice at Notre Dame, you can go out there and race with any novice crew in the country.

"We're doing a great job," Stone continued. "We're making great strides."
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Sorin victory keeps Siegfried out

By ELIZABETH HOEN and ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writers

Siegfried Hall's playoff hopes were devastated last night in a 14-7 loss to undefeated Sorin Hall.

The Ramblers came out "pretty dead," as captain and running back Travis Smith put it. They came alive in the second half to end the shut out. Their attempts were not enough, however, for the tough Otter squad, who improved their record to 3-0-0.

Sorin's Trevor Morris, a senior, started off the scoring with a touchdown early in the first half.

"It was team effort," Morris said.

The Otters played without several members of their squad, including senior John Taggart, who was suffering from a concussion.

Our team really came together tonight. We just didn’t give up," Morris said.

The Otters completed their scoring in the end of the first half with quarterback Luke Beuerlein's pass to sophomore Greg Carney. The pair was a strong offensive force for Sorin throughout the game.

Siegfried responded in the second half by coming out fired up. With six minutes to go, they scored their first and only touchdown when quarterback Rob Plumbey connected with freshman Mike Wahl. The tough Sorin defense, which has allowed only seven points all season, held Siegfried for the rest of the game.

The loss officially denied the Ramblers a spot in the postseason. The team finished with a record of 1-2-1.

St. Ed's, who entered the contest with a 0-3 record had already been eliminated from the playoffs and the 3-0 Knott had secured a spot.

The first half was a penalty-laden defensive struggle. Neither team scored until near the end of the half, when a desperation throw to receiver Brian Palowski gave Knott the ball inside the St. Ed's 20.

On the next play, Knott went back to Palowski for an 18-yard touchdown. Without goal posts, Knott was forced to go for the two point conversion, but came away with a 2-0 lead.

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"If you make it past the defense, you're only halfway," said St. Ed's coach Kevin Hule.

Knott kicker Kevin Hefferman put us in second place," said coach Theresa Pekarek. "We'd like to break our record of 350."
Runners

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dual champion Luke Watson. Piane has high expectations for Watson, No. 2 runner Marc Striowski and No. 3 runner Pat Conway. “Luke has to run up front,” Piane said. “Striowski and No. 2 runner Marc Striowski and Pat Conway. They don’t have to run up front, but they have to run pretty well.”

But it will be the fourth through seventh runners who determine the fate of the Irish. “How we do will depend on what our four, five, six and seven men do,” Piane said. “They just need to run as competitively as they did last Friday.”

The women are focused on seven runners and have a whole lot of milers. “We have more distance runners,” Connelly said. “I think that it’s a tough course that it’s a tough course actually benefits us.”

Northwestern, as well as schools that rank near the Irish nationally. “We have to do a whole lot better job of racing together,” Connelly said. “If you look at the results from last week, we were really spread out.”

The Irish should benefit from the longer race distance. In the early season, men’s courses were 8,000 meters and women’s were 5,000 meters. As of this week, the distance jumps to 10,000 meters and 6,000 meters. “It helps because we don’t have a whole lot of milers. We have more distance runners,” Connelly said. “I think the extra distance and the fact that it’s a tough course actually benefits us.”

Soccer

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might allow them to play with the kind of recklessness abandon that often keys an upset. “They’re certainly confident enough,” Waldrum said. “They believe they can win.”

After away games at Syracuse and Yale, the Irish will travel to Storrs, Conn. to take on the 18th-ranked Huskies, the Northeast division champions. While this game will be a huge one for both teams, Waldrum has not been able to even address the Huskies with the Eagles looming tonight. After starting slow, the Huskies have been surging in the last few weeks returning to the nation’s elite class of programs.

On the injury front, the Irish received good news when it was announced that freshman Amy Warner’s knee injury is not as serious as some first feared. Warner has been rehabbing the knee, running and doing some recovery training and has felt little to no pain. She is expected back for the playoffs.

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VOLLEYBALL

Irish win; streak hits five games

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball topped Illinois State (15-5, 15-11, 25-13) for its fifth straight win to up its record to 15-5 on the season.

Junior Kristy Kreher led the No. 20 Irish with 17 kills and seven digs. “We went in there thinking that it would be a long match. We have a pretty big history with Illinois State. Our matches usually go five games,” said senior co-captain Denise Boylan.

The Irish combined for six aces in game one, two a piece from Kreher, senior Christi Gorton and sophomore Kevra Coughlin. Boylan added 14 assists in game one to aid Notre Dame.

“I think we had a really good job of starting off strong,” said Boylan. “But in the second game we started off slow and we had to come from behind. With the better teams we’re not going to be able to do that.”

In game two action the Redbirds racked up a 2-0 lead before Notre Dame came back to steal the 15-8 lead and eventually the win with the aid of Kreher and Gorton who racked up 13 kills.

“Afer falling behind in the second game and coming back for a win, it was good we were able to come out strong in the third game and end the match,” Boylan said.

With a 10-4 lead in game three, the Irish weakened as Illinois State narrowed the gap to 13-11 before Notre Dame shut down the Redbirds for the match.

“I think that we’re going to have a great match against Michigan on Wednesday,” Boylan said. “We’re looking forward to coming out and having a good second half of the season.”

Notre Dame will look to remain undefeated on the road with its night with victory away from the Joyce on Wednesday as it faces Michigan.

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Belles prepare for 3 crucial games against conference foes**

By Sarah Rylko

The Saint Mary’s soccer team has three chances to improve both its record and its MIAA ranking during fall break with games against Alma, Adrian and Calvin.

"After some tough defeats we are ready to get back to winning," junior tri-captain Katy Robinson said.

Saint Mary’s faces Alma Saturday in an away match. The Belles sent the Bulldogs home with a 2-0 shutout to open the season.

Senior Becky Herrera scored the Belles’ first goal off a penalty kick in the 74th minute of the second overtime. The Belles have to wait until the last minute of the second overtime to achieve the win.

Senior goalkeeper Paula Schwarzs, a senior and co-captain, also scored against Olivet in the opening game. That kind of game gives all our players confidence," said. "We were just unfortunate coach Jared Hochstetler.

"I’m excited for the games again against Alma and Adrian, which are both at home this year," junior Tricia Artnak said. "Hopefully, we can rely on our shooting and scoring with penalty kicks. I hope they go in."

Artnak shouldered the scoring load with last year’s freshman scoring leader, junior Kristin Priganc, now a sophomore and three shutouts.

The Belles’ tri-captain, also scored against Olivet on Tuesday.

"I’m excited now that I scored a real goal," Artnak said. "Hopefully, we won’t have to rely on penalty kicks. But if we have to rely on penalty kicks, I hope they go in."

Despite the injuries, Hochstetler was confident that the Belles would continue their dominant play into the three games over fall break.

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The Belles, who have struggled with injuries all season, will again be without tri-captain Jessica Klink for at least the games against Alma and Adrian. Alissa Brasseur and now Kristin Priganc are out for the season. Brasseur with have three goals and two assists.

Goalie Paula Schwarzs is a veteran in the net, and sports a 2.83 GAA this season. Alma is ranked just beneath Saint Mary’s, seventh in the MIAA with a 1-7-1 MIAA record and is 3-8-1 overall.

"I thought we played well (against Olivet)," Belles assistant coach Jared Hochstetler said. "We were just unfortunate that one individual stepped up and took control of the game. That kind of game gives us the experience we need to go in and score."

The Belles face the Adrian Bulldogs in a home match on Oct. 18. The Belles defeated the Bulldogs in overtime earlier in this season. For the second year in a row, the winning goal was scored by Moulik, only this year Saint Mary’s didn’t have to wait until the last minute of the second overtime to achieve the win.

The Bulldogs have a 3-10 record overall. However, they are 0-7 and in last place in the MIAA, despite spectacular performances by sophomore goalie Sarah Moulik. Moulik posts a 1.99 GAA this season after allowing 26 goals in over one thousand minutes. Jenny Perrin leads Adrian offensively with 7 goals and 1 assist. The Bulldogs are coached by third-year head coach Rick Gutierrez.

In the final game during fall break, the Belles travel to meet the Calvin Knights. Earlier this season the Belles fell prey to the Knights 3-1, the only Belles’ goal coming from a penalty kick by Artnak early in the second half. Belles freshman goalkeeper Laura Metzger shared time with starting goalie Tia Kapphahn.

Kapphahn finished with 13 saves.

The Knights are coached by Deb Jakkel and sit in fourth place with a 5-4-0 MIAA record and are 6-7 overall. Junior Tricia Dyk leads the scoring with six goals and two assists on the season, while sophomore goalie Leah Vander Plouw has only allowed 16 goals to post a 2.29 GAA and three shutouts.

The Belles will need to rely on penalty kicks to get back to winning.

Katy Robinson
Belles’ tri-captain

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The Stretch Run

Top-ranked Irish kick off grueling four-game ‘break’ against Eagles

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

While the rest of the Notre Dame student body is relaxing over the next week and catching up on needed rest, the No. 1-ranked women’s soccer team will be ensuring perhaps its most grueling stretch of the season. The Irish will play four games in a span of eight days, three against Big East opponents looking to knock them out of the No. 1 ranking.

Randy Walker
Irish head coach

"I think potentially they’re as tough as any team we’ve played at home this year."

Although Boston College is unranked, the Eagles have shown the ability to upset by taking 18th-ranked Connecticut to overtime before falling 1-0. If the Eagles are to make a second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, they’ll need a big win over a top team. Tonight’s game against the Irish gives them that chance.

They know they really need to beat a good team to get in,” Waldrum said. "I think they’ll come out and go after us.”

Boston College boasts a strong goalkeeper in senior Courtney Schafer and her solid play will allow the Eagles’ offense to attack an Irish defense that will be depleted by the loss of senior co-captain Kelly Lindsey who is out with a strained MCL ligament.

Most teams in the Big East have played conservatively against the Irish keeping as many as six defenders close to the goal in order to make the game close. Since Schafer’s talents provide an insurance policy between the posts, Waldrum feels the Eagles will do everything it needs necessary to win.

"I don’t think they’ll lay back,” he said. "I’d expect them to come out and play.”

To combat the Boston College attack and compensate for the loss of Lindsey, Waldrum will insert sophomore Nancy Mikacenic into the defensive backfield.

“I don’t see much of a drop off,” Waldrum said. "Nancy has been playing some really good soccer lately. She can hold down the fort.”

Boston College will have the edge when it comes down to intangibles against 13-0-0 Notre Dame, who with a win will be off to best start in school history.

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Cross Country

Irish teams ready to impress selection committees

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish have their chance to make a case for why they should qualify for nationals Saturday in the Pre-National Championships in Ames, Iowa.

If the men’s and women’s cross country teams can beat several teams that will make into nationals, it should impress selection committees.

“We want to beat some teams that can automatically qualify out of their varsity districts,” men’s coach Joe Plame said. "That will help us if we need help qualifying for nationals.”

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Both the men and women will be pushed to the limit by opposing squads. Sixty of the nation’s strongest cross country programs are participating in the meet.

“There isn’t another meet in this country where you’re going to see this level of competition,” Connelly said.

The men looked strong in last week’s meet, led by indi-

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“There is not a whole lot we can do about what has happened since 1967. We have to take care of business today.”

Charlie Weatherbie
Navy coach

Irish look for 37th straight win over Navy

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame takes on Navy this Saturday in Orlando, one of two long losing streaks will finally come to an end. Either Notre Dame will end its eight-game-skid away from Notre Dame Stadium, or Navy will end its 36-game losing streak to the Irish, which currently stands as the longest in the NCAA.

Recently Notre Dame has fared better against the Midshipmen on the road, posting convincing wins in 1996 and ’98, while squeaking by at home in ’95, ’97 and ’99.

Matt Lovecchio makes his second start at quarterback and should be able to hone his skills in a game situation against a 0-5 Navy squad which ranks 89th nationally in total defense. Head coach Bob Davie sees this match up as an opportunity to address the problems of an offense ranked 109th in the country.

“We’re still in a work in progress on offense,” Davie said. “What can we consistently do the rest of this season with Matt LoVecchio at quarterback or maybe one of those other young guys at quarterback? What can we possibly do?”

The running game could possibly be hurt without left tackle Jordan Black and a less than full speed Julius Jones, but nonetheless should put up big rushing numbers against an overmatched Navy defensive front. Lovecchio likely will be one target down with the absence of Javin Hunter, and will have to contend throwing the ball against free safety Chris Lepore, who faced back in September.

“Obviously it’s a big challenge with the wishbone schemes, particularly after all the different defenses we’ve seen,” said Davie. “I mean, we’ve run the gamut I guess in different schemes. I doubt anybody in the country has played more of a diverse selection of offenses. Certainly from Nebraska to Purdue to Stanford, all those present unique challenges, now with the wishbone. But I like where we’re headed defensively.”

The Irish lean on their defense and special teams in victories against Purdue and Stanford and close losses to Nebraska and Michigan State, but this time there should be no excuses for the offense that goes up against a weaker than normal Navy outfit.

Especially in the absence of Hunter, offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers should look to get the ball more to David Givens. The junior flanker caught two touchdown passes and also had an 18-yard run last week against Stanford.

The Irish make their first appearance in the Citrus Bowl since a 21-16 loss to Florida State in 1994.
Fifth-year senior plays best football of career in first games of season

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Ask Lance Legree what the pinnacle of his athletic career is and his answer might be surprising.

The recent successes the fifth-year senior and Irish nose guard has found on the field inside Notre Dame Stadium coupled with the vastly improved 2000 defensive unit leave him with ample plays or games to choose from.

But his answer will not come from any game fought this year. Or last year. Or even the year before that.

It will come from a night five years ago when Legree was just a senior in high school. As defensive captain for his St. Stephen, South Carolina, high school, Legree led his team to a 10-0 record, culminating in the clinching of his league's title.

Years later, after driving at the collegiate level, that night may seem like small stuff. But to Legree it represents perfection.

That is what he strives for and that is why he is not yet satisfied with his performance in a Notre Dame uniform.

"I have not fulfilled all my goals in football yet," Legree said. "One of my ultimate goals for the team is to get to a big-time bowl game. I'm waiting for that to happen."

Legree thinks that can happen this last year for the Irish and has stepped up his performance on the field to prove it. And it has not gone unnoticed.

"He is playing really well right now," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "He may have played his best game so far against Stanford. He made some great plays — snuffed out some screen passes on two occasions."

A leader on the field, Legree has notched 29 tackles this season, seven more than his total 22 tackles over 12 games during the 1999 campaign. Three of those tackles have come as a loss of yards for his Irish opponents.

Legree is fourth on the team in tackles, behind veteran defenders Anthony Denman, Tony Driver and Anthony Weaver and Becky Baldwin.

"I've made a lot more plays than I have in the past and had a lot more opportunities," Legree said. "And a lot more decision calls," Legree said. "But I am not satisfied yet. I still think I can play 10 times better than I am now. I am just waiting for that perfect game when everything is clicking and everything works right."

At 6-foot-1 and 285 pounds, the numbers he posts become all the more impressive because of his athletic size and stature on the defensive line.

"It's amazing that a person of his size plays as well as he does," Irish captain and defensive end Grant Irons said. "It's unbelievable to see the way he moves."

The results Legree has seen on the field are a direct product of his determination to peak as a college football player this season and his goals for the success of the Irish program.

From a coaching standpoint, Legree has the perfect work ethic.

"He's a guy that's so low maintenance that you never have to worry about him. He does everything you ask him to do," Legree's attitude has also rubbed off on his fellow players.

"His work ethic is unbelievable," Irons said. "He gives 110 percent all the time and especially from a fifth-year senior I think that speaks volumes about him. When I was able to play I did not fully appreciate the work ethic he has. Now from the sideline, I am able to watch and assess his intensity not only in every play of every game, but on every day on the practice field too."

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Legree hopes that his ability as a defensive lineman and his role as a team leader will translate into even bigger successes in the future.

When his time in an Irish uniform runs out at the end of this season, the economics, history and computer applications major hopes to make a name for himself in the NFL.

"He is starting to draw the attention of pro scouts," Davie said. "He's not the prototypical defensive lineman size-wise, but he is playing very well."

Because the drive for success has always come naturally to Legree, he is optimistic about his chances.

"I want to see what football can do for me," Legree said. "I want to go out there and try to make it in the NFL. You have to take everything with a grain of salt and look at what you're given. I know whatever happens will happen, and it will happen for the best. But I think I can do it."

Fifth-year senior Lance Legree celebrates after tackling a Stanford opponent in last weekend's 20-14 win. The nose guard has 29 tackles on the season.

Legree's emergence as leader

Birthdate: Dec. 22, 1977

Hometown: St. Stephen, S.C.

 Majors: history, economics, computer applications

Dimensions: 6-foot-1, 285 lbs.

Word to describe him on the field: relentless

Word to describe him off the field: even tempered

If he could: his home and family top three teams in college football this year: Notre Dame, South Carolina, Clemson

People who have helped him the most at Notre Dame: His parents, Mary Ann Spence and Mickey Marotti

Lance Legree emerges as leader
Fighting Irish schedule
Sep. 2 TEXAS A&M L W 5-10 172 FR
Sep. 9 NEBRASKA L W 99 Jason Sapp LB 6-3 230 FR
Sep. 16 PURDUE W L 95 Ryan Roberts DE 6-2 251 JR
Sep. 23 at Michigan State L W 94 Andy Wisne DT 6-3 272 SR
Oct. 7 STANFORD W L 92 Matt McNew K 6-3 200 SR
Oct. 14 Navy W L 43x31 84 John Owens DE 6-3 265 JR
Oct. 21 at West Virginia L W 61 Mike Zelenka FB 6-0 225 SR
Oct. 28 AIR FORCE W L 60 Darrell Campbell DE 6-4 285 JR
Nov. 11 BOSTON COLLEGE L W 72 Ryan Scarola OG 6-5 301 JR
Nov. 18 Rutgers L W 70 Jim Molinaro DE 6-6 265 JR
Nov. 25 at USC L W

Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio controls the ball during his first collegiate start Oct. 7 against Stanford.

LoVecchio takes show on road

IN POSITION: quarterbacks

All eyes will be on freshman Matt Lovecchio Saturday as he registers just his second career start for the Irish against the Midshipmen in Orlando.

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Irish offense at Michigan State, replacing then-starter Gary Godsey. Davie and company hopes the freshman can show that same control again.

LoVecchio has completed 11 passes in 19 attempts for 143 yards and made two completions in the endzone. On the ground, the quarterback has rushed for 86 yards.

Midshipmen schedule
Sep. 2 TEMPLE L W 10-21 84 Justin Smolicki LB 6-1 230 FR
Sep. 9 at Georgia Tech L L 8 Matt Simon QB 6-4 200 FR
Sep. 23 at Boston College L W 7 Lance LeGall LB 6-3 201 SR
Sep. 30 TCU W W 98 John Owens DE 6-3 265 JR
Oct. 7 at Air Force W L 98 John Owens DE 6-3 265 JR
Oct. 14 at Notre Dame L W 94 Jason Sapp LB 6-3 230 JR
Oct. 21 Rutgers W L 84 John Owens DE 6-3 265 SJ
Oct. 28 Toledo L L 72 Ryan Scarola O.G 6-5 301 JR
Nov. 11 at Tulane L W 70 Jim Molinaro DE 6-6 265 JR
Nov. 18 Wake Forest W L 78 Jordan Black OT 6-6 310 JR
Dec. 2 Army W L 29-28 against Navy: 0-5

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2 Luke Rankin LB 6-3 215 JR
3 Allen Jackson FL 5-11 195 FR
4 C.J. Spiller RB 5-10 200 FR
5 Terrance Haynes WR 6-0 170 SR
6 David Gomes FB 6-0 208 FR
7 Brian Helwig FB 5-10 180 FR
8 Laszlo Crawford WR 5-11 176 FR
9 John Rakoczy WR 5-10 180 FR
10 Matt McNew K 6-3 200 SR
11 Matt McNew K 6-3 200 SR
12 Mike Scialla FB 6-0 215 JR
13 Jay Johnson SF 6-1 195 JR
14 Tony Byrne TB 6-2 181 FR
15 Mike Caruso TE 6-8 220 Jr.
16 Jon Orlando FB 6-0 205 FR
17 Topell Black FB 6-0 220 FR
18 Chad Shaffer LB 6-1 195 SR
19 Jerry Jackson FB 6-0 195 FR
20 Garrett Rice ER 5-10 185 FR
21 Jack Masterson CB 5-10 185 JR
22 Donald O’Brien 6-3 195 JR
23 Matt Smith RB 6-1 225 FR
24 Ryan Dugan LB 6-1 180 SR
25 Tim Lepore LB 6-1 170 FR
26 Nick Tinch FB 6-0 182 FR
27 Joe Ambrose WR 6-0 170 FR
28 Anthony Lattanzio WR 5-10 170 FR
29 Anthony Geeslin WR 5-7 165 SR
30 Anthony Geeslin WR 5-7 165 SR
31 Tom Robach FB 6-0 182 FR
32 Mike Bledsoe WR 6-0 170 FR
33 Brian Linn WR 6-0 200 SR
34 Anthony Deacon HB 6-2 220 SR
35 Anthony Deacon HB 6-2 220 SR
36 John Murphy HB 6-2 220 SR
37 John Murphy HB 6-2 220 SR
38 Mike Gouldry LB 6-4 225 FR
39 Steve Grossman WR 6-0 170 SR
40 Anthony Beyaron HB 5-10 215 SR
41 John Upton DE 5-11 375 SR
42 Matt Spikes LB 6-1 210 FR
43 Liam Fullam LB 6-1 210 FR
44 Ryan Gills OL 6-3 250 SR
45 Mike Ciabattoni OL 6-5 250 SR
46 John Rawls OL 6-5 250 SR
47 Jeff Eisen C 6-2 250 SR
48 Mike Mitchell CB 6-0 220 FR
49 Jason Howard LB 6-1 230 SR
50 Josh Reilly HB 6-3 215 JR
51 Jeff Jones LB 6-2 210 JR
52 Pete Reilly LB 6-2 210 JR
53 Mike Scialla FB 6-0 205 FR
54 Joseph Martin LB 5-11 180 SR
55 Joe Johnson LB 5-11 180 SR
56 Danny Campbell DL 6-4 285 SR
57 Mike Cicconile DL 6-1 270 SR
58 Corey Biele OF 6-7 305 FR
59 Ben Capuano DB 5-11 205 FR
60 John Crockett C 6-1 240 JR
62 Jerron Stout DL 5-11 280 FR
63 Jon Lovett DL 6-1 280 FR
64 Ryan Gills OL 6-3 250 SR
65 Matt McNew K 6-3 200 FR
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96 Billy Palmer TE 6-3 200 FR
97 Anthony Wieser OL 5-10 200 FR
98 Joseph Scott OL 6-0 180 FR

By KEVIN BERCCHO
Sports Writer

The Navy Midshipmen will have a score to settle when they dock their fleet in Orlando, Fla. to meet Notre Dame Saturday.

After losing 36 consecutive games to the Irish, including last year's 28-24 heartbreaker, the Middies are determined to sink an Irish vessel that is slowly gathering momentum.

In this battle of independents, however, Navy will be hard-pressed to put up much of a fight, struggling at 0-5 on the season.

After losing quarterback Brian Madden in spring practice with a torn ACL, the Middies have been hard-pressed to find a successor.

After missing time due to an injury of his own, Brian Broadwater is expected to be at the helm of Navy's wishbone attack this weekend.

Broadwater is hoped to be the tonic for an offense that has been ill of late. The Middies have scored the fewest points, 39 in total, in all of Division I-A, and have averaged only 220.6 yards per game.

Notre Dame defensive coordinator Greg Mattison is leery of Navy's offense despite their lack of execution this season.

"The wishbone offense is a great equalizer," said Mattison. "You don't ever prepare for it and then all of a sudden you have a week to get ready for it."

Mattison sees no problems in preparing his vaunted defense unit to be up for the Navy offense.

"You have to get the kids to believe that this is going to great effort," Mattison said. "This defense gets up for every game and they just have to understand it's assignment football."

The key to Navy's offense will lie in its ability to turn Broadwater loose.

After combining with backup Ed Malinowski to gain just one yard on 30 carries last week against Air Force, the Midshipmen know that Broadwater must have time to get the ball outside and turn upfield.

The Middies hope to duplicate the 231 rushing yards they gained last year in Notre Dame Stadium.

Defensively, Navy will feature a 3-4 set and will likely blitz Irish freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio early and often. LoVecchio, the newly anointed starter, demonstrated poise in clipping the Stanford Cardinal last week and feels ready to face the Middles.

"They're going to play hard and come at us," LoVecchio said. "They'll blitz me a lot because I'm a young quarterback. It's something we work on in practice. I'll be prepared."

Navy's defense, however, has not fared any better than its offensive counterpart, giving up an average of 31.7 points per game.

There is much history between Navy and Notre Dame as this match-up will constitute their 74th consecutive meeting, making it the longest running intersectional rivalry in the country.

Navy is traditionally the lower ranked opponent but always seems to rise to the occasion. In 1997, the Irish needed Allan Rossum to knock a Middle wideout out of bounds at the one yard line as time expired.
GAME OF THE WEEK

Purdue quarterback Drew Brees hands the ball off to wide receiver Vinny Sutherland in the Boilermaker's 23-21 loss to the Irish Sept. 16 at Notre Dame Stadium. Purdue travels to Northwestern Saturday.

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

Given Michigan and Wisconsin's recent travails, the Purdue-Northwestern game suddenly has significant Rose Bowl implications.

Last weekend Purdue overcame a 28-3 deficit to beat the Wolverines 32-31. Northwestern followed its overtime upset of Wisconsin with a 52-33 win against Indiana. Both teams come in on a roll. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees' Heisman candidacy has suffered because of two losses at Notre Dame and Penn State. Two losses charged with emotion in last second field goal and a tribute to a paralyzed Nittany Lion teammate should not count, however, what has been an excellent senior campaign for the Texas native.

The fact is Brees is the best passing quarterback in the country. He makes quick reads and delivers the ball with pinpoint accuracy, with mechanics comparable to Peyton Manning. At the midway point in the season, he has thrown for nearly 2,000 yards and 15 touchdowns, compared with only three interceptions. Before you give credit to Purdue's four wide receiver offense, consider Brees has rushed for nearly 300 yards as well. Coach Joe Tiller has also noticeably shifted the emphasis to a more balanced offensive game plan, as evidenced by running back Montrell Lowe's 100-yard effort against Wisconsin and Nebraska on successive Saturdays.

Northwestern arguably has a stronger defense than Purdue and Michigan would play another December afternoon. The Sooners have one less win than Purdue, Nebraska, and Oklahoma to their credit. Purdue and Michigan would also noticeably shift the balance of power on the defensive side of the ball. The Sooners have one less win than Kansas State's last five opponents combined. Look for an offensive shootout with around 800 yards of total offense.

Neither defense has proven to be especially tough, so 30 points probably won't win this game. Michigan or Ohio State will await the victor, meaning the race to the Rose Bowl is far from over.

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The Orange Bowl is far from over. Somebody will win the BCS showdown, and that somebody will be playing for the national championship. For a select few of the teams involved, the BCS is the only way to go. For the rest of us, it's a matter of who wins and who loses.

Auburn at Florida: Coach Tommy Tuberville's Auburn Tigers started quickly, charging to a 5-0 record before falling to the Mississippi State Bulldogs 17-10. Joe Lee Dunn's defense held SEC leading rushing back Ball Johnson to 36 total yards, including none in the fourth quarter. Florida coach Steve Spurrier continues to play musical quarterbacks. Spurrier inserted Rex Grossman into the lineup against LSU, and the freshman delivered a 41-9 victory. Apparently the Gator defense decided to return after a week's vacation in which they gave up 47 points to those same Mississippi State Bulldogs.

Both teams sit atop their respective SEC divisions at 5-1. The winner will get some breathing room while the loser will join the crowded ranks of teams with two conference losses. It's time to play football.

Oklahoma at Kansas State: Nobody could have foreseen Oklahoma's 63-14 woodshed beating of Texas last Saturday. The Sooners find themselves in the top 10, set to play Kansas State and Nebraska on successive Saturdays. Oklahoma State's loss to Miami on Saturday elevated the Wildcats to No. 2 in the AP Top 25. Oklahoma will provide Kansas State with its first true test, especially on the defensive side of the ball. The Sooners have one less win than Kansas State's last five opponents combined. Look for an offensive shootout with around 800 yards of total offense.

Oklahoma cannot get caught hanging around the dial.

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Notre Dame boasts good environment for players on, off field

At least he was honest. Jim Murray, the legendary Los Angeles Times sports columnist from 1961 until his death in 1998, heard Alabama coach Bear Bryant speak at a coaching clinic in Santa Barbara during the 1960s. Murray's recollection of the encounter, which appeared in a column published in the Sept. 14, 1995 edition of the Times, included Bryant's views on the "thug" at Notre Dame-Stanford, "it's off the grounds. Davie heads one of the few programs that still adheres to strict guidelines."

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Irish head coach Bob Davie (left) and offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers coach from the sideline. Davie heads one of the few programs that still adheres to strict guidelines. "One of the main reasons I wrote this book with such a sense of high indignation is because I knew from my experience throwing the ball, you send them to another school state," Bryant said. "If you got any milk-drinking, church-going, book-learning, suit-wearing students who can throw the football, you send them to the clinic in Santa Barbara during the 1960s. Bryant said. "If you got any whiskey-drinking, women-chasing, fist-fighting a-theda-lets who can knock your jock off, you send them to of Beah!"

This in age of political correctness, you are more likely to hear Eminem sing opera than a football coach admit he has some of the same thoughts as "do Beah."

But don't believe coaches who say that Bryant-like visions never cross their mind. But there remains some integrity, honor and an emphasis on the whole person at the service academies, Notre Dame, Stanford and a few other schools. The athletes go to class, live with their fellow students in dorms and have somewhat of a normal college existence in comparison to their classmates. And the players from Navy and Notre Dame graduate with a degree that can take them much farther than the local McDonald's.

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