Seniors struggle to find a job

By HELENA PAYNE
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On-campus recruitment has taken a deep plunge due to the current economic recession and the attacks of Sept. 11, and the Notre Dame Career Center is implementing several methods to remediate the problem, said director Lee Svete.

"This generation of students has not experienced a down economy since they were 10 years old," said Svete. "It's now back to the old-fashioned networking way."

The Career Center has made efforts to utilize the Notre Dame alumni network, but also attract the mid-market of small to medium businesses. Those companies still have fewer job openings than a larger company typically would, but because of the recession they offer a significant pool of employees that universities generally miss.

"The mid-market doesn't do on-campus recruiting," said Svete. "They hire one or two people, not 100 analysts like Goldman Sachs."

The Career Center has also tried to attract defense contractors such as Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, as well as government agencies such as the FBI, CIA and State Department.

Due to the recession and other impacts on the economy, the job market has been detrimental for seniors. Since the school year 2000-2001 on-campus interviews have dropped 20 percent and the number of companies that come to campus is sliding from 400 companies last fall semester to between 60 and 80 companies for fall semester 2001.

"It definitely has increased the anxiety among students," said Svete. Despite the low numbers, Svete said students can still find employment during the recession with the right credentials.

Students are still getting jobs, students are still getting second interviews," said Svete. The interviews tend to be going to the cream of the crop."

According Svete, this last pattern is not a big change from previous fall semesters' recruitment statistics. During the fall, he said colleges see the right candidates with the right credentials.

College faculty to get pay raise

By NORIEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Some faculty members at Saint Mary's will see a boost in their next paycheck, after the Board of Trustees voted last month to tack on an additional 2-percent raise for the 2001 fiscal year.

Full-time, continuing faculty members had already received a 5-percent increase that began June 1. The additional two percent raise will be paid retroactively in a lump sum during the next pay period, totaling the 2001 increase to 7 percent.

The raise should put Saint Mary's professors on par with the 75th percentile, said Chris Dent, vice president of finance and administration.

"We had been falling behind somewhere around the 75th percentile," said Chris Dunlap, chairman of the Faculty Compensation Committee.

Joyce renovation moves towards approval

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

The Athletic Department is hopeful that University officials will approve its Master Plan within the next month so the department can get to work on projects identified in a 15-month study of athletic facilities, including renovations to the Joyce Center.

We have been working through the process of discussing our hopes and ambitions for facilities and we are hopeful that they will be approved within the next few weeks," said associate athletic director for facilities Tom Kelly.

Working with INBT Sports Architecture, one of the biggest firms in the nation, the athletic department examined the strengths and weaknesses of each athletic facility. The Athletic Department Master Plan contains improvements the department would like to make, with many of these improvements aimed at the Joyce Center, a facility that was opened 33 years ago and has not had any major renovations since that time.

A top priority is the Joyce Center arena, which the Athletic Department hopes to outfit with new chairback seats, a new scoreboard and an improved press box.

"The reason the arena has been mentioned so prominent is that it serves so many functions, from athletic events to freshman orientation to commencement," said Kelly. "We would like to see it a little more full of pizzazz, although it is a great facility in terms of sight-lines and acoustics," said Kelly.

Another major goal of the department is for each athletic team to have its own locker room and a small lounge.

"Right now, we have some teams sharing locker rooms. Coaches are trying to give pre-game talks to their teams, while another team is in the locker room, using the showers," said Kelly.

Once the department's master plan is approved, it will be integrated into the University's master plan, and the department will know the timetable for the renovations. Although specific designs, such as blue prints, have not yet been completed, Kelly said that the detailed information in the master plan would make this process go smoothly.

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The men's basketball team uses the courts in the arena of the Joyce Center, which serves as the site of men's and women's basketball games, football pep rallies, freshman orientation programs and commencement. The Athletic Department hopes to renovate the facility.
INSIDE COLUMN

Escape with Harry Potter

I plan on taking the Hogwarts Express the next time I travel. Take what? you ask. How will that take you home to San Diego? It won’t take me home, but it will take me to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, one of the most captivating places that I’ve found. All of you out there, I’m referring to the school in J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series. I’m a big fan of fantasy and fiction, but I was entranced by these books about a little boy who, on his 11th birthday, finds out that he is a wizard. I was told by some books that bookworms and bookworms, with their primary audience being 10, 11 and 12-year-olds. I don’t know what these people were thinking when they told me this because there are a lot of the most dynamic stories that I have read.

It is incredible what these books do. They take the ordinary and make it extraordinary, especially when they have wizards trying to use what we wouldn’t be able to live without — telephone, electricity, stamps, etc. I mean the first time we see a wizard sending a letter by post, the envelope is entirely covered with stamps! Central to the story is Harry Potter, a skinny, blonde, blue-eyed boy with a lightning-shaped scar on his forehead. He got the scar by defeating the most powerful wizard at the time, Lord Voldemort, when he was only a month old. Okay, so you probably are thinking that this is just one of those push-over fairytales of witches, wizards, warlocks and the fight of good versus evil.

Well, it is the fight against evil, but it’s not just a cakewalk. Our illustrious hero isn’t without a battle. He’s constantly getting into trouble with the Mr. Filch, the custodian, and his cat, Mr. Norris. And Harry and Hermione, can’t help but make the potions master, Professor Severus Snape, furious at them in and out of potions class. And as much as she likes her Gryffindor students, Professor Minerva McGonagall doesn’t let them get away with mischief. So they’re all done their detention and have all gotten points taken away from their House. But he has his good points, too. Harry is the first and only person to see the Dementors in the Forbidden Forest in at least 100 years. He is completely enthralled to be at Hogwarts and as a Gryffindor does not like to be second best. He also wins points for Gryffindor in a Quidditch game against Slytherin.

So, when I travel on the Hogwarts Express, I will let it take me away — away from the stress I have. Away from the busyness of everyday life. Away even from the Notre Dame bubble. I can get away; I can escape; I can just read. So, the next time you need to escape to another world, think about looking at our world (the real one). Take your Harri Potter books with you on your travels. They’re sure to take you to another world.

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Angela Campos
Lab Tech

THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

Moreau Seminary seeks senate seat
November 10, 1966

Notre Dame seminarians wanted to feel more involved in the campus community and they felt student senate representation would be a good start. Student Government expressed interest in seminarian representation but the organization recommended the seminarians observe some senate meetings first.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Evidence links U. South Florida prof to terrorist group

TAMPA, Fla. — Attorneys for the federal government are attempting to overturn a district court ruling that last year freed Mazen Al-Najjar, a former University of South Florida adjunct professor who was jailed for three years and seven months on secret evidence. It was evidence the government said tied him to terrorist groups. The appeal by the government was released in December 2000 after U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard ruled that he was not given due process, judicial proceedings intended to protect an individual's legal rights. It was determined by the court that since the evidence was not disclosed, Al-Najjar could not adequately defend himself. Al-Najjar said Wednesday afternoon he would be serve time if the May 31, 2000, decision that ruled in his favor was reversed. "I believe the chance that it will be overturned is weak," Al-Najjar said.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Frat party under investigation

OXFORD, Miss. — Two members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Mississippi are being expelled from the organization in connection with a racially insensitive photo taken at this year's ATO Halloween party. The University and the ATO national organization will continue to investigate the actions of the entire chapter. The photographs depicted a fraternity member, dressed as a police officer, holding a gun and standing behind another member dressed in blackface. The member in blackface was wearing a straw hat while kneeling on the ground picking cotton. The picture was posted on the Party Pics' network Web site. The Web site posts professionally taken pictures at organizational parties as a means of distributing photo proofs for purchase. The pictures have since been removed from the Web site. ATO president Grant Gremillion refused to comment on the situation. Wynn Smiley, chief executive officer of the national fraternity, said the incident was unfortunate and there will be an investigation into the chapter's responsibility.

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Officials ban broadcast of ethnic team names

MINNEAPOLIS — One student was suspended from work and litigation is pending after St. Cloud State University decided to crack down on the use of American Indian nicknames or logos in their publications or broadcasts. A student television producer wasn't allowed to broadcast last weekend's hockey games against the University of North Dakota after he said he would use the team's nickname, the Fighting Sioux. Lisa Foss, SCSU marketing communications director, said the student violated a 1993 university athletics department policy prohibiting the use of American Indian nicknames and mascots on all publications, broadcasts and press releases. The student worked for Husky Productions, which is hired by the university to broadcast the games. The university's student government also passed a resolution that restricts campus media from using such terms.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 9.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 9.

Correction/Clarification

The Observer regrets as it is a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, make mistakes that will under no circumstances will not be corrected on our error.
Saint Mary’s students may get one study day

By MARY CAMPE

News Writer

Student government has been pushing for a study day the past three years and may get its wish with a trial run next semester.

In the past, the faculty did not want to forfeit any class time and therefore the College did not schedule any study days.

To meet the needs of all involved, the College is considering adding a study day next spring semester on a trial basis. If passed, classes will begin on Jan. 14 instead of the 15th.

By checking with the students, Matha said, “It is simply a day that works out with this year’s schedule.”

She explained that the College would only continue to have study days scheduled in spring semesters in order to keep the Monday before classes of fall semester open for students to arrange and work out their schedules.

Next semester’s possible trial is exactly that, only a trial run. Matha explained that if there is a study day planned for next semester, it might never happen again.

Matha hopes students and faculty would first consider the possibility of a study day and try it out rather than completely rule it out.

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Leaders discuss race conference

By KATIE RAND
News Writer

A panel of five Saint Mary’s student leaders discussed their trip to the 14th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education, Thursday. Each member of the panel gave descriptions of their favorite lectures at the conference, personal highlights and growth experiences. The group also discussed how they plan to bring their newfound knowledge back to campus to benefit the entire Saint Mary’s community.

The conference was held in Seattle, Wash., from May 30 to June 3.

S e n i o r  L i l l y  M a r o l e s, who is serving as the president of Student Diversity Board this year, said the program was a really interesting experience where she learned a lot about the issues of ethnicity and race.

“I brought a lot of the ideas back from the conference back to Saint Mary’s. The best part about it was that it was such a real world experience and I got to know a lot of different people who I normally would not have had the chance to meet,” said Sophomore Ramona Parks.

This year’s president of the Sisters of the Nefrittis, also attended the conference. Parks said she felt honored to be one of the six students selected to present to the rest of the audience.

Parks noted that no matter where you are or what type of school you attend, whether it is private, public or Catholic, “everyone encounters the same experiences in life and has a common bond.”

Parks, like Morales and Nagle, also brought ideas back to campus.

“We want to make you all aware about exactly what diversity is,” Parks said.

J u n i o r  C a r l o s  T u s h a b e said that at times the conference was difficult as it dealt with issues that people generally fear talking about. However, that proved to be a really great challenge, according to Tushabe.

“Challenges bring you from where you are and take you to where you want to be,” she said.

Tushabe also stressed the importance of learning to appreciate each other. Classrooms, offices and hallways, and recognizing that we are all different but equal at the same time.

Sophomore Marieke Van Der Maelen said that after her first year at Saint Mary’s she faced many issues involving diversity.

“I wanted to keep on learning about the bigger world outside of Saint Mary’s,” Van Der Maelen said. “I went to Seattle looking for answers to my questions. What I got was a million more questions. But I learned the steps I need to take to answer them.”

She came back to school more open-minded than she was before the conference.

“I try to bring a bit of Seattle back,” Van Der Maelen said. “We need to celebrate our differences but realize that we all have inter related histories and visions inside us that we should share with the rest of the College community.”

Marc Belanger, professor of political science, said going to a conference like this one is a very empowering and energizing experience that provides many ideas and resources to bring back to school.

Foreign language professor Jennifer Zachman said that one of her favorite things was “the group of people she was with. She also felt very strongly about the issues at hand.”

“We need to think about those lessons on a broad sense and not compartmentalize them. It is a commitment we need to make as a community of educators,” Zachman said. “There were different issues that struck people at their core, but it was an attempt to show us what we can all achieve.”

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Prof. calls Mexican voters heroes

By JOE ACKERMAN

Jorge Dominguez called Mexican voters "heroes" for their decision in the 2000 presidential election which moved Mexico from single party rule to a more representative government in a Thursday lecture at the Hesburgh Center.

Dominguez, Director of the Center of International Affairs at Harvard University, conducted a study of Mexican voters between February and July 2000 leading up to the 2000 presidential election. Along with a panel of colleagues, Dominguez's endeavor consisted of a series of four interviews with each of a sampling of Mexican voters over this time period in order to gauge an overall picture of the status of the Mexican electorate in the months leading up to the election. According to Dominguez, voting patterns in the United States and Western Europe are firmly tied to factors such as social class, party identification, membership in unions or other organizations, incumbency of elected officials and economic attitudes.

These factors lead to a situation where only about 3 percent of voters are undecided before the election campaign. This renders the campaign itself almost inconsequential, according to Dominguez. The team found that the 2000 Mexican presidential campaign produced a statistically astonishing number of political conversions throughout the campaign season. Whereas elements such as party identification to the long entrenched PRI ruling party, high approval ratings for the outgoing PRI president, and small, but steady economic growth had in the past been more than enough to ensure repeated presidential wins for the PRI candidates, the 2000 election proved that campaign factors can actually make a difference under certain circumstances, according to Dominguez.

PRI candidate Francisco Labastilla should never have lost the election to Vicente Fox, if not for a few yielding factors that hurt both him and the PRI. In Dominguez's view, it was weakening of party identification among voters, lowered self-identification with social class, future economic outlook, and effective negative campaigning on Fox's part, that led to an astonishing 12-15 percent conversion rate among voters. These voters, who supported LaBastilla at the beginning of the campaign despite eventually voting for Fox, represent double Fox's margin of victory, showing that the campaign made a significant statistical impact on the outcome of the election.

This was able to happen for several reasons, Dominguez said, most notably the effective national and international oversight of the election which reduced election fraud and the media's balanced coverage of both candidates. Election fraud was less of a problem than ever due not only to the effective oversight, but also to the fact that the PRI no longer holds governorships and political infrastructure in many Mexican provinces.

Also contributing to the swing of voters was Fox's successful negative campaigning, in which he found a public receptive to his attacks on Labastilla as a "drag queen" and a "faggot," according to Dominguez. The campaign mattered because social cleavage was weak and party identification weaker.

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Conference examines American schools

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives will host a national education forum titled "Stability and Change in American Education: Structures, Process, and Outcomes" Nov. 10 in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The conference is the fourth annual national forum sponsored by the institute. This year's program focuses on the contributions made by researcher Robert Dreeben to the field of sociology of education. Dreeben has been at the forefront of a movement by sociologists to identify the structures and elements of schools that help build productive citizens in industrial societies. By contrasting the arrangements of schools and families, Dreeben made a strong case that the school is the most effective institution for teaching these norms.

South Bend's Sexiest

Matt Bleecker, Mr. Siegfried, was named Mr. Notre Dame in the pageant held Thursday night.

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Media access to troops limited: American troops stationed in central Asia to support the war in Afghanistan will remain mostly off-limits to U.S. reporters because commanders there worry that publicity could cause political unrest. Media groups sought greater access to the U.S. operations, saying that the public in a democracy needs information to evaluate the progress of the war.

National News Briefs

Dem. proposes change in presidential succession: A California lawmaker wants to change the line of presidential succession to ensure the White House stays in one party's hands if both the president and vice president die or are unable to serve. Democratic Rep. Brad Sherman said Thursday he wants to allow the president to designate the House minority leader as next in line after the vice president should the president and the speaker belong to different parties.

Firestone helps investigate Ford: Now that Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. has paid $41.5 million to head off consumer protection lawsuits in every U.S. state and territory, the tire maker is helping attorneys general investigate Ford Motor Co.'s role in accidents involving Explorers and Firestone tires. Under the settlement, each of the 50 states will get $500,000 from Bridgestone/Firestone.

Indiana News Briefs

Panel releases death penalty review: Indiana's death penalty law has extensive safeguards at the trial and appellate court levels to protect innocent defendants, a state commission concluded Thursday. At Gov. Frank O'Bannon's request, the 25-member panel has spent 16 months studying Indiana's death penalty statute to determine if it is applied appropriately and has adequate safeguards to prevent innocent people from being executed. O'Bannon did not ask the group to determine whether Indiana should do away with its 1977 death penalty statute.

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Judge blocks suicide directive

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - A federal judge on Thursday temporarily blocked a federal order aimed at thwarting Oregon's assisted suicide law.

U.S. District Judge Robert Jones granted the temporary restraining order requested by Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, three terminally ill patients and others. The order is in effect until Nov. 20.

"There is no showing that the U.S. would be irreparably impaired by a temporary stay of the (U.S.) attorney general's action," Jones said.

Oregon has the nation's only law allowing physician-assisted suicides. It has been used by at least 70 terminally ill people since 1997, all of whom used a federally controlled substance such as a barbiturate.

The order does not call for criminal prosecution, but effectively put the state's law on hold because a doctor would have to be willing to give up the right to prescribe federally controlled medicines.

The state responded with a federal lawsuit; saying Ashcroft had taken away Oregon's right to govern the practice of medicine.

Oregon's assisted suicide law was narrowly approved by voters in 1994. It survived legal challenges and was later re-approved by a wide margin in 1997 before it was officially signed into law by Gov. John Kitzhaber two years ago.

Under the law, doctors may provide — but not administer — a lethal prescription to terminally ill adult state residents. It requires that two doctors agree the patient has less than six months to live, has voluntarily chosen to die and is able to make health care decisions.
Dalloway's turns 10

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Dalloway's, a landmark on Saint Mary's campus, turns 10 years old today.

In the spring of 1991, several students, including Peggy Abood of the class of 1992, suggested the College turn The Clubhouse into a place for more than just social space.

In November of 1991 the idea became a reality when the coffee house Dalloway's opened in The Clubhouse.

The original building was located adjacent to Holy Cross Hall and was a gift of the class of 1922.

After a lot of deliberation Saint Mary's officials in 1999 to demolish the old clubhouse and construct a new one. The Dalloway's that Saint Mary's students know today had its grand opening in November of 2000.

In honor of Dalloway's 10th anniversary, the College has planned a day filled celebratory events. A complimentary continental breakfast spread will be available from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Then there will be two showings of the movie "Mrs. Dalloway's" that Saint Mary's College will not know the day for food and free gifts.

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"When enrollment came in stronger, we had the resources to do what we wanted to do in the first place," Dennis said. "We are trying to catch up and get back, and raise our salaries to the goals.

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"The Board of Trustees has made a commitment to faculty that we will be in the 80th percentile," Dunlap said. "The raise was necessary to meet the College's commitment to the faculty that Board of Trustees has made.

The Faculty Compensation Committee recommended to the administrative council last December that faculty receive an 8 percent raise, but a low enrollment projection at the College prevented fulfillment of that request. When enrollment figures came in stronger than the original projections, the College was able to increase the raise.

"We are all pleased with the additional 2 percent we have now," Dunlap said. "The Board of Trustees has made a commitment to faculty that we will be in the 80th percentile. The raise was necessary to meet the College's commitment to the faculty that Board of Trustees has made."

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Lyons remembers Mara Fox with run

By JOE LUCERO
News Writer

It has been almost eight years since that fateful night when Mara Rose Fox was hit and killed by a driver, who was charged with drunk driving but not convicted, on the way home from Macer's Deli. That night, the lives of Fox, her family and friends, and every member of the Notre Dame family were changed forever.

Those who knew and loved Fox were profoundly changed by her death. Outside Fox's circle of family and friends, her death has had a profound effect on the University community.

Every year since her death Lyons Hall has hosted a race in her honor.

"We really hope a lot of people will come out because it's a lot of fun and it's for a really good cause," she said.

Dealing with alcohol use and abuse at Notre Dame has gained renewed focus since Fox's death eight years ago. Before the ninth running of the race in her honor this Saturday, Brad West, assistant director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, spoke at Lyons Hall about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

"In three months, I've probably seen 200 students dealing with alcohol abuse..." West said. "Two of these cases dealt with drinking and driving.

Many of the students who meet with West about alcohol problems are referred to him by rectors or the Office of Residence Life.

Besides disciplinary action dealing with ResLife which usually consist of small fines and several hours of community service, students can not be forced into any other program to help them with their problem.

"It is up to the student to choose what he wants to do about [the problem]," West said. Drinking and driving are especially large concerns for the University after Fox's death.

ResLife is the director of Notre Dame security and in the 22 years he has worked in his department, he said there have been a number of students who have been killed by drunk drivers.

"Our department stops cars every weekend to question them about drinking, and we make arrests for drinking and driving all year long," Ruskow said.

This Saturday Lyons Hall will host the ninth annual Mara Fox Run to honor Fox's memory. For $12, participants in the five-kilometer walk or two-kilometer run will receive a T-shirt and a chance to win other prizes. The race begins at 11 a.m. After the race, Station One will play a concert near Lyons Hall.

All money raised will be given to the Mara Fox Scholarship Fund.

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Svete. "This has psychologically impacted the consumer and the ripple effect has been quite negative on the whole economy," said Svete. "It has significantly affected our own campus recruiting.

Although Sept. 11 and its effects have contributed to the downward spiral of the economy, Svete added that it is not the sole source of problems.

"This isn't all September 11," said Svete. "This includes Social Security administration, government accounting [changes] and the Department of Justice.

Since last spring consumer spending has dropped which has hurt businesses.

"This has psychologically impacted the consumer and the ripple effect has been quite negative on the job outlook," Svete said.

In addition, the brief boom and bust of the dot-com companies have decreased some of the job opportunities for seniors who had hoped to enter high-tech careers.

"Companies have become quite conservative," said Svete. "The high-tech boom quickly became a bust when e-business companies were not supplying a service or a product."

With the slowdown of the once-thriving dot-com companies, Svete said companies are very cautious about hiring.

"Last year's seniors, with the dot-com meltdown, many of their job offers were delayed. Some [companies] delayed up to eight to 10 months," said Svete.

A graduate of the class of 2001 and former Career Center student assistant, Antione Tobias was one of the students who had a delayed starting date for his current job at Charter Communications.

"I originally thought I would be working for IBM, but they rescinded their offer because of a hiring freeze, so I had to look elsewhere," said Tobias.

Instead of starting in June at IBM, Tobias did not begin working until October, but for Charter Communications instead where he is a network engineer.

"I started in October for a company I did not think I was going to work for," said Tobias.

Waiting to begin work, Tobias said he felt anxious.

"I was a college graduate," said Tobias adding that he would think, "I'm supposed to have a job."

However, once he was settled into his position, he realized that he would be one of the last at Charter Communications to be hired for a while.

"As soon as I got on board, they had a hiring freeze. It's no secret that the economy is horrible right now," said Tobias.

Senior finance major Taylor McWilliams said it seems that there was more job openings for his friends in the class of 2003.

"Rather than hiring eight or nine people, they're hiring two or three, so that makes the interviews that much more competitive," said McWilliams as he prepared for an interview with the investment banking firm Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin.

One of the ways McWilliams has tried to make himself more marketable is by getting involved. He is currently the assistant director of public relations for the office of the president in student government and a member of the Financial Management Board. He previously served as the junior class treasurer.

Although McWilliams, who has a 3.5 grade point average, recognizes the competition among college seniors to find jobs, he said he is confident and already considering some job opportunities.

He said he would like to work in the areas of either finance or investment banking, but he is open to other possibilities.

"I'm keeping my options open," said McWilliams. "I've applied for jobs in other industries as well."

Svete said the Career Center is catering to the needs of students who might have to look for jobs outside of their major during the recession. The staff is planning its largest winter career fair Jan. 21 by using a phone-a-thon.

"We have diversified our campus recruiting," said Svete.

The Career Center has commonly drawn banks and consulting firms, but Svete said it is trying to expand the focus this year.

"One way is by also extending service to students who are not majoring in finance and economics, has had success with recruiting firms, but Svete said it is trying to expand the focus this year."

"Many companies are expanding and have subsidiaries all over," said Pich.

Svete said the Career Center is dedicated to making sure that all seniors can find post-graduate work.

"We are allocating staff. We are allocating resources. We're being very aggressive in a down market," said Svete.

He added that this is the third recession he has seen while working at the career center.

"My advice to students is that the Notre Dame diploma will never leave you. It's not recession-proof, but students will gain a return of their investments in Notre Dame 10-fold," said Svete.

"That comes with the academic and spiritual reputation of the University.

For students who have had trouble finding full-time jobs, Svete said, "It is important that post-graduate paid internships because there is a possibility that these internships could turn into job offers."

"If my parents are giving me the opportunity to come here, then I will stay," said Pich. Svete, like McWilliams maintains a 3.5 grade point average, but she said one thing that employers often ask her in interviews, "Why do you think we're going to hire an international student?"

Her response varies, but she brings to their attention her ability to speak not only Spanish and English, but also French and Italian. This, Pich said, has been one extra attribute that has given her an advantage in a economy that has emphasized a global market.

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"My advice to students is that the Notre Dame diploma will never leave you. It's not recession-proof, but students will gain a return of their investments in Notre Dame 10-fold," said Svete.

"That comes with the academic and spiritual reputation of the University.

For students who have had trouble finding full-time jobs, Svete said, "It is important that post-graduate paid internships because there is a possibility that these internships could turn into job offers."

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companies often look for students with at least a 3.6 grade point average and previous internship experience. It is also characteristic that full recruitment is dominated by business and industries, the main employers that have suffered greatly during the recession and after the recent attacks. The industries of travel, tourism, retail and durable goods were strongly hit by the Sept. 11 events and the consequence has been a decreased gross national product.

"Sept. 11 had a negative impact on the whole economy," said Svete. "It has significantly affected our own campus recruiting."
PHILIPPINES

Tropical storm Lingling death toll reaches 110

Associated Press

MAHINING

Tropical storm Lingling battered the Philippines for a second day Thursday, leaving at least 110 people dead, sinking a cargo ship and virtually shutting down several provinces.

The death toll included 80 in Mahining town on the resort island of Camiguin, which suffered its worst disaster in a half-century. With 300 people missing, officials said the overall toll was likely to rise.

By early Friday morning, the center of the storm was over open water about 180 miles southwest of Manila. It had winds of 65 mph and was moving slowly toward the South China Sea. Forecasters said it could strengthen into a typhoon.

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Most of the deaths were caused by flash flooding spurred by the torrential rain. Authorities said fast-moving water bearing boulders cascaded from hills surrounding Mahining and some other riverside communities as many people were still sleeping Wednesday.

Recovery efforts in Mahining, which reported 203 people missing, continued into Friday morning. The devastated town ran out of embalming fluid to preserve the dead.

Used car sales plummet

MINNEAPOLIS

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"You will not sterilize that building no matter what you do," said Haas. "Like it or not, we are entering into a research project. What we are doing on the Hart building is an experiment that we need to learn from." Dr. Charles Haas, a professor of environmental engineering at Drexel University, said an absolute cleanup of anthrax contaminated buildings is impractical.

Instead, he urged that experts establish what is an acceptable risk level at that point.

"There is no absolutely safe level," he said. "We need to educate the public that we cannot make everything sterile. There will always be residual risk. The question is: What should we shoot for in the cleanup?"

The experts said that science does not know how many spores of anthrax could be considered a normal part of the background. Anthrax is common in many parts of the nation, and it is likely that there are natural levels in buildings.

Haas said the decision about safe levels should not be left to scientific experts, noting that "an acceptable risk level is a public policy issue." The experts said that the government response to the anthrax-by-mail crisis has lacked a central focus and that there has been poor communication about the risks.

"People will deal with the risks if they understand," said Baker. "If you tell people what the rational risk is and that they will be protected if there is a problem." The government needs to develop a clear way of assessing risks in a building," said Dr. Lynn Goldman, a professor of environmental health sciences at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "We have not seen that type of framework." She said risk communication to the public should be factual and not cause fear.

Goldman also called for a conference of scientists who could determine a level of contaminant that would be acceptable. Manuel Barcelo, a retired biological cleanup expert who worked at the U.S. Army Biological Warfare Laboratories at Fort Detrick, Md., said he supervised the cleanup of a number of buildings, including one that contained labs, offices and more than a million cubic feet of space.

Barcelo said the building, where biological warfare weapons were developed, had been contaminated with anthrax and other organisms that were being studied.

He said his crew used a formaldehyde gas that soaked the inside of the building for more than 18 hours. Afterward, the gas was neutralized with another chemical and the building aired out.

Barcelo said that test strips, containing harmless spores, were placed in the building during the gassing to ensure that the chemical was concentrated enough to kill microbes. He said the air was sampled to ensure that there were no more airborne spores and that surface swab samples were taken throughout the building as a final test.

Barcelo said even this effort could not kill or remove every spore and the plan anticipated some lingering small traces of the bacteria.

But he said the formaldehyde gas eliminated any dangerous levels of bacteria and the building is now being used by federal cancer researchers.
A Week of Peace and War Education

a series of talks and panel discussions that goes beyond the media’s portrayal of the events and aftermath of September 11th

Sunday Nov. 11
- Collections in Basilica and Hall Masses to benefit Catholic Relief Services Refugee Camps

Monday Nov. 12
- 4:00 pm, Hesburgh Center Auditorium
  "War, Peace and Imperatives Of Justice: An Islamic Perspective"
  lecture by John Kelsoy, Florida State University
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
  Kearney/Stanford, "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"
  McGlinn, "Seeing through the Media"
  Morrissey, "Students Take a Stand: A Call to Action"
  Pasquerilia East, "Refugees and Displacement"

Tuesday Nov. 13
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm, 117 Hayes-Healy Hall
  "The Aftermath of Terrorism: Understanding the Psychological Impact of Trauma"
  (Len Hackett, Wendy Sansi, Sahaj Nabi)
- 7:00 pm, 101 DeBartolo
  "Appalachia, Sept. 11, and Broader Implications" presentation to Appalachia Seminar by George Lopez, Kroc Institute
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- 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
  Kearney/Stanford, "The Historical Roots of Anti-Americanism"
  McGlinn, "Seeing through the Media"
  Morrissey, "Students Take a Stand: A Call to Action"
  Pasquerilia East, "Civil and Human Rights"
- 9:15 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium
  Italian Film: "The Land of the Mujahedden"
  introduction by Bill Godmilow
- 10:00 pm, Morrissey Manor Chapel
  Interfaith Prayer Service:
  Muslim-Christian Prayer for Peace

Thursday Nov. 15
- 7:00 pm, McKenna Hall (CCE)
  "Holy Lands and the End of Conquest: The High Price of Nations Today"
  lecture by Benedict Anderson, Cornell University
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
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  Morrissey, "Refugees and Displacement"
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wondering if the University is really concerned about rape

The word "rape" has appeared repeatedly this semester in the pages of The Observer as well as in heated conversations all over campus. The Observer has felt it is its responsibility to keep the campus up to date. Maybe it's because it's a casual reader, but its coverage has been more thorough than I expected.

First the paper informed us about the possibility of the date rape drug's use on campus, and then practically accused a quad in Kegum of rape. Friends of those men and sympathetic students responded in rage and then the topic was dropped. Rape came up again in the college week before the West Virginia game, when a former student who had been accused of rape and banned from campus was going to return to play for the West Virginia football team. Recently, an incident in Turtle Creek has been debated on the Viewpoint page.

The Observer’s coverage of rape on campus has left me with a lot of questions. Were the women in these situations actually raped? Is the date rape drug on campus? How does the University deal fairly with someone who has been accused of alleged rape? Are students safe at Notre Dame?

The point of this letter is not to accuse The Observer of bad coverage. Let's be honest — The Observer is a student newspaper run by students without journalistic degrees. They do a good job covering campus events and the football team, but rape is a complicated and delicate subject, difficult to write about even for trained journalists. I do not blame The Observer for a lack of clear information.

No, I blame the administration. To my knowledge, the University has not released any official statements about these situations. If it has, it certainly hasn’t made the message clear to its students. No information about the incidents. No education about the date rape drug. No promise of safety for women or punishment for sexual violence.

Rape is a serious crime with a serious act. It is a living horror, a nightmare that wakes you up in the middle of the night, a woman’s worst fear. Clearly put, it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law — it is not only wrong according to the law.

The university has an opportunity to correct the inconsistencies in its statistical reporting. It needs to seize this opportunity, and stop the questions. It’s not wrong to admit rape happens. But it is wrong to hide it.
Surrounding discussions of the prevention of future terrorist attacks on America has arisen the possibility of the restriction of certain civil liberties. The idea of a national identification card has enteredable public discussion. The massacre in New York and Washington. Since Sept. 11, life at this University has remained essentially the same. Classes are in session each day. Professors still assign papers and give tests. With the exception of the postponed game against Purdue, the football team still competes in its Saturday match. Amidst the struggle to complete class work and pass tests, television and newspapers exist as the students' only connection to the outside world. I have found the media coverage of the war in Afghanistan and the recent anthrax scares very sensational. CNN and Fox News have assigned dramatic titles to America's struggle against terror, like "America Strikes Back," and focused extensively on isolated incidents of anthrax contamination, arousing panic public panic.

Over break, I returned home. Trips back to Doylestown have traditionally evoked within me the feeling that I have left one country of campus and entered another, the nation of the real world. Yet, this time the feeling of foreignness struck me particularly strongly. My week spent at home and in Washington, D.C., led me to realize my detachment from the generation that the nation of the real world. Yet, this time the feeling of foreignness struck me particularly strongly. My return home also brought me much closer to the suffering of the victims of the World Trade Center collapse. My mother described the crowds of people at funerals in our area. Local businesswomen and women had died in the tragedy. A pilot and a flight attendant of those who planned planes grew up in neighboring towns. In Washington my friend avoided the metro for two weeks, fearing that the city-wide transportation system would be the target of terrorism. Alerted to the closeness of the threat, I suddenly understood the sentiments of those proposing tighter restrictions on immigration and supporting the issuance of national I.D. cards. Regardless of the actual degree of threat, life local to my home had changed. I had swept the area. Measures aimed at curtailing local security through limited restrictions of freedom had become necessary to protect the national security of life before Sept. 11.

In accordance with this sentiment, President Bush recently signed legislation entitled the "USA Patriot Act." This act grants the government extended authority to perform searches of suspected terrorists, reduces judicial oversight of telephone and Internet spying and allows the government to jail suspects who are not U.S. citizens on the basis of suspicion. It lends enormous power to the attorney general to define terrorism and terrorist acts and provides the government with unprecedented surveillance authority. In particular, the act allows for "waving wiretaps," which enables officials to place surveillance devices on any phone a suspect might use. Yet, the question arises as to whether these efforts will prevent terrorism and to whether the protection which they provide outweighs the danger it presents to the personal freedoms of Americans. The expanded surveillance authority in the USA Patriot Act contains the possibility of breaches of privacy. The concentration of these expanded capabilities in the hands of one man, the attorney general, and law enforcement agencies opens great opportunity to the abuse of power. Cognizant of the risk, legislators concluded a "sunset clause" to the bill, which revokes certain provisions after four years. Even from the vantage point of Doylestown, PA, the trend that the USA Patriot Act exposes seems a greater threat to the security of Americans than the actions of terrorists. The freedom of American society comes with a certain amount of risk. The acceptance of the liberties of this society in turn requires a measured renunciation of security. Benjamin Franklin best expressed this reality. He explained, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

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**Letter to the Editor**

Sex policy should not come as a surprise

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I have a confession to make: I'm a virgin. But do you want to know the real reason? I'm glad!

But before I get accused of having sex, let me assure everyone that this is far from the truth, I, along with the Catholic Church, believe that sex is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. It is an integral part to one of the Church's sacraments, marriage. A Church that believes this neither fears nor hates sex.

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People hate to be told what to do. Isn’t it much easier to do whatever we want and claim a right to freedom as our justification? Let me suggest that freedom is not the right to do whatever one desires. That idea may be jarring in our relativistic society. I realize that the notion of truth is quickly disappearing amidst notions that there is no right or wrong but only personal whims which for some reason are assumed to be more infallible then any religious teaching and more exempt from scrutiny.

Most people would say that murder is wrong and would not dispute this fact as being oppressive in any way. However, take something that people have a desire to take part in, such as sexual intercourse, and all morality is reduced to performance of hormonal urges. Speaking from a woman’s point of view, why would I ever accept an offer purporting to be "the best 39 seconds" of my life when I could accept a vision of sexuality that gives me a lifetime of love and respect, for my entire heart and soul, rather then just a vague lust for my body? Regardless of our personal views on sex, it is important to remember that when we all decided to attend Notre Dame, we knew it was a Catholic University. No one should be shocked to find Catholicism at a Catholic school. Notre Dame isn't perfect, but its vision is good and true. Asking it to be less Catholic is asking it to be less Notre Dame, and God forbid that ever happens.

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Rembrandt's

A private collection now on display at the Snite features rare and unique etchings.

By PAUL RILEY
Scene Writer

All too often, busy college students don't take the time to stop and appreciate life's simple pleasures. They're often so busy and so stressed out by class work that when the work slows down a bit and they do finally have some time to relax, they often just like to have a couple drinks and kick back.

One of the simple pleasures that often gets neglected is the appreciation of fine art.

Within the Mestrovic Gallery of the Snite Museum of Art, Notre Dame students have the opportunity to relax and spend some time with images produced by the hand one of the most masterful artists in Western History, Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn.

The show in the Snite, called "Rembrandt Prints: Rembrandt's Personal Vision of the Bible," features a series of 70 etchings produced by Rembrandt during a number of years which magnificently represent the stylistic and thematic characteristics of his "oeuvre."

The collection of etchings was a bequest to the Snite by Jack and Alfreda Fedderson of Elkhart who carefully hand chose each of the etchings in this collection. "The collection of the Feddersons is one of the more important private collections of Rembrandt etchings in North America," said Dean Porter, director of the Snite.

Although Rembrandt is best known by the public for his magnificent oil paintings with their loose and feathery brushstrokes, he is also extremely well known for his etchings. He is second in his prominence as a graphic artist in both quality and quantity only to the late Renaissance German artist Albrecht Durer, and made a career in printmaking that lasted more than 40 years and resulted in more than 325 different prints.

Like Durer, Rembrandt took the graphic arts to new levels stylistically and in the method with which he produced the works themselves.

The etching process is complicated. The collection of pieces in the exhibition are nearly all etchings, with the exception of a few pieces that are produced in drypoint. The etching process begins as the artist uses a stylus, a metal carving pin, to carve out his intended design on a metal plate that has been covered with a thin layer of wax, resin and gums called a ground. After the ground has been cleared away, the metal plate of the bottom layer is exposed in the design that the artist has executed. The two layers are then dipped into an acid which bites into the metal that has been exposed. The acid thus leaves grooves in the plate that will hold the ink when it is applied to it. Drypoint, which Rembrandt often employed to add details to his etchings, is simply produced by using a metal tool called a burin to scratch the intended design into the metal plate. In this method, metal filings produced by the scratching of the burin in the metal remain in the newly created grooves.

When ink is applied to the plate, it gets caught on the fibers and a smoky effect of variegated shades of light and dark is created. Rembrandt's "Christ Crucified Between the Two Thieves: Three Crosses" is a marvelous example of Rembrandt's use of drypoint.

The haziness created by the drypoint in the piece helps to produce a dramatic baroque lighting effect that thrusts a spotlight on the emaciated body of Christ while only hinting at the forms of the thieves crucified to his right and left.

"One of the things that is absolutely characteristic of Rembrandt is his willingness to experiment with media in a really often radical way," said Professor Charles Rosenberg, a professor of art history at Notre Dame specializing in Renaissance and Baroque art.

One of the prominent examples of this innovation is Rembrandt applied the ink to each of his etchings by personalized. Shown here (clockwise from top left) "Abraham's sacrifice," "Christ returning from the dead," and "Christ crucified between the two thieves."
fingerprints

ing and drypoint works whose ink was applied directly by the artist’s hand

the method of ink application to the metal plates that he has etched. Rembrandt used his hands to apply the ink to each individual print and made it a priority for each print from each etching to be unique in its own right.

"His philosophy of printing was different from that which prevails today," Rosenberg said. "Contemporary artists aim for uniformity, so that print No. 1 is virtually identical with print No. 10," Rosenberg said.

This is one of the reasons that the Snite is so fortunate to have this amazing collection of prints. Each one is entirely unique and has had direct contact with the hand of Rembrandt.

The 64 images presented in the exhibition almost entirely present New Testament and Old Testament narratives. The images were meant to be kept in private homes in albums or cabinets where they were to serve as personal devotional images to the owner of the print and his family.

The primary market for these prints was wealthy Protestant families. The intimate and private nature of these prints was well suited to the religious environment in which they were produced, where public worship of icons or images was outlawed.

"One of the characteristics of the Calvinist religion, along with other Protestant sects, is the motion of direct access to the deity without the hierarchical priesthood. These images allow this kind of direct access," Rosenberg said.

These prints essentially provided the intimate and direct access to a personal relationship with God which the Calvinist sects called for. This made for a booming market for producers of personal devotional images such as Rembrandt whose images would often fetch large amounts of money. One of Rembrandt's most famous etchings is named after the price someone paid for it, the so-called "Hundred Guilder Print." It is a phenomenal print of Christ Healing the Sick which masterfully employs chiaroscuro, the subtle gradations of light and dark in the modeling of the figures and objects.

The small scale of these images, their subject matter and the stylistic methods in which these pieces all were carried out help to create this atmosphere of intimacy and exchange between the viewer and the image.

Rembrandt meant for these pieces to be viewed close up, one on one. Through this show, Notre Dame students are given the unique opportunity not only to witness the awesome technical mastery that Rembrandt displays in his prints, but also the opportunity to view these pieces as they were intended to be viewed as they create an intimate dialogue with the viewer.

"What most people don’t think about in art history is that these [the etchings] are all messages," Rosenberg said. "They are discussions as profound as the writings of Descartes or Spinoza or Kant or any other philosopher or theologian. These are visual narratives to that kind of investigation of the meaning of spiritual narratives, and one can take away from them a better understanding of the nature of spirituality and human experience," said Rosenberg.

This is an opportunity that shouldn’t be missed. Everyone should take the time to enter into this dialogue with these etchings. There are only two more weeks until the exhibition closes so relax, put down the book or drink for a second and wander into the Mestrovic gallery in The Snite to view these marvels for yourself.

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"Self-portrait in a velvet cap with plume," "Temple with his parents" and "Christ crucified with thieves."

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Smith, Taborga upset No. 1 doubles team

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas
The doubles team of seniors Casey Smith and Javier Taborga knocked off the nation’s top doubles team Thursday in advancing to the semifinals at the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Farmers Branch, Texas, just outside Dallas. The Irish pair won two matches on the first day of competition, highlighted by an 8-6 victory over the top-seeded team of Marcio Matkowski and Jean-Julien Roger of UCLA.

The Irish team broke serve in the first game of the match and then held their own serve throughout to win the win. Matkowski and Roger lost last month’s Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships and had not lost a match this season prior to falling to Smith and Taborga, winning each of the three previous tournaments they entered.

The Bruin pair was ranked 18th in the preseason rankings released in September, but was considered the top doubles team in the nation heading into the National Indoors because the ITA releases preseason rankings in early September, but does not release another set of rankings until after the conclusion of the fall season, in December. The top seed at the National Indoor Championships is considered to be the top team in the country at that time since the tournament features the best players in college tennis.

“Any time you beat the No. 1 team in the country, it is exciting,” said Irish head coach Bob Baysil. “This was definitely an indication of all the hard work Casey and Javy have put in. Their ability to break serve has become a potent weapon and it has been gratifying to see their improvement over the course of the fall.”

Earlier in the day, Smith and Taborga beatTuish’s team of Dane McGregor and Shri Sudhakar 8-2 in first-round action. The Irish seniors are now 5-5 in doubles this fall, including six victories over doubles teams ranked in the top 30 nationally. Smith and Taborga have won 10 of their last 11 matches.

The Notre Dame team will take on Southern Methodist’s Johan Brunstrom and Eric Cohn Friday at 6:30 p.m. in semifinal action. Brunstrom was a member of the doubles team that won the title at last year’s National Indoor Championships. The other semifinal features Oliver Maiberg and Ryan Redondo of San Diego State taking on Baylor’s Marcus Hornung and Rainer Nesrohr. The final is slated for 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The first day of the National Indoor Championships proved to be a day of upsets, as all three seeded doubles teams fell in the quarterfinals. Smith and Taborga are the first Notre Dame doubles team to participate in the National Indoor Championships since 1997 when Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski won the Region IV doubles title to gain automatic entry into the National Indoors. After losing in the first round, the Irish pair won the consolation title. The best result by a Notre Dame doubles team in the tournament came in 1992 when Chuck Coleman and David Dellaca reached the final before falling to USC’s Brian MacPhie and Jon Leach 7-6, 6-4.

The All-American Championships, the National Indoors, and the year-end NCAA Championships are college tennis’ three national championship events during the season. From 1986 until last year, there were four national events, but the ITA National Clay Court Championships were no longer played. The National Indoor Championships date back to 1978 and were played in February of each season and sponsored by Rolex until this year.

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**Irish look forward minus Shay**

**By KATIE HUGHES**

Men's head cross country coach Joe Plante has had a little trouble sleeping this week.

Two of his team's top runners, All-American seniors Pat Conway and Ryan Shay, will not be competing in this Saturday's Great Lakes Regional meet in Terra Haute, Indiana, where a first or second place team finish will guarantee a berth in next week's NCAA Championships.

Shay will allow his Achilles tendon, which he injured a few weeks ago, to heal for another week, while Conway continues to recover from a client cold he has been battl­
ing for almost a month.

"D'Malley will be ready for NCAA's ... Conway is getting healthy now, but I don't think he's ready to run yet ... [Conway] is significantly better, and I think he has a race in him. I just don't think he has too, so let's save it for NCAA's. It's the same with Shay. He could probably run, but if we don't [run him] it will put significantly less strain on his Achilles. I think [not running Shay and Conway] is the prudent thing to do," said Plante.

Sophomores Todd Mobley, David Alber and Marc Striowski will run Saturday. Watson won the Great Lakes Regional meet last year.

"We have so much depth that [the rest of the team] can step up and fill the roles that need to be filled by Pat and Ryan," said Striowski.

Currently ranked No. 5 nationally behind Colorado, Stanford, Arkansas and Wisconsin, the Irish will once again rely on depth that has carried them all season to get them to NCAA's. "We can get [to nationals] without [Shay and Conway]," said Striowski. "Them not running is the best decision we can make now. I'm confident in our team's ability to make it without them.

No. 4 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan, No. 19 Michigan State should be the biggest competition for the Irish — and also the most person­al. Sophomore Todd Mobley is originally from Michigan, and will face his high school, rival who runs for Eastern Michigan. But great performances by lower ranked schools like Butler and Indiana could jeopardize an at large bid for the Irish.

"It will be fun to race this meet," said Mobley, who won the Valparaiso Invitational earlier this season. "He would outkick me at the end of every race during my junior year and his senior year. I beat him in every race last year, except nationally. My high school coach always gives me a hard time about that."

But unlike his coach, Mobley has been sleeping just fine this week.

"There is more pressure on the sixth and seventh runners, Zanderson and Alber. They have less of a margin of error, but I think they'll respond nicely. [Coach Piane] gets a large bid for the Irish.

An at large bid is likely to be won by the Irish if they do not finish in the top two this weekend.

"We can't screw up. No one can screw up," said Piane.

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**ND Women's Cross Country**

**No. 19 team focused on advancing**

**By KATIE HUGHES**

Getting to NCAA's has been the goal on the radar for the women's cross country season all season. Heading to Terra Haute, Ind., this weekend for the Great Lakes Regional meet riding on the momentum of a fourth place finish in the Big East Championships, they need to finish in the top two for a guaranteed spot in next week's NCAA meet. Then the goal on the radar will become a long coveted reality.

"We match up very well with just about anyone," said head coach Tim Connelly.

"Getting to NCAA's has got to be our goal every year. That's what you're running for — that's what it's about here."

The biggest threat to an automatic NCAA qualification for the No. 19 Irish will be No. 18 Marquette, Big Ten champs Michigan State, Wisconsin and Purdue.

Juniors Jen Handley, Muffy Schmidt and Jen Fijuch, sophomores Megan Johnson and Julie Schmidt, freshmen Lauren King and Christi Arnerich will run on Saturday. Sophomore Rachel Endress will be an alternate.

"Coach wants three in the top 10, the next five in the top 30. If we do that, he thinks we can qualify," said Johnson. "We're pretty confi­dent. We've been pretty consist­ent. Everyone's had a bad race, but we're ready to go out there and run well. We've been running really well in practice, but everything has to click.

The Irish, ranked No. 19 nationally, look to avenge a disappointing failure to qualify for last year's NCAA's. Handley took 19th, and the team took eighth overall in last year's Great Lakes Regional meet. Lauren King, who has competed in three meets this season, won the Notre Dame Invitational and was 24th in the Big East.

"I think if we didn't make NCAA's it would be a huge disappointment," said Johnson.

Relying on an at-large bid would be a precarious posi­tion that the Irish would rather avoid. "It becomes a numbers game," said Connelly. "Who beat who, what teams were automatic qualifiers out of the region that you've beaten. I think we have a good shot.

"It would be nice to auto­matically qualify, so we don't have to spend all day Sunday and Monday worrying about it," said Johnson.

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HOCKEY

Irish return home, face No. 8 Ferris

By MATT ORENCUK
Sport Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team will look to continue its momentum when the Irish return to the Joyce Center this weekend against six straight road games. Last weekend the Irish earned their first win of the season when they defeated then CCHA leader Northern Michigan 5-4 on the road Friday night. The weekend split with Northern Michigan pushed Notre Dame's overall record to 1-3-2 and 1-2-1 in the CCHA.

This weekend Notre Dame takes on another CCHA adversary in the Ferris State Bulldogs. Ferris State sits in eighth place in the CCHA with a 2-3-0 record and four points. Notre Dame is in 10th place in the CCHA.

For the Irish to be successful they must continue to play well on defense. The Notre Dame defensive unit is very young, featuring two juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen. Add into the equation a freshman goalie in Morgan Cey and it is easy to see that the Irish are doing just fine. Senior David Inman and junior Connor Dunlop continue to get the Irish on the scoreboard. Dunlop is the current CCHA offensive player of the week after turning in four goals and three assists against Lake Superior State last weekend. He leads Ferris State this season with 16 points.

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This weekend defensively the Irish will try to continue what they are doing. They will look for the offensive output from Dunlop and Inman and Aaron Gill. They will continue to clamp down on defense. And most importantly the Irish will look to continue winning and their confidence.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish travel to UConn

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The early season has just been a rehearsal for the men's swimming and diving team, after competing against Pittsburgh and nationally-ranked University of Tennessee. But this weekend will be opening night for the Irish, as they step onto the Big East stage in Connecticut.

The top-caliber meet-ups early this season may have taught the Irish what they have to do to clinch close races, but they'll need star-studded performances to come out on top of Rutgers and Connecticut.

"I know that our skills are better," said Irish head coach Tim Welsh. "Both of those things strengthen us. The key move in the game will be to put it together at the right time."

Saturday's meet will be the first Big East dual meet this season for the Irish. Connecticut, coming fresh off of victories against Villanova and Seton Hall, is 2-2 in the Big East. And will have the advantage of competing at home in Storrs, Conn. Rutgers, however, will chase after the Irish after placing 5 points behind Notre Dame at last year's Big East Championships.

On paper, Rutgers will have the edge against Connecticut and Notre Dame, according to Welsh. "We have reason to want to stay in front, and they have reason to want to pass us," Welsh said. "This is going to be a side-by-side match-up. There are too many races that are just too close to call."

"This will be our first real test of how we fare in the Big East," said senior co-captain Mike Koss. "Right now, going into the meet, Rutgers wins by about 20 points. But a lot of times a 10th of a second makes all the difference. The bottom line is to just get up on the blocks and race."

Senior diver Andy Maggio will lead the Irish from the 1-meter and 3-meter boards, and Notre Dame can also expect big performances from freshman sprinter Frank Krakowski and senior distance swimmer Jonathan Pierce.

"The team has spent the last few days evaluating and re-evaluating the lineup during practice to put together the fastest possible lineup," Welsh said. "We will need every single person. We have no extra speed anywhere in the program," Welsh said.

"We need to get our swimmers firing again - and we can't wait to see what we can do this weekend in Connecticut."

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By JOE HETTLER AND MATT DeNICOLA

Sports Writers

A rivalry will be renewed on Sunday with the stakes higher than ever. In the first week of the season, No. 1 Dillon squeaked by No. 4 Alumni 6-0 to give the Dawgs their only loss of the season. This week the winner not only gets bragging rights, but also the opportunity to play in Notre Dame Stadium, while the loser goes home.

"If you're not fired up for this game against Alumni, our big rival, and it's a game to get into the Stadium, then I don't know if you should really be playing," said Dillon co-captain Tayt Odom. Alumni co-captain Nick Linstroth couldn't agree more.

"This game is personal in the sense that it's a rivalry," said Linstroth. "I think going to the Stadium is the prize. It would be nice handing any team their first loss of the season to kick them out of the playoffs, but basically we're just looking to win the game."

Each captain also said that both teams played well in the first game of the season and that the two Alumni turnovers inside Dillon's 20-yard-line proved costly for the Dawgs.

"The first game was a great game," said Linstroth. "Basically both defenses were playing well. We just had one fumble and one interception inside Dillon territory. (This game) I just think we need to control the mistakes we made the first time against them."

Odom knows that the team that makes the least mistakes will be victorious.

"They had two big turnovers and I think that was the biggest difference in the game," said Odom. "Otherwise it was a pretty good back and forth, but this game will be different because both offenses should be better."

Linstroth says that Alumni will stick with what's worked for them this season, their running attack.

"We think we can move the ball and we have the running game to do it," said Linstroth. "We better stick with what's working because we're on four straight wins right now."

This whole Dillon has stressed playing tougher football against the Dawgs after what happened during the first game.

"We think that the first game (Alumni) played a lot harder than we did and we want to reverse that this week," said Odom. "We want to go out and play harder and play stronger and play more intense than the first game."

With so much on the line, that shouldn't be a problem for either team this weekend.

Seigfried vs. Fisher

Two teams who followed similar successful seasons with convincing first round victories face off Sunday as the No. 2 Seigfried Ramblers take on the No. 3 Fisher Wave for a trip to the Stadium.

The Seigfried Ramblers handed Kewough 24-6 loss, and the Fisher Green Wave dominated Keenan in a 26-7 victory. Both teams have formidable offenses combined with solid defenses. However, they have not played each other.

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Siegfried dominated their league during the regular season, with only one miscue against Zahm in the second week. Since then, they have been unstoppable. Their touchdowns scored and touchdowns allowed were best in their league.

However, now they must play Fisher, another team that has played dominant football. Tight end Tom Gorman, running back Kameron Chappell and linebacker Devan Kerolis have lead the Green Wave as they wiped out teams throughout the season.

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"Our offense has been very stable," said Aftandilian. "But our defense has won games."

If defense keeps winning games, then the championship truly means something. Both Siegfried and Fisher pride themselves on keeping the opposition out of the end zone.

"We are just going to keep playing like we have all year," said Aftandilian.

Ramblers quarterback Rob Plumby and tailback Travis Smith are one of the most impressive duos on any team.

Siegfried's offense scored a league high 61 points. This becomes even more impressive when one considers that their defense allowed a league low seven.

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Men's Soccer

The Hoyas enter Saturday's matchup with a 6-4 record and a No. 7 seed in the Big East. Georgetown finished the regular season tied with Boston College, but the Eagles took the sixth seed as a result of defeating the Hoyas in their only match-up. Georgetown's overall record is 9-8-1, but that includes defense to top Big East contenders such as St. John's and Rutgers.

Georgetown also holds the distinction of being the only team to defeat No. 1 seed Connecticut in conference play this season. The Hoyas beat the Huskies, 1-0, on Oct. 20 at Harbin Field in Washington, D.C.

The Hoyas come into the game on a three-game winning streak. After a rough October, which saw the Hoyas go 2-5 in their first seven games of the month, Georgetown enjoyed key victories over Pennsylvania, Seton Hall and Pittsburgh. They also bring the Big East's fourth-leading point scorer in Nate Fort, who has 11 goals and three assists in 17 games this season.

However, on paper, the Hoyas seem overmatched by a very tough Irish squad. Anchored by a defense and goalkeeper that preserved only three goals since the end of September, the Irish also enter the match with some momentum.

Notre Dame is coming off an emotional 2-1 overtime victory over Big East rival Syracuse, essentially presenting the Hoyas with a three-game win streak that has played dominant football.

The win on Nov. 3 caps off a streak in which the Irish have won eight of their last nine games, with the sole loss coming to top-seeded Connecticut by a 1-0 count.

"We didn't play our best game against Syracuse, so obviously we've got to go in with almost a fresh mentality and not have big heads," Rosso said. "We've just got to go in and play hard. We can't rely on our momentum, but on the fact that we're in the playoffs and playing for something.

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By MIKE CONNOLLY
Spats Writer

The trophy case behind Yves Auriol’s desk in the Notre Dame fencing office is filled with bronze, silver and gold plaques testifying to the greatness of the Notre Dame fencing program. Five national titles and 42 top 10 finishes glitter behind his desk in the Joyce Center.

But with five highly touted freshmen added to last year’s third place finisher, this year’s Irish team has even higher expectations.

“I think this team is the best team Notre Dame has ever had,” junior epee captain Anna Carnick said.

Auriol is not a quick to drop the banner of greatness around his team before a single bout is fought, but does acknowledge that the 2001-02 Irish could be special.

“It’s more talented than the last three or four years,” Auriol said. In the last four years the Irish have finished second three times and third once.

Most coaches would be happy enough to return 11 of 12 starters from an NCAA third place finisher. But in the off season, Auriol recruited four highly touted freshman and welcomed the top recruit from 2000-01 to the team.

Foilists Andrea Ament, Alijica Wolton who will be trying to qualify for the Junior National Team at a tournament in Dallas, will travel to State College, Pa. for the individual tournament.

Junior Ozren Debic said, “This meet is for the new people to feel their way out and see what they are up against.”

The Irish will face two of their stiffest competition this weekend. Both teams that finished ahead of them at the 2000 championships, Penn State and St. John’s, will compete this weekend.

“This is an individual competition so it doesn’t count for dual meets but we will find out where we are right now,” Auriol said. “I don’t think we are where we want to be right now. But I don’t worry about that because it is very early in the season.”

While this weekend’s results will not impact Notre Dame’s record or seedings for the NCAA Championship qualification, it serves as a barometer for the rest of the season.

“The Penn State Open is always a good measuring stick to see what kind of team you have,” Auriol said.

According to Carnick, the Penn State Open in some ways sets the tone for the rest of the season.

She fenced well at the tournament in 1999 to finish fourth and finished ninth at the 2000 NCAA tournament. In 2000, she fenced poorly at the Penn State Open and dropped to 12th at the NCAA tournament later than season.

“I am nervous for this weekend,” Carnick said. “I did well my freshman year and last year had a poor showing. I am excited to fence against different people than the ones we fence every day in practice.”

The meet is also important for foreign fencers who are not used to the American tournaments.

“Debic has warned Sobieraj and Kryczalo, who are both members of the Polish National Team, about what to expect this weekend.

Sobieraj and Kryczalo both enter the tournament with high expectations from their coach.

Auriol believes both fencers could win their weapons this weekend.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame finishes season with Eck Classic

By COLIN BOYLAN
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A week off from organized competition, the Notre Dame Women’s tennis team will wrap up its fall schedule by hosting the Eck Classic this weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish will play host to Indiana, Arizona and Texas A&M in a dual match format that is intended to prepare the teams for spring competition.

While the tournament will not count for ranking purposes, head coach Jay Louderback is looking forward to getting in some quality match time against tough opponents.

“I’m pretty sure that all four teams will be ranked in the top 35 in preseason rankings,” said Louderback. “So this should be a good sendoff for the fall semester.”

More importantly, the Irish hope to recapitulate valuable match time that might have been lost in their dual match against USC.

Typically in the preseason, teams have only a limited number of weekend matches they can play. In order to maximize match experience, most teams fill their schedule with tournaments versus many other schools.

The Lewis defense has other plans for the game.

“We’re not really changing things up, we have a couple new sets but we’re going to stick with what we know,” said cornerback Kara Heimig.

“We’re just going to play our game.”

The Lewis defense is no pushover.

Giving up only two touchdowns in the regular season, the Chicks have established themselves as a team you will not drive on.

That total was matched last week as McClain punched in two scores, exposing some weakness in the Lewis defense.

Lewis captain Caulin Murry said, “We got relaxed with the big lead. We have to make sure we keep our focus.”

Zachry doesn’t seem phased by the Chicks.

“They run lots of defenses in the league,” said Zachry. “We’re really looking forward to what we’re going to see there.”

“We have a really strong defense,” said Walsh captain Alison Troy. “Our defense is run differently than most defenses in the league.”

Despite the confidence the Irish have in their defense, Walsh knows that the road to the championship game will be hard. Walsh head coach Steve Dillenberger. “They run loss of offensive formations. We need to prepare defensively.”

Welsh has seen Walsh practice, and they know what to expect in the high level of defensive play they will be facing.

“We have practiced more this week. We’ve put in a whole bunch of new (offensive) plays,” said Whirlwinds head coach Joe Blayze.

The Irish will face off against Texas A&M at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and play will continue throughout the weekend.

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Guertin has been a consistent scorer the last seven games for the Irish and carries a six game goal-scoring streak into Friday’s contest, dating back to Notre Dame’s 7-0 win over St. John’s on Oct. 12. She has had a point in 11 of the last 13 games and leads the Irish in scoring, with 26 points on the season.

The Irish have even more incentive to perform well in this weekend’s tournament than just winning the Big East title. The NCAA selection committee will pick the seedings for the NCAA tournament following the conference championships. The Irish, currently ranked no. 6, are looking to grab a No. 1 seed in the tournament, guaranteeing their first four games of the NCAA tournament would be at home.

“We’re hoping that we get the Big East,” said Sarkesian. “That would help us with our seeding.”

The Irish have not lost at home in 38 games, a streak dating back to a win against Duke 4-1 on Sept. 5, 1999.

Despite Notre Dame’s strong performance in the Big East regular season, the Irish received none of the top six awards for the Big East. Pruzinsky, Gonzalez, and Chapman were all named to the Big East First Team, and Sarkesian got a second team nod.

Should the Irish defeat the Eagles tonight, they would go on to face the winner of the Connecticut-West Virginia semifinal on Sunday, said Wagner. “But (tonight’s game) is our focus right now.”

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Humphrey, trying to go for a dunk, was fouled hard by EA Sports' John Mobley. Humphrey landed on his head and lay motionless for about a minute before slowly staggering to his feet. He was led to the locker room by team doctors and did not return to the floor in the first half.

Humphrey returned to the court at halftime and played the first 58 seconds of the second half before sitting out the rest of the game, a move Brey said was planned going into the game. Brey said Humphrey would be able to practice, and that he thought the forward only had a headache.

"We were first going to hold him out for the second half," Brey said. "Our doctor took him down and looked at him for the second half and felt he was OK.

Mike Brey  
Irish head coach

Brey was impressed with the inside play of Harold Swanagan. With Humphrey on the bench for most of the game, Swanagan played 32 minutes and finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds. The Irish trailed 15-13 early in the first half before Terrion Jones stole the ball and was fouled going for a lay up. Jones, who finished with 13 points, hit both free-throws to kick-start a 9-0 Irish run that gave the Irish a 26-15 lead midway through the first half.

Then, with 17:06 left in the game and the Irish leading by 13 points, Notre Dame went on a 20-4 run, highlighted by 3-pointers from Graves, Jones and Jordan Cornette, to give the Irish a comfortable 73-44 margin.

"We played these guys last year, and I had a bad team, and they beat us pretty good," Johnson said. "This year, I have a good team, good athletes, good shooters, and they beat us as bad. This team is as good as any of those teams I've played against, including Missouri. If they don't go into the tournament, I'll be surprised."

Notre Dame's first regular season game is Nov. 16 against New Hampshire. The game begins at 9 p.m. and follows the football pep rally.

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Arizona at Boston College (6-2)

Kansas State at Nebraska

Saturday's Big-12 contest between Kansas State and No. 2 Nebraska has upset potential. Kansas State has been plagued by injuries, especially to their offensive line. Quarterback Ell Roberson has struggled with an ankle injury all year, but now feels close to full speed.

By GREG LADKY
Sports Writer

Florida still has a legitimate shot at the Rose Bowl. Their current low strength of schedule and average computer rankings have kept the Gators out of the BCS top five. But a victory this weekend, along with wins in upcoming games against Tennessee and Florida State will put the Gators in the mix.

Rex Grossman remains the Heisman Trophy candidate as the nation’s leader in passing efficiency. Grossman has the best wide receiver combination in the nation at his disposal in Jabar Gaffney and Reche Caldwell.

The Gators are 5-0 at home this season, but under Lou Holtz have yet to beat Tennessee or Florida.

By BALTIMORE SUN

Last year, South Carolina led Florida 21-3 in the first quarter in Gainesville. But the Gators scored 38 unanswered points to win 41-21 and grab first place in the SEC East.

South Carolina has two solid running backs in Derek Watson and Andrew Pinnock. Defensive End Kalimba Edwards is a freak of nature and may be the most talented player on the field on Saturday.

Holtz, Gamecocks ready for Gators

By GREG LADKY
Sports Writer

Will the Irish enjoying a bye week, Notre Dame fans will have a close eye on the game between the No. 4 Florida Gators and Lou Holtz’s No. 14 South Carolina Gamecocks.

The game matches not only two great teams, but also two of the best coaches. Steve Spurrier is an offensive genius. Lou Holtz has maybe half the talented players he had at Notre Dame, but has quickly turned South Carolina into an SEC juggernaut.

South Carolina quarterback Phil Petty stiff arms his way past Wofford's Nathan Fuqua during the second half of their game last weekend in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks host Florida on Saturday.

South Carolina has two solid running backs in Derek Watson and Andrew Pinnock. Defensive End Kalimba Edwards is a freak of nature and may be the most talented player on the field on Saturday.

South Carolina is healthy again. They bring to Lincoln the same team that lost to Oklahoma by one point at Oklahoma.

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South Carolina must play mistake-free football. Otherwise, they can’t match up against the Gators.

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Holtz has little time for mistakes against the Gators, who can make up for a talent mismatch, it’s Lou Holtz.

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Other Top Games

Oregon at UCLA

Saturday's Pac-10 showdown matches two teams going in opposite directions. No. 7 Oregon has won two in a row to jump back into BCS contention. If the Ducks win out, they are on their way to the Fiesta Bowl.

Three weeks ago, some felt UCLA was the best team in the country and bound for the Rose Bowl. But consecutive losses to Stanford and Washington State on the road dropped UCLA out of the top ten and the BCS standings. A loss this weekend, and UCLA may be off to the Las Vegas Bowl.

Lately, Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington has proven why he was, and may still be, a Heisman candidate. He threw six touchdowns in a 42-24 win over Arizona State last weekend.

Brin quarterback Clay Webb has been ineffective of late with a thumb injury. Even worse, the NCAA declared Pac-10 leading rusher DeShaun Foster ineligible for Saturday’s game for receiving an extra benefit.

North Carolina at Auburn

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By BALTIMORE SUN

Miami State officials confirmed they don’t think the game is in jeopardy.

"There’s no question they are better than their record (4-4) indicates," Iowa State head coach Dan McCamey. "They are an excellent football team. They have playmakers.”

"Iowa State is our biggest game," Holtz said. "Maybe we should forfeit and lose 2-0," Holtz said.

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Irish return home after 6 road games

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

After 26 days filled with road games, the Irish volleyball team (16-5, 10-0) returns to the Joyce Center court tonight as the team hosts St. John’s in the first of two Big East matches this weekend.

Since defeating Rutgers in three games on Oct. 14, the Irish have struggled at times in six consecutive road matches, going 4-2, including losses to Northern Iowa and Saint Louis.

“I think we’re more comfortable, we’re more relaxed,” head coach Debbie Brown said of the team’s return to its home court. "There are different variables to deal with — travel and staying in hotels and that kind of stuff. I think we’d rather play at home than be on the road.”

With a return home, the Irish return to the basics. As of late, the Irish have been successful hitting and blocking but struggled at various times with passing and serving.

“The more we’ve played, I think that when we serve very well it just makes our defense and our block that much better,” Brown said. “When we pass really well, that just makes our offense that much better. That’s really been our focus this week, trying to work on those two skills.”

With the Big East Tournament next weekend in Pittsburgh, shoring up any offensive struggles is key.

“I think if we play well in those two areas, that’ll make a big difference for us,” Brown said.

With the four spots in the tournament already locked in by Notre Dame, Rutgers, Georgetown and Connecticut, the Irish look to remain undefeated in the conference and secure the No. 1 seed.

As they take on St. John’s tonight, the Irish face a Red Storm team that comes in with a 17-8 record, but just two wins in its last eight matches. But with a balanced attack that boasts four players — Sarah McClary, Rosalyn Dang, Krissy Mercein and Mischara Saunders — with more than 190 kills, St. John’s is not a team to be taken lightly. But Brown is confident her team’s defense can respond to the challenge.

“I think that they are definitely an improved team over last year,” Brown said. “I think they’re outside dominant. We tend to match up pretty well against those teams with our blocking and our defense. I think we feel pretty good about what we can do against them.”

Last year against the Red Storm, current senior Marcie Bombeck had 16 kills while classmate Malinda Goralski added seven blocks and eight kills. Brown knows for her team to be successful heading into the postseason, the seniors must step up as leaders.

“We’ve talked to the seniors specifically and I think they responded really well about taking over at this time in the season,” Brown said. “It’s important for them to be really strong in their leadership, not just being vocal but with their play.”

Sunday’s match pits the Irish against the Pirates of Seton Hall. At 12-11 this season, the Pirates enter the weekend with a 5-5 mark in the conference, the same record St. John’s brings in. The key offensive threat for Seton Hall is Kari Belin, who averages 3.69 kills per game on .319 hitting.

“‘She’s definitely picked it up and she’s what I would call their go-to player,” Brown said of Belin. “She plays a couple of rotations outside plus one middle and carries a pretty heavy load for them in the back row too. She’s definitely the person on their team that we’ll key on.”

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Irish head to New Jersey looking for 7th straight Big East title

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 6 ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team enters the semifinals of the Big East championships in Piscataway, N.J. this weekend playing solid, but not dominating soccer.

Coming off of a winning, but unspectacular 2-0 performance over St. John's, the Irish are looking to kick their game up a notch as they face a stronger Big East opponent in Boston College Friday night.

"Everything's worked out [from St. John's]," said junior defender Vanessa Pruzinsky. "We're not so worried about us." The Irish, who have won the last six Big East championships and have never lost a Big East championship game, face off against an unfamiliar Eagle squad at 5 p.m. Notre Dame last played Boston College Nov. 3, 2000 at Alumni Field, earning a 3-0 win.

The Eagles have been the Big East version of Survivor so far in the Big East tournament, barely escaping their quarterfinal match against Rutgers, 4-3.

But thanks to a strong second half, the Irish overcame their slow start and blew past the EA Sports All-Stars, 95-70, in Notre Dame's final exhibition of the season.

"Tonight was a good example of a good test for us," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "We didn't start off looking smooth offensively and it wasn't pretty offensively, so I thought we got frustrated at times." "We're gonna have games like this," Brey said. "From start to finish, we're not going to be dominating for 40 minutes like it was last game. Those are good players, and that's a good team." Graves went 10-of-17 from the field, including 5-of-9 from 3-point range, and led all scorers with 26 points.

"I thought David Graves' demeanor was fabulous in the first half," said Brey. "We had a little bit of game press sure on us. He was the only guy keeping us pretty solid and pretty sane at the time." The Irish got a scare with 5:45 left in the first half when Ryan should take care of it," the Irish enter the first round of the Big East tournament seeded second overall with a 7-3 conference record. They tied for second with St. John's, but the Irish earned the tiebreaker due to having more conference wins.

The Irish did not play the Red Storm this year. Notre Dame's appearance in the Big East Tournament has the Irish players excited about what they've accomplished so far this season. Only the top eight teams advance to the conference tournament at the end of the regular season, and the Irish fell just short last year, finishing one spot out of the playoffs.

"I think today's practice is a great example [of the excitement]," Rosso said. "We just want to play to the best of our ability, and the rest

Irish forward Amy Warner dribbles the ball in a recent game. The Irish take on Boston College today in the Big East Tournament semifinals.

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Men's Soccer

Irish wary of upset in Big East tourney

By BRYAN KRONK and CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writers

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will be on high alert on Saturday night, making sure to not let the upset bug infect it when the Irish take on Georgetown at Alumni Field in the quartersinals of the Big East championships.

While the Irish beat the Hoyas 3-1 on Oct. 5, a lot has changed since then, and the Irish are aware that the Big East tournament is a whole new ballgame.

"We've played Georgetown before, so we know a little bit about them and we know their style," senior forward Matt Rosso said. "We just want to play to the best of our ability, and the

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- ND Women's Soccer vs. Boston College, Today, 5 p.m.
- ND Volleyball vs. St. John's, Today, 7 p.m.
- Women's Tennis Eck Classic, Friday-Sunday
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