Bishop, Foley demand Smith's resignation

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Erik Smith, former Student Union Secretary, was persuaded to resign Sunday night after serving at the position for only one week.

“It caught me completely off guard,” said Smith.

Pat Hallahan, chief of staff, informed Smith that there were problems with the minutes that he records and asked him to resign at an impromptu meeting late Sunday night, said Smith.

Before resigning, Smith asked to meet with Libby Bishop, student body vice president, and Trip Foley, student body vice president. Hallahan informed him Bishop and Foley were not available to meet. Smith could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

Foley said that this should not have come as a shock to Smith.

“We had had talks throughout the year and we had decided that this was the best decision,” Foley said.

No formal memos were given to Smith concerning his job performance, Smith said.

Smith’s job as secretary was to record the minutes for Student Senate, Campus Life Council and Executive Cabinet. Foley and Smith had discussed the formal, font style and length of the minutes previously, Smith said.

The former secretary said those changes were made as requested and was under the impression that the minutes were acceptable. Following the Sept. 12 Senate meeting Bishop told them they were what she was looking for, said Smith.

“They never told me they worried about my ability to do the job,” said Smith.

Smith met with Foley and Hallahan Monday before the CLC meeting. Bishop was not in attendance due to a doctor’s appointment, Smith said.

“I went in thinking we could work things out and reconcile our difference,” Smith said.

He said he was informed that if he did not resign actions would be taken to remove him, regardless of his approval by the Senate.

Foley denied that Smith was given the ultimatum of either leaving on his own terms or being removed. "We bid Smith, and Smith I came to a consensual decision," Foley said.

At Tuesday’s Senate Oversight Committee meeting, senators were informed that Smith would likely be removed for best interests of what they have found, “but not analytical or inquisitive of what they have found,” said Hellwig.

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s News Editor

Many Catholics follow the doctrine and beliefs of the Church but often do not reflect or question why the doctrine is taught and followed, Monika Hellwig told the Saint Mary’s community Thursday.

College students, faculty and administration gathered on campus for the “Catholic Identity Symposium,” led by Hellwig, executive director for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The purpose of the discussion was to delve into those issues affecting Catholic colleges and how they particularly affect the identity of Saint Mary’s.

“This is a very significant topic for Saint Mary’s College, our Catholic identity and how it affects our campus,” College President Marloa Eldred said.

Prior to Hellwig’s lecture, attendees viewed a video presentation of students and faculty sharing their thoughts on Catholicism at the College.

“What is so interesting about the comments is that they were all grateful for what they have learned at Saint Mary’s, but not analytical or inquisitive of what they have found,” said Hellwig.

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

The dining hall is not only about eating, but also about entertaining. For students who prefer a quiet meal, two dining rooms have remained music-free for some of the music they play, I think that it is a good idea and that many people will prefer it,” said sophomore Eric Wooldridge.

Food selection and variety have also become a priority. An increase in healthy choices, such as soy milk, are now offered in response to student comments. Additionally, North Dining Hall has been especially conscious of vegan and vegetarian dining preferences, ensuring that there is at least one vegetarian and vegan alternative on the menu every day.

Greater selections of fresh fruits, grilled vegetables, fish and grilled or roasted meats have added healthy variety to the dining hall menu.

Glon said that many of the changes students have been seeing came from student comments. Comment cards and verbal suggestions are taken very seriously by the dining hall staff, which works together with hall rectors, the Student Activities Office and the Student Union Board to ensure
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Keg theft**

Keg stealing is the latest college sport to hit off-campus living since the invention of playing cups on the back porch. And believe us, as unwilling participants we should know.

The goal of the game is to protect the keg at any cost from unsuspecting party crashers. A few options include, but are not limited to, sitting on your keg, but of course, this limits any possible keg stand marathons.

Employing the biggest, baddest, guy you know to be your “keg bouncer” and of course this means free beer for him all night long (we are now accepting applications). Rent a guard dog, preferably one big and mean but still cute enough to interest the opposite sex, to protect the keg.

Or you could get a decoy keg of Natty Light, because who really wants to drink that anyway.

Always stay in the vicinity of your keg, no matter how tempting it is to wander to the party twenty houses away.

If need arises to go on the defense here are some tried and true methods for the recovery of the keg:

Send your quickest friends to run after the keg thieves. Make sure you take off any cumbersome shoes and fly after the keg (high highs all not the most conducive shoes and fly after the keg thieves coming back in and taking advantage of the remainders of your partying supplies or anything else for that matter).

Most importantly do not let this ruin your night, because there’s always the ‘dumber waiting for you.

When hosting a party remember that it is always having fun but sometimes there are unfortunate incidents that occur, such as having your keg stolen. In the end it is about the memories you make and you’ll always have a story to tell the grandkids.

Heck, your license plate could be stolen next weekend but fight for the social hierarchy and have a good time. And by the way has anyone seen an extra tap hanging about.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ND**

**WHAT’S GOING DOWN**

Student reports stolen box: A student reported the theft of a cable box from his unlocked Keenan Hall room between 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. on Wednesday. The case is still pending with no suspects.

Assault goes to prosecutor: NDSP is turning an assault case from the summer over to the prosecutor’s office for review of criminal charges. The case was first reported July 22 to have occurred at the LaFortune Student Center and it has been under investigation since. The case is also being referred for administrative review.

Visitor reports missing bike: NDSP relocated eight vehicles Wednesday in the D06 North Lot to a different location to due to work in the parking lot.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMC**

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Locked bike reported stolen: NDSP received a report of a locked bike being taken from a bike rack outside St. Edward’s church. The report was made on Sept. 12. There are no suspects.

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Police investigate car thefts: Police are investigating two separate reports of motor vehicle thefts in the Student South Stadium lot. One case was reported to have occurred Wednesday between 7 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. The other case was also reported to have occurred Wednesday between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**WHAT’S COOKING**

**North Dining Hall**

**Today’s Lunch:** Texas chili, chicken, seafood gumbo, sausage pineapple pizza, meatloaf, scrambled corn caserole, carrots with honey-orange sauce, cherry crisp, Szechuan vegetable stir-fry, grilled Tilapia, potatoes with spinach, broccoli, beans, oatmeal, scrambled eggs, sausage pattie, potato triangles, breaded cheese sticks, Chicken Fajita, Lone Star rice

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**South Dining Hall**

**Today’s Lunch:** Spaghetti Putanesca, Southwestern pasta sauce, basil-garlic linguiça, Hawaiian pizza, cheese & pineapple pie, Winter-blend vegetables, beef chop suy, Cajun-baked Polieck, roast top round, baked sweet potatoes, long grain & wild rice, ham & cheese on white, Steakhouse fries, soft pretzel, chicken tempura, California Eldorado caserole

**Today’s Dinner:** Potato Pancakes, Hot Chunky Applesauce, Stuffed Green Peppers, Tuna Casserole, roast turkey, Bread, Basting Stuffed, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Sautéed Chicken Breast, Roast Turkey, Steakhouse Fries, Soft Pretzel, Broccoli-Garlic Tofu, Caribbean Chicken, Saint Mary’s Dining Hall

**Today’s Lunch:** Matz, marinara sauce, cheese quesadillas, Texas rice, black bean, vegetable chili, corn bread, sizzling chicken, cesar salads, fish & chips, eggplant BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, Chef’s vegetable, Meat Lover’s pizza, chicken pizza, dell bar with egg salad

**Today’s Dinner:** Chef’s pasta, marinara sauce, cabbage roll with bulgur & cheese, roasted carrots, baked potatoes, steak sandwich turkey burger, vegetable patty, French fries, chicken parmesean, pasta parmesan, Chef’s vegetable, garlic bread, turkey swiss, calzone, cheese pizza, dell bar with egg salad

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**CORRECTIONS**

Commission: A picture in yesterday’s Scene section accidentally misidentified the actors Gary Cooper and Ingred Beker Hunt as Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor. The Observer regrets the error.
University disputes controverse birth-control survey

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Most Catholic universities in the United States fail to provide adequate reproductive health options to their female students, said a recent study by a radical Catholic splinter group.

The report "Student Bodies: Reproductive Health Care at Catholic Universities," compiled by survey results from 133 Catholic colleges and universities and determined that only 12 percent of Catholic institutions provide some form of contraception in their student health services.

Organizers of the study, Catholics For a Free Choice, a pro-choice think tank, and its president, Frances Kissling, are no strangers to controversy. In 2000, the organization called on the United Nations to expel Vatican City from its ranks. Kissling has referred to Cardinal John O'Connor as "a bully" and Pope John Paul II as "an authoritarian."

The group's survey of Notre Dame found that certain services are offered at the University Health Center, including pap smears, breast cancer screenings, and tests for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. However, other services were not available; the center does not provide condoms or oral contraceptives, in keeping with Notre Dame policy.

University medical personnel declined to comment, but sources in the administration confirmed that birth control measures are not available on campus.

In addition, University personnel are not obligated to refer students to organizations that provide these services. This mandate extends to student organizations as well. In 1986, the Women's Resource Center, which provides information on women's issues, including sexuality and health, was sanctioned by administrators for distributing literature with positive references to artificial contraception.

Notre Dame administrators came out against the findings of the study's conclusions.

The report claims that "Catholic universities fail to provide sufficient services for (pregnant) students" is simply untrue, said Sister Mary Louise Gude, assistant supervisor for Notre Dame.

"When a woman is pregnant, healthcare is primary," said Gude, adding that unmarried female students who become pregnant are not subject to disciplinary action.

"No matter how life starts, it is sacred," Gude added, in response to CFFC's calls for easier access to abortion for students in Catholic institutions.

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that customer suggestions are heard and implemented.

“We have worked very hard at getting customer comments and
doing something about them,” Glon said. “We are not going to
please everybody, but we are sure going to try. This is the stu­
dents’ dining hall . . . they are our guests.”

Future ideas include implementing trial periods for different
kinds of food, such as Mediterranean or Cuban dishes, and addi­
tions like spice racks or a shrimp option in the stir-fry bar.

October is Food History Month and North Dining Hall plans to
make December a Bakery month with cooking demonstrations,
displays and a gingerbread house contest.

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Students participate in North Dining Hall’s Rice Race, a promotion that the cafeteria is running
for National Rice Month. Participants raced from North to South Dining Hall, where they retrieved
a secret item and rushed back to the starting point. The winner received a mountain bike.

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said Hellwig.

While Hellwig generalizes Catholics into two categories, she explained that no one fits
perfectly into either group.

“There is polarity in the Church, not between bad and
good guys, but between Catholics in the Church,” said
Hellwig. “There are people who greatly fear we will lose the
core teachings, and still believe
in the Church before the sec­
ond Vatican council. Then
there are people who have
gone deeper into Scripture and
read the historical context.”

These two categories of peo­
ple affect Catholic identity
because there are varying opin­
ions on the correct way to
operate as a Catholic college.

“I’m not coming here with a
magic potion, because it is
something we have to struggle
through,” said Hellwig. “We
have to take responsibility but
there is not an easy answer.”

Hellwig divided the aspects
that affect Catholic identity on
campus into two categories, one
being the quality of life on
campus, into which she includ­
ed the interrogation between study, socialization and prayer.

“What distinguishes Catholic
institutions from secular col­
leges is the interrogation of
prayer,” she said. “There is a
concern for everyone on cam­
pus, from the president to the
junior, because we are all
formed in the image of God.”

The second category, the
educational and intellectual
quality of the campus, relates
to the curriculum construction,
educational goals, understand­
ing of community dimensions
and the importance of stimulat­
ing the imagination.

“A critical aspect of Catholic
identity of colleges is that we
not think of the future as what
position we will have or how
much money we will make, but
to see the future not in terms of
a career but as a vocation,”
said Hellwig.

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Bush looks for authority from Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President George W. Bush insisted Thursday that military force must be used if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein does not relinquish all weapons of mass destruction.

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AUSTRIA

U.N. weapons inspectors gear up for return to Baghdad

Associated Press

VIENNA - U.N. weapons inspectors gearing up for a return mission to Iraq will have to overcome daunting obstacles to shed doubt on Saddam Hussein's nuclear program, chief nuclear inspector Paul Blix said Thursday.

Four years after they were pulled out of Iraq, the inspectors are to return for the Nov. 5 elections and legislative leaders said the vote could come in two weeks. Bush's proposed resolution says Iraq has repeatedly violated U.N. resolutions and international law by possessing chemical and biological weapons, seeking nuclear weapons, repressing the Iraqi people and cooperating with terrorists.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Hurricane Isidore Heads Toward Cuba: Hurricane Isidore gathered strength and moved slowly Thursday toward Cuba's western tip and its small Isle of Youth, prompting the government to board up schools and move tens of thousands of people to safer areas. Isidore, the second Atlantic hurricane of the 2002 season, was expected to drench Cuba's western half through the weekend, with a possible 2 feet of rain.

GreenSPAN to be knighted by queen: Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan will receive an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II next week. Buckingham Palace said Thursday Greenspan has helped shape the U.S. economy for 15 years, will be honored for his contribution to global economic stability. Because he is not a British citizen, Greenspan cannot use "Sir" in front of his name, but he can put the letters KBE after his name.

National News Briefs

Experts warn on food supply threat: A year after the Sept. 11 attacks, the United States remains vulnerable to bioterrorism aimed at farms that produce the nation's food, a panel of scientists said in a report released Thursday. "It's not a matter of 'if.' It's a matter of 'when,' " said B. James Cook, a committee member from Washington State University. "While there may be a very low probability now, what about in 20 years?"

Doctor accused of molesting 2 people: A doctor who once headed the Presidential Advisory Council on AIDS and HIV has been accused by state regulators of sexually molesting two patients at his office. Dr. R. Scott Hitt, an AIDS specialist and gay activist, said he touched one patient inappropriately in August 2000 and crossed a boundary with another one month earlier, according to a formal accusation filed by the Medical Board of California.

Detroit Hit With Syphillis Epidemic: Detroit has been hit with the biggest outbreak of syphilis in the nation's history that has led to a shake-up in the state Health Department. Health officials said the reason for the crisis is that city and state officials became lax in their battle against the disease after a drop-off in cases during the 1990s. Detroit had 245 new cases of syphilis this year as of July 30, and the number is likely to reach 500 by year's end.

West Nile kills 23rd adult in Illinois: The death toll from West Nile virus in Illinois climbed to 23 Thursday in what is by far the worst outbreak in the nation since the disease was first detected in the United States in 1999. The Illinois Health Department announced another death and 33 new human cases of the virus, bringing the state's total to 457. The most recent death was that of a 73-year-old woman from Chicago. She died Tuesday.

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resigning and were asked to review the process for impeachment as stated in the constitution, should he not resign, said Rick Harris, a senator from Siegfried Hall.

"We didn't have a straight witness," said Fisher Hall Senator Neil Vargas. "Trip asked us to go over that to see that we had the same interpretation of the constitution."

Article IV, Section 1, No. 4 of the constitution states that any official appointed and approved by the Senate is subject to removal for misconduct of office following a two-thirds vote by the Senate. Harris said that it was confusing at Tuesday's meeting as to what the misconduct pertained to.

"Eric did a good job while he was secretary and in my opinion there has been no evidence presented to me that would constitute a removable or impeachable offense," said Harris.

Smith met with Bishop on Wednesday to submit his letter of resignation. During the meeting, Bishop suggested that he rephrase his letter because parts of it were too harsh, Smith said.

Bishop couldn't be reached for comment Thursday.

Bishop informed senators at Wednesday's Senate meeting that Smith had submitted his letter of resignation. The letter was not provided to senators because Smith resigned to Bishop — not the Senate, as Varga said. Seniors received an e-mailed version of the letter from Smith Wednesday night following the meeting.

In his resignation letter, Smith said, "Officially, I am resigning to spend more time with Smith. I am here. At the university, I have had the opportunity to work with the people, to serve the people and to serve the administration.

"I also would like you to know, however, that I am only resigning because I am being firmly persuaded to do so," said Smith in his letter.

He also wrote that he could perform the job correctly and would be an asset to the bodies that he would serve.

The letter also said, "I suppose that there is a difference of opinion where it matters most, however, and I am not being allowed to continue the job asked of me."

Smith said the minutes for Senate have never been late. He admits that he was at fault for not sending the minutes to senators via e-mail before the meetings as requested.

"Our conflict was where my style and Trip's style did not meet in the middle," said Smith.

Smith said he decided to be professional and resign and hopes he can work with student government again.

"I don't want this to be messy. All that was messy was the way it was handled. Student government is not about this type of thing. It shouldn't be this political. It's about seeing the needs of the students and taking them to the administration to work with them," said Smith.

Bishop nominated Smith last spring. In her recommendation letter to the Senate, she spoke highly of Smith and referred to his previous experience as district secretary for the community service-based organization Key Club in high school.

Smith has been replaced by freshman Emily Chin. Chin signed up to become involved with student government at this year's activity fair and had not previously been in the student government office, said Foley.

Bishop said one of her qualifications was being student body president last year in high school, when she was making her official recommendation of Chin to the Senate. The Senate approved Chin without question or the usual formal letter of recommendation from the student body president.

Chin attended this week's Campus Life Council and Executive Cabinet meetings, said Bishop.

Search crews have spent the past week draining and searching for evidence in Salt Creek. Natural conditions have stirred work as rain, mud and water upstream from the ground fed back into the creek bed.

Dunn said the 27 person Salt Creek crew spends 10 to 15 minutes removing one worker stuck in the sludge on average. Wednesday's effort saw two workers stuck in the sludge.

Bloomington Police Department Detective Marty Deckard said while parts of the creek bed are now showing, pools of water dot the 1.4-mile stretch of the creek. Workers have been concentrating on the few hundred yards south of the north dam.

"We've exposed an area of land that has been under water for hundreds of years. I don't expect that mud to dry up any more," Deckard said. "You end up with mud up 6 inches above the knee, stuck and it stinks."

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Wring out the old, bring in the new

The small laundry service tacked away on the north side of campus is making moves to establish more ties to students with new packaging plans. Currently, Saint Michael's provides a direct drop-off service to each residence hall for students who use the wash/dry/fold clothes plan, but business director David Bartholomew worries that students are unaware of the additional services the laundry offers.

"It appears that many students think that the laundry just provides a wash/dry/folding service for everyday laundry," he said. "Often students think, 'Well, I can wash that kind of laundry myself.' One of our goals this year is to explain all of the aspects our full-service laundry offers.

Each year, Saint Michael's turns out 30,000 bundles, or 1.5 million pounds of laundry. "We also offer dry-cleaning, shirt/pants pressing, and full-service tailoring," assis­tant director Robin Kramer said. Additionally, the lack of Saint Michael's is known for its tailor's marks and the tactics they use to remove them. "We are competitive with local cleaners."

Despite the numerous services that Saint Michael's offers, the laundry's statistics show that the number of students who use it has varied over the years. According to statistics calculated by the laundry, 70 percent of freshmen use Saint Michael's compared with 14 percent of the sophomore class and 10 percent of the junior class. However, there is a jump in the senior class with 30 percent of seniors also using this service.

Saint Michael's also said men outnumber women by 50 percent as users of the service. Despite the numbers Bartholomew stressed that using the laundry service was as easy as walking into the building located in front of Lewis Hall.

No student has to pay or be on any plan; it will just go onto your student account," Bartho­lomew said. "In addition to the wash/dry/fold clothes plan, but with the new computer system, the laundry service will be able to deliver clothes that have been tailored and dry cleaned along with other services.

"We offer dry-cleaning, shirt pressing and full-service tailoring," Robin Kramer said. "The business is awaiting the installation of a new computer system to offer services more suited to the individual student customer."

Saint Michael's is mostly known for its bundle delivery of students on the wash/dry/fold clothes plan, but with the new computer system, the laundry service will be able to deliver clothes that have been tailored and dry cleaned along with other services. "No longer will you have to walk over to the laundry's distribution center near Zab M Hall to pick up a formal for a dance because it will be includ­ed in your package," Kramer said. "You will just have to wait two days after you send it in to receive all of your clothes back whether cleaned, folded, pressed or dry cleaned."

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Tyco executive free on $100M bond

NEW YORK

A judge allowed former Tyco International Ltd. chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz to remain free on bail Thursday, pending a hearing on whether assets pledged for the bonds came from alleged multimillion dollar corruption and grand larceny for which they are charged. In addition to elaborate."
Dayton Contemporary Dance Company moves SMC

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

Students crowded into Saint Mary's Regina Hall dance studio Thursday for a master technique class offered by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. Led by company member Monnette Bariel, the Saint Mary's community received a lesson in the Horton tradition of modern dance.

"The opportunity to be exposed to a professional-level technique and different styles — there's something about the hype of it being different, having someone special brought in that makes it really exciting. The newness of it and the adventure someone special brought in that there's something about the newness of it and the adventure,

"She really helped out all the dancers. She gave us comments and helped us correct our technique, and she was really nice about it," Pendley said.

Thursday's instruction served as a supplement to the company's performance insight in the O'Laughlin Auditorium, where, Bariel said, it will be reaching back to its African roots.

"I find that this company, because we're a repertory company, we have so many choreographers and so many different styles of dance. Like, you'd see in the concert that there are four different choreographers works in one evening. So we get the most recent contemporary modern to the oldest style of modern or jazz, because we do things that are very balletic modern and things that are more jazzy modern and things that are very modern modern. So we have this huge range," Bariel said.

The evening's show will open with "Children of Passage," choreographed by Donald McKayle and Ronald Brown, and originally set to the live music of the Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Described by Bariel as a "spiritual ascent," it finds strong basis in African movement and tells the story of lost souls who are led by sprites to their ances-

"Promontory," another aspect of the show, will be performed by an all-male cast, challenging an all-male role in dance and society. The dancers nurture each other, wrapping their arms in comfort and strength. This piece demonstrates the subtle power of the men, who execute lengthy one-legged balances and strength-draining lifts that demonstrate the versatility of the show.

Sheri "Sparkle" Williams, who has danced with the company since its origin, explores the plight of the dancer on a quest for personal perfection in her solo entitled "Growth (A Part of a Bigger Picture)."

"It is the raw experience of a dancer coming into their own, where they've come from, how hard they worked. The first thing she says is 'Stamina, resis-

"I think it's really special that this company has a lot of roots in the black tradition of modern dance, and I think it offers us a cultural insight into that," Dieckgrafe said.

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**Israel**

**Peace thrown to wayside as bomber interrupts cabinet**

Associated Press

**TEL AVIV**

A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up on a crowded Tel Aviv bus killing five other people Thursday, and Israeli tanks roared back into Yasser Arafat’s West Bank compound.

The violence snuffed out hopes that after a six-week lull the conflict was winding down. The half-stopped bomb scorchcd the bus and sent passengers fleeing out of shattered windows, as the vehicle lurched forward for 50 feet on the downtown boulevard, the driver’s burned body slouched over the wheel. Forty-nine people were wounded.

Hours later tanks moved in and fired in the direction of the Palestinian leader’s battered office as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened his Cabinet in emergency session, fueling speculation about whether he intended to continue Arafat to the building or perhaps to expel him from the West Bank.

In Jerusalem, there was no immediate claim of responsibility, though media reported conflicting claims from the militant Islamic Jihad and Hamas groups. The attack—along with a suicide bombing Wednesday that killed an Israeli policeman—ended a relative lull that lasted six weeks and raised hopes that two years of violence might be winding down. The burst of violence came after Israel turned down a Palestinian offer for a phased cease-fire.

In Gaza City early Friday, Israeli forces entered a mixed industrial-residential neighborhood and blew up three metal workshops, witnesses said. Two Palestinians, a 25-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man, were killed by gunfire, doctors said. Nearby houses were damaged by the explosions. Israeli tanks were withdrawing from the area before daybreak, residents said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment in the past, the Israelis have destroyed workshops where they said weapons were made. And in Abu Dis, a West Bank suburb of Jerusalem, Israeli soldiers destroyed the family homes of two older Palestinians who put up 11 people and themselves in Jerusalem in a Dec. 1 bombing.

Earlier Thursday, a 12-year-old Palestinian blew himself up in Ramallah when he broke an Israeli curfew to buy cigarettes for his father. Witnesses said he was shot by Israeli soldiers.

The military had no comment.

Hours after the Tel Aviv blast, tanks were sent into the Ramallah compound. The Israeli military said that “in response to the terrorist attack, Israeli forces surrounded the compound.”

Soldiers with loudspeakers called on wanted Palestinians inside to surrender, naming Tawfik Taha, the security commander, an Israeli official said.

After its session, the Israeli Cabinet issued a statement blaming the violence on Arafat, “who established the coalition of terror.” It said operational decisions were made, but did not elaborate.

Israel Radio said the Cabinet decided to isolate Arafat in his office and demand the surrender of wanted Palestinians inside. Sharon resisted calls to expel Arafat, saying such a measure would cause Israeli political damage. Last spring, Israeli tanks confined Arafat to his office for nearly six weeks.

“Civilians are paying the price for the policy of Sharon.”

Ghassan Khatib

Palestinian cabinet minister

_Bush roared out of Tel Aviv Great Synagogue, upscale cafes and working-class bars in close proximity. “People were yelling, ‘Take us out of here,’ said a witness, Herzl Ben-Moshe, who rushed to the bus to help rescue passengers._

One man with bare chest was wheeled away by paramedics. Another man sat on the sidewalk, crying.

After the attack, Hamas spokesman Ismail Abu Shanab told The Associated Press he expected to see “a series of operations against the Zionist enemy, as a result of the daily brutal crimes against our people.” But he stopped short of a Hamas claim of responsibility.

The Islamic Jihad group said it sent the bomber in Wednesday’s attack, who blew himself up a bus stop in Israel’s north, killing a policeman.

In Washington, President Bush condemned the bombings. “If you want people to grow up in a peaceful world, all parties must do everything they can to reject and stop violence,” he said.

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Safety measures need improvement

Last Saturday, J. Terence Reilly, 64, of Northbrook, Ill., suffered a massive heart attack while sitting in his seat in Section 118 of Notre Dame Stadium during the football game against Southern Illinois. Reilly never reached the concourse area while waiting for paramedics to reach him in the crowd of spectators.

While Northrock's death was probably unavoidable due to the severity of his heart attack, the unfortunate incident draws attention to a problem in Notre Dame Stadium and other stadiums that have venues on campus. 

Ana Kleva, director of University Health Services, said that it took at least 10 minutes for help to reach Northrock, though the scene near the stands was well-staffed with medical personnel. 

The six doctors employed by the University in the Stadium's two emergency stations on game days are clearly not adequate. Now, with over 80,000 people in the Stadium and an upper and lower deck, public safety measures in the Stadium need to be updated.

The personnel supplied now is functional for the occasion.
The subject of birth control is a very weighty issue. Many women, especially those who are educated women, choose to take the pill as a form of contraception.

Where, however, do we think it’s necessarily the duty of the University, a Catholic institution, to provide birth control in the form of the pill, to women between the ages of 20 and 30 — is the pill. Birth control is 87 percent effective. When used with spermicide, the percent­age increases. Even more effective — and more recommended by doctors to women between the ages of 20 and 30 — is the pill. Birth control pills, when taken properly, are 99 percent effective. If women are responsible enough to take the pill properly, then the pill is one percent defective. Used with a condom, the pill is even more effective.

I am astonished at Greemels’ claim that those who take the pill are irresponsible. First of all, the pill is a preventive measure. To give Greemels a little health lesson, the pill tricks a woman’s body into thinking she’s pregnant and it prevents the egg from being fertilized. Usually if a woman’s pill fails (though if taken properly this will almost never happen), the pill does not abort the fetus. She will most likely miss her next period and will know that she’s pregnant. Ask any doctor, and he or she will tell you the same.

Yes, Notre Dame is Catholic. And I am not one to tell the University to act against its mandate as a Catholic institution. Men and women of this college can obtain birth control on their own, if they choose. It’s their decision. And I do not think Greemels has made, rather than shake a finger at those who do not take the pill and tell them “birth control is not the answer,” inform them of ways to avoid unwanted pregnancies and disease.

Amanda Rubio
off-campus
Northeastern University
Sept. 18

Patriotism entails criticizing the government

KENT, Ohio

During the past year there has been a lot of talk about patriotism. As we all display our American flags (often incorrectly) and cheer for our country on in the battle against terrorism, there has been a lot of debate about what patriotism really means.

Notice that the definition Michael Collins

Daily Kent Stater

Patriotism includes the right to fly the flag upside down or even to burn it. The code for displaying these “Disabled” flags should only be “in case of extreme danger to life or property.” Many people feel that our freedoms are in a state of “dire distress,” not by planes flying into buildings, but by our government burning the flag, not saying that they hate our country. They are saying that they believe our own government is destroying the freedoms that our country holds most dear. They believe that our freedom itself is indeed burning.

Our freedom of expression gives us the right to question our government’s actions. Citizens who blindly accept the battles we are fighting are not exercising that right. Many seem perfectly happy to take that right away from us. This is not patriotism. To not exercise the rights that make our country great is to risk losing them. The patriots are the ones fighting for the ideals for which our country stands, not those mindlessly bobbing their flags in agreement.

Whether you agree with the government’s actions or not is what is important. It is the questioning itself. I do agree with some of the government’s actions, and I disagree with others. But it is the fact that I am actually forming my own opinion that makes me patriotic.

The next time someone talks about patriotism, take a moment to stop and think about what the word really means. You may find patriotism in places you did not expect.

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By MARIA SMITH
Scene Writer

Domer Dogs

What is it that makes people love their dogs so much? Is it the drool? The noise? The cost of getting rid of fleas? Of course, the answer is that despite any of these things, all dogs offer something invaluable and rare — unconditional love. And no dogs get more love in return than the six living in dorms on Notre Dame campus.

Between lonely freshmen looking for a friend and older students missing their own puppies, the dorm dogs get plenty of attention. The entire campus knows and loves these furry friends. Anyone who lives with a dog long enough begins to talk to their pet like a little person. Dogs are very much like little people — they have their own tastes, favorite pastimes, and personalities. Here at Notre Dame, our dogs represent all different aspects of the dog spectrum.

Farley

What's the most recognizable face on campus? Father Hesburgh? Father Malloy? How about Farley? The little light brown Pekingese can be seen almost every warm day lying outside on the grass or stretching her leash across the sidewalk looking for bits of bologna sandwiches and other treats from students on their way back from North Dining Hall.

Farley has lived in Farley Hall since December 2000. Since she was carried in, Ethiopia Etheridge took her in after she was found on the Notre Dame lakes in the cold with her little sister. Ethiopia is initially a little reluctant to take her in, but by now the dog has become an institution of Farley Hall life.

Farley may appear lethargic at times while lying on the lawn but she wakes up for football games and parties like any Notre Dame girl. Farley has her own Notre Dame cheerleading outfit and loves running around the benches. The girls dress her up for the dances, including a grass skirt and walnut shells for last year's hula. This year, she and her owner are going to Farley's "A Perfect Match" as Lady and the Tramp, which has yet to be announced. However, Ethiopia does not trust her alone at parties since an incident that occurred last year.

"Those Siegfried boys," said Ethiopia. "They had citrus vodka in squirt guns, and they squished her... she came in licking her coat, and pretty soon she just passed out. I escort her to the dances now." Farley is automatically popular around campus. "I go for walks, and it used to be, 'Hi, Sister,'" said her owner. "Now it's, 'Hi, Farley.'"

Despite living at a top university, Farley is not an intellectual animal. "She's not really God's brightest dog," said Ethiopia. However, Farley has learned to sit, lie down, dance, and watch the door after parietals. "We're going to train her to detect boys," said Ethiopia.

Eli

No one can walk into Fisher without running into Eli, Fisher's droopy-eared Basset Hound and Beagle mix. She's lived there since Nov. 4, 2001, when two doctors donated her to Father Bob Moss, hoping she would get more attention than at her old home.

The 2 1/2-year-old dog is quiet and compliant for her age, but she perks up at the word "outside." She loves to go for walks, and will play with McGlinn's dogs Lucy and Gus.

"Sometimes Gus will act all tough, like, 'Oh, I'm the man,'" said owner Betsy Bright. "But Eli won't back down."

Nevertheless, Eli is usually a sleepy dog. "Friday night, one of the freshmen came from a party and asked to take her for a walk about midnight," said Moss. "So she went out and ran around. That was unusual for her... she slept most of the weekend afterward."

Like any dog, Eli enjoys the treats residents bring her. She isn't a picky eater, and enjoys everything. "Once she stood up against the counter and pulled down an entire pineapple upside down cake," said Moss. "Another time, I was coming home... and some people ran up to me and told me she'd torn apart her bed and eaten some of it."

Eli can usually be found lounging across the stairs of Fisher Hall, but don't be intimidated. She likes to be petted, and she'll never bite.

Honey

Father Thomas Gaughan's Honey was the first dog to into a dorm after the University ruled that rectors could have pets in the fall of 1999. Father Thomas Gaughan found her on a Golden Retriever rescue Web site and she first moved in March 2000. Honey recently returned from minor surgery at the vet, and can currently be recognized by her giant satellite dish collar and bald spots on her head and leg.

"She's smart; she's going to try to hide behind the chair and lick her stitches," said Gaughan as the dog walked around the apartment. "But I still see you, Honey."

Unlike her neighbor Farley, the 2 1/2-year-old Golden Retriever and Sheltie mix likes staying with her owner more than meeting and greeting on the quad. "She likes hanging out with dad," said Gaughan. Honey also loves going on trips and taking car rides. "She gets excited when she knows I'm getting ready to go out," said Gaughan. "If I ask her, 'Can you stay here and watch the room?, her eyes droop and her head drops, like, 'I'm not going, am I?'"

Like all the dorm dogs, Honey gets lots of treats from residents. "I've had residents send her home-baked dog cookies," said Gaughan. "I never get cookies, she always gets them."

Outside, Honey loves to chase chipmunks and rabbits and stalk squirrels. "She'll get down and sort of follow them before she chases them... when the..."
Lucy and Gus

Lucy and Augustus, better known as Gus, are the newest dogs to the campus. Owner Betsy Bright almost did not take the job as a tour guide at the University of Notre Dame in 1998, the year before rectors were first allowed to keep pets. Rakoczy brought them to the dorm as soon as possible. The dogs are almost always together, either curling up next to each other for naps or keeping an eye on each other outside.

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Lucy and Gus used to accompany Bright when she volunteered as a minister of care in St. Norbert Parish in Chicago. Bright said her dogs always had enormous therapeutic value. "I think every dog has a potential to be empathetic and sympathetic to your every need," she said. "I've had girls come in here saying they've had a bad day, and they don't even want to talk about it. They just ask if they can sit here with the dogs for awhile. Twenty minutes later they get up and leave, and they feel a lot better."

Lucy and Gus are both active outside dogs. Lucy loves to swim and is a talented Frisbee player, while Gus helped Bright's brother Billy train for a marathon in Chicago. "I threw the Frisbee and she'll run out after it," said Bright. "She's like a wide receiver ... I have to spell some words in front of them like w-a-l-k, or w-a-t-e-r, or definitely F-r-i-s-b-e-e. They're smart, they know a lot of words."

Unlike most dogs, Lucy and Gus's favorite treats are health food. They don't like lettuce, but they love baby carrots, peanut butter, green peppers and grapes. "Watching them eat grapes is hilarious," said Bright. "They don't want to break the skin of the grape and hurt it, and yet that's exactly what they want to do, because they want to eat it. It takes Gus about five minutes to eat a grape.

Gus has moved right into the dorm, occasionally barking at suspicious intruders such as new FedEx men. "You can see his white face in the window watching the lawn outside," said Bright. "We joke that he's watching the O'Neill boys, protecting our ladies."

Telamon Ajax

Pangborn Hall's cocker spaniel, Telamon Ajax, was named after the Greek hero of the Iliad who engaged Hector in single combat and rescued Achilles' body from the Trojans. "He's a little wimpy dog," owner Heather Rakoczy said. "So he needed a big name.

Ajax had lived with Rakoczy for 5 years before he came to Notre Dame in 1998, the year before rectors were first allowed to keep pets. Rakoczy brought him to the dorm as soon as possible. For the first year he lived in the dorm, Ajax barked at everything. "He thought it was his house, and that he had to protect it," Rakoczy said. "Now he only barks at a few people. "Ajax is a parietals dog; he loves women, but he doesn't like men."

Ajax has never sniffed out boys after parietals, but he has caught other illegal intruders. "He used to go to this one dorm every time we went out," said Rakoczy. "Finally I knocked on it, and it turned out the girl was keeping a cat in there.

Despite his brave name and brave bark, Ajax isn't an outgoing dog. "He likes Eli, and he likes Honey," said Rakoczy. "But he doesn't like every dog."

A dog of unusual tastes, Ajax prefers mint-flavored things like cough drops, gum and candy canes to dog treats. "Once last year he found one of those giant thick candy canes; he thought it was the find of the year," said Rakoczy. "I think the girls leave them around for him. All the dogs are really pretty spoiled."

"He's great company for me and the girls. I think it's a really smart things they let rectors have dogs."
The Irish were ranked as high as no. 9 in the country last season and finished at no. 14, which included a trip to the NCAA Rowing Championships.

J. garnered impressive accolades, university eight boat finished 16th.

Members of the womens rowing team work together during a recent practice. The team begins its fall season with a meet at the Milwaukee Challenge Saturday.

Besides completing a stellar season, Stone, a finalist for last year's NCAA Rowing Coaches Association All-Central Region team, Senior Michelle Olsgard and Warren earned first-team honors for a second consecutive season, while Burnett and Ladine were named to the second-team.

"The NCAA's was a great experience for me in that it motivated me that much more to be the best," Warren said.

"After racing against that level of competition it was easy to see that we belonged amongst the best in the country."

Though there have been many changes to the team, the Irish are both enthusiastic and confident about the upcoming year.

"We graduated eight seniors last year and while this is a tremendous loss to our program, I feel confident that there are individuals willing to step up and continue in Notre Dame's fight to the top," junior Kerri Murphy said. "I believe we will be able to field some excellent boats and really put in a great team performance in the spring."

When asked about the fall season, Stone, a finalist for last year's NCAA Rowing Coach of the Year honors, said, "We will work very hard in order to prepare for the Spring Season. We will have some races and I expect we will be competitive. Our main focus this fall is to lay the groundwork for our winter training and spring racing."

The Milwaukee Challenge will be the first opportunity for the Irish to build of last year's successes.

"Flat out, we want to take the team to the NCAA Championships this year. Everything we do this year has that goal in mind," Warren said. "This weekend is just the first step toward that goal as far as racing goes, but it's really the work we put in everyday that will get us there. I think the team really has an amazing chemistry this year. We are a very close group and have been really pushing each other hard in practice."

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**Irish begin season at Michigan State**

By ANDY TROEGER

Sports Writer

In the past few years, Notre Dame has made an increased commitment to its golf programs with the building of the Warren Golf Course and the hiring of full-time coaches John Jasinski and Debby King.

The women's golf team hopes to continue to show the results of this improvement as it begins its season by heading to the Mary Possum Invitational at Michigan State University this weekend.

Head coach Debby King is optimistic that her squad will improve in her second year at the helm.

"We had a scoring average last year of 324," King said. "Our goal this year is 312, and I think we can reach that."

This year's team will rely on a combination of returning golfers and a number of quality freshmen that will compete for varsity time.

"The freshmen's scoring averages are quite low from their summer competition," King said. "If they play that well now, they could jump into the lineup, and indeed some of them already have."

Two freshmen, Katie Brophy and Sarah Bassett, will start in the top two positions for the Irish this weekend. Both hail from Spokane, Wash., but while they competed against each other in high school, they made their decisions to come to Notre Dame independent of each other.

One of the upperclassmen joining them will be junior Shannon Byrne, who recently won the Notre Dame Campus Championship. Also competing for the Irish will be sophomore Karen Lotta, whose 79.8 average led the team last year.

Rounding out the squad for the Irish will be 2000 Notre Dame Invitational Champion Rebecca Rogers and freshman Lauren Gebauer.

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**GOLF**

Woods shoots 65, rips on the Ryder Cup

**Associated Press**

THOMASTOWN, Ireland - No one can accuse Tiger Woods of looking ahead to next week's Ryder Cup.

Woods birdied the last two holes Thursday for a 7-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead in the American Express Championship, a tournament he said means more to him than winning that little exhibition next week at The Belfry.

Asked which was more important, Woods chose an individual title and the $1 million check over a team victory and a 14-inch gold chalice.


Woods has never had much success in the Ryder Cup, going 3-6-1. Earlier this week, he complained that the team concept doesn't allow him to prepare for the matches the way he would any other big tournament.

And he made it clear after setting his bogey-free 65 at Mount Juliet that his focus is squarely on winning his sixth tournament of the year, and a World Golf Championships event for the fourth consecutive season.

"This is a big event, these are the best players in the world," he said.

"You're playing stroke play on a great golf course. That's pretty important. I'm not saying the Ryder is not important. It's a completely different animal. You can play absolutely lousy and the team can win, or you can play absolutely great and win all five matches, and then the Ryder Cup.

It was a blunt assessment about the Ryder Cup, one sure to delight the British tabloids.

The Americans already are perceived as 12 money-hungry individuals instead of one team, especially after the great debate over Ryder Cup reserves in 1999.

And Woods isn't hurting for money. His endorsements pay him about $60 million a year. He gets more than $2 million just for showing up at most tournaments overseas, and his PGA Tour earnings already have surpassed $31 million.

Woods said he enjoys the Ryder Cup when the matches are played from Friday to Sunday, but he doesn't like the galas and black-tie dinners. The Ryder Cup has never been a top priority for him.

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Another Michigan team to challenge Irish

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball coach Debbie Brown wants her team to treat Wednesday's loss against Purdue just like a win in preparing for Saturday's contest against Michigan.

"After any win and loss, we just get back in the gym and work on things that didn't go well for us," she said. "There is no other cure."

Purdue's middle hitters head up our deficiencies." Brown said. "We actually didn't play well in games one or two," Brown said. "...Our passing and ball control weren't where we wanted them to be."

"I don't think we overlooked them at all," outside hitter Emily Loomis said. "We knew it would be a tough match. We just weren't executing well." Against the Boilermakers, Loomis led the Irish with 21 kills. The sophomore was second on the team with a .471 hitting percentage and 10 digs.

"We weren't able to stop their [middle hitters] at all," Brown said. "We didn't go well for us," she said. There is no other cure. We have to get in and improve on our deficiencies."

Brown was concerned with Purdue's middle hitters heading into Wednesday's match, and her team failed to contain them. Boilermaker junior Joanna Lowry recorded a game-high 29 kills while her teammate Kim McConaha contributed with 21 kills. Both Lowry and McConaha hit .400 or better for the match. "We weren't able to stop their [middle hitters] at all," Brown said. "...Our passing and ball control weren't where we wanted them to be."

"I think one of the things Michigan has is a balanced offense. So it is hard to key on one player," Brown said. "Their middles get up quick and are hard to stop. We need to do a better job than we did against Purdue."

Notre Dame looks to extend its school record 28-game win streak Saturday. The Irish and Wolverines play at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Payback will be on the mind of the Notre Dame women's soccer team this weekend. Last year, Rutgers shocked Notre Dame 2-1, marking the first time an Irish women's soccer team had ever lost a game to Rutgers. Tonight at 7:30, the 7th-ranked Irish will have the opportunity for revenge when they host the Scarlet Knights. On Sunday, the Irish, who enter this game with a record of 4-2, will host another Big East opponent in Seton Hall. Game time is set for 3 p.m. to immediately follow the Irish men's game against Providence.

Three weeks ago, the Irish won their first two opening Big East Conference games against Providence and Virginia Tech in impressive fashion. They are hoping their strong conference play will continue this week-end. "These two games are crucial for us," said Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum. "Both of these teams are on our side of the Big East Conference. We need to win these games so we can be a first-round host in the conference tournament."

Over the past two weeks, Notre Dame has faced some of the toughest competition in the country. Two weekends ago, the Irish lost to defending national champion Santa Clara 4-0 and 2001 Final Four qualifier Portland 1-0. The Irish rebounded this past weekend with two dramatic comeback victories over perennial NCAA Tournament teams Hartford and Maryland. The Notre Dame coaching staff believes the difference between last weekend and this weekend was really play well again this weekend."
A pair of speedy sophomore wide receivers and an efficient quarterback proved the difference as Breen-Phillips shutout Pasquerilla West 27-0 in Gold League interhall action Thursday night.

Sophomore receiver Lauren Ohlenforst had two touchdown receptions, and fellow sophomore Lindsay Walz had one.

Team co-captain Kelly Deckerman had the other touchdown reception for the Babes (2-0).

Senior quarterback Atasha Potter led the Babes offense. Potter's numbers were not stellar, completing 8 of 17 for 137 yards, but she did make her passes count, as four of those completions were touchdowns. "I think we played really well out there," said Deckerman. "It was tough slipping around in the mud."

The Purple Weasels (0-1) were never able to generate a genuine scoring drive as they were plagued by five turnovers, including four interceptions.

"I need to make better decisions with the ball," Purple Weasels captain and quarterback Leslie Schmidt said. "Our defense really shut them down."

A critical point in the game occurred early in the first half, when the Purple Weasels elected to go for a fourth down conversion on their own 30-yard line. The conversion failed, and the Babes were able to march down the field to score their first touchdown. "It was definitely a risk worth taking," Schmidt said. "We trust our defense."

The Purple Weasels had only one first down from that point onward. Despite the loss, Schmidt said that the team had several positive plays it could take from the game. "We were able to move the ball once we got going," Schmidt said. "We never got too down. We moved the ball best in the second half, and people hustled throughout the game. We just have to kick it up a notch next time."

On the other side of the score, the Babes aren’t willing to declare themselves unbeatable just yet, either. "There’s still a lot we can improve on," Potter said.

Badin 39, Walsh 6

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The game was clenched by the Babes in the last six minutes with a touchdown by Heath followed up by a one-point conversion pass from Zachry to Heath. "We really just relaxed, fell into place and had fun," said co-captain Katie Baros of the turnarounds and a key tackle by Carter on a Walsh fourth down. "We really got fired up at the end," said Schroeder. "With this team, there’s always something to be fired up about."

Going into the second half, a pumped Badin defense upped its game to shut down Walsh. The Bullfrogs had a triad of power in linebackers Betsy Schroeder and Cindy Adimari and safety Jen Carter. The three had a combined nine tackles in the final five minutes of the game, including a key tackle by Carter on a Walsh fourth down. "We really got fired up at the end," said Schroeder. "With this team, there’s always something to be fired up about."

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"We're looking to rebound from that year," team captain Justin Williams said. "We want to go out and show everyone that we're happy to field a team."

Four players from the 2000 team will be members of this year's Vermin squad. Fullback Geoff Poik, linebacker Jim Bums, and defensive end Tex Sieher, in addition to Williams at center, will be the experience on a team that is almost completely newcomers.

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Zahm's captain Nick Passafiume didn't sound so bold. "We want to go out and take it one game at a time," he said.

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Keough versus O'Neill
The bragging rights for the best mens interhall football team on West Quad will be on the line Sunday as Keough and O'Neill face off in both dorms' season opener.

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The competition on Friday probably will not do much to change their ranking, but the Irish have some tough trails ahead, particularly with the Notre Dame Invitational in two weeks.

"I think [Friday's race] will be a real good opener for them," Connolly said. "It's a big field. There are 28 teams, but it's not the type of competition we saw two weeks ago and it's not the type of competition we're going to see two weeks from now."

While the men's squad is not ranked as high as the women's, they too are reaching for National Catholic Championships yet to show the collegiate running prowess. "It's a big field. There are 28 teams," Connolly said. "It's a little deceiving to think we're good. I think we're good. I think our kids know that."

But the coach never discusses their early-season high ranking to his team. "They're trying not to think of that," Johnson said. "Our coach hasn't even mentioned it."
Young players look to contribute right away

By MARK ZAVODNYIK
Sports Writer

Some say that age is nothing but a number. That is exactly what the Notre Dame women's tennis team believes as it heads into the season-opening Prince Cup Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.

After graduating numerous monogram winners, the Irish have welcomed five new faces this year. Freshmen Lauren Nelson, Jennifer Smith and Kristina Stastny hope to prove they are mature beyond their years.

The new members of the team have impressed team leaders so far.

"All five have been impressive, they have played really well," said head coach Jay Louderback.

Team captain Katie Cunha has also enjoyed the new additions to the team.

"It's great having five new faces. It's been a good change," said Cunha.

The Prince Cup Invitational will be an early test for the young Irish squad. Notre Dame will face some very good competition this weekend.

Eight teams that advanced to the Sweet 16 of last year's NCAA Championship will be in attendance. Some of those squads are outside the Midwest and therefore don't face the Irish very often.

"It's good for the kids to see teams we don't see often," said Louderback. "LSU and Baylor are very good."

The tournament is set up as one big bracket for both singles and doubles.

"Three of our four events this fall are in the same draw," said Louderback. "It's good because it allows the kids to play against the same competition."

Notre Dame hopes to have every member of the team participate this weekend.

The Prince Cup Invitational is the first event in a long season that has two sections during the fall and spring semesters. The fall season is crucial for a team with young players like Notre Dame to get some experience.

"The fall is important to get matches in," said Louderback. Cunha agreed that the fall season is vital for the team to get practice in real matches.

Louderback also intends on using different combinations of players at doubles, to see which players fit best with each other.

"It's good because they have players at doubles, to see which players fit best with each other. National rankings do not come out until December, so the Irish have time to gain experience. The rankings are mainly based on the previous year's performance, not on how the team finished in the fall. This gives Louderback more ability to test his players in different playing situations.

The new members on the team mean new responsibilities for captain Cunha. Whether it be making sure classes are going well, having team dinners at her apartment or just having a talk, Cunha has set a good example of how to be a collegiate athlete — and a team leader.

"It's a challenge and a responsibility, but it makes me work harder," said Cunha.

Louderback is looking for students interested in being a personal care attendant.

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Breaking away

Irish look to continue success in National Catholic Championships

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

Every September, both the mens and womens cross country teams welcome squads from many of the nation's Catholic colleges and universities to the Burke Memorial Golf Course for the National Catholic Championships.

And every September, with about 28 colleges in attendance, the Irish dominate both mens and womens, team and individually. They expect their winning streak to continue today.

The 20th-ranked Irish mens have won the last seven titles, while the fifth ranked womens squad has claimed the title each of the last eight seasons.

Because of such success, this race has come to be, in a sense, an experimental meet for the Irish, one in which the coaches can play around with the lineup to see who will lead the team in the upcoming season.

"It's an opportunity for us to gain a little confidence and to run as a group," Irish mens head coach Joe Plane said. "We approach this race totally differently than we will the one in two weeks, the National Catholic Championship.

The Irish lineup will consist of one of the keys to Notre Dame's success on the trails throughout the season.

"As the year goes on, you get situations where all of the sudden someone gets sick and you need people to step up," he said. "That was one of the reasons why we had a lot of success last year was that we always seem to have some runners step up.

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Knott hopes to turn around winless season

By JUSTIN SHUVER, LISA REJULIA and PAT LEONARD
Sports Writers

In 2000, Knott faced Sorin for the interhall football championship. In this year's match-up, the stakes aren't quite as high but that doesn't mean that the teams are taking the game any less seriously.

"We got a much more improved offense with more innovation," said Juggs captain Luke Baker. "Last year's practice was a lot of standing around. This year we're going to throw new things at four players.

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One of the most interesting starters this year should be senior wide receiver Jonathan Smith played on the team two years ago and walked on to the Notre Dame varsity team. He left the varsity team this year and will be returning to be a crucial part of the Juggs offense.

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the thorn in their side

5 years losses reasons for vengeance
The first question Tyrone Willingham was asked at his weekly press conference was in reference to the significance of facing another black head coach in this weekend’s game against Michigan State.

He answered in his usual straightforward manner. “I think I consistently said that my situation here at Notre Dame, the fact that two coaches of African-American decent will go against each other this weekend is significant, but it also points to a shortcoming in the system and that is disappointing.”

It is disappointing. And I won’t be the only one to say that.

You’ll hear that it’s disappointing from every campus who realizes that it is the case. You may even hear that it’s disappointing from people outside the football world. Then Saturday will come and go and that will be all.

So why would you want to hear it from me? I could do that. I could join the rest of the media world in pontificating about the horrors of a system that only has four African-American coaches. I could use that interesting tidbit of information — that both Tyrone Willingham and Bobby Williams are black — and formulate my own short, 17-inch thesis on the shortcomings of American athletics and the injustices of this world.

But really, what do I know about it? What do I know about growing up and not being able to play football because of my skin color? What do I know about limited opportunities? What do I know about being forced to leave my home because a football team there is as likely to let a black walk on play as elect the Pope president? What do I know about coaching in a system in which I am a minority?

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I don’t know what it’s like to grow up without a role model of my own race in the profession I want to pursue. To be perfectly honest, I don’t really know what it feels like to be a minority. I just don’t know what it is like to disappoint the system — that both Willingham and Williams are black — and formulate my own short, 17-inch thesis on the shortcomings of American athletics and the injustices of this world.

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You’ll hear that it’s disappointing from every column and broadcaster who gives any focus to this weekend’s game. You’ll hear that it’s disappointing from every student on both campuses who realize that it is the case. You may even hear it’s disappointing from people outside the football world. Then Saturday will come and go and that will be all.

Supporting the system — injustices and all. So for me to rail against it when I’ve never railed against it would be hypocritical.

The shortcomings in the system exist. I don’t deny that. But who am I to discuss their real impact? So I won’t spill ink while discussing inequalities I don’t always understand or prejudices I’ve never faced. I will only say this. On Saturday two coaches will go against it before the field at each other and be a testament to the fact that just talking about the system doesn’t change it.

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Not this time, not this year

After five consecutive losses, the Irish are looking to turn the tide and win

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

With just under eight minutes left in the game, with the wounds from the previous season’s victory still tender, with the memory of a slip that cost them the game still fresh in their minds, the Irish fell behind one more time.

One year ago, during the third game of the season, Notre Dame was facing Michigan State. With eight minutes left the score was tied at 10. Then it happened: Spartan quarterback Ryan Van Dyke connected with Charles Rogers, hoping to convert a third-and-six into a first down. Instead, he won the game and left Notre Dame 0-5 against Michigan State in their last five contests.

“I’ve never beat Michigan State since I was here,” said Shane Walton, who missed the final tackle that allowed Rogers to score, after that game. “It’s tough.”

On Saturday, Walton has one final chance to beat Michigan State and leave Notre Dame with the memory of a victory instead of the pain of defeat.

The Embarrassment of defeat
Notre Dame has lost to Michigan State five years in a row. The Irish have not recorded a victory against the Spartans since 1994. Bob Davie faced off against Bobby Williams five times. He lost five times. That’s the third-lossing streak in one team.

“Too much,” said Irish center Jeff Faine. “It’s very frustrating and this team is really ready to flip it around.”

In 1997 it was a blowout. The No. 17 Spartans defeated the Irish 23-7 in front of a Notre Dame stadium crowd of 80,000. In 1998 it was worse. With the home crowd behind them, the Spartans scored 45 points on the way to a victory against Notre Dame. That was the first year the fifth-year seniors, such as Walton at Notre Dame, That was the first time they watched their team lose. But it didn’t get any better. The next three years Notre Dame teams fell one after the other to Michigan State. The Spartans didn’t need a Trojan horse. They just walked onto the field and, after four quarters of play, they would have the Irish off guard at some point and come home with the victory. It was a 10-point difference in 1999, a six-point difference in 2000 and a mere touchdown in 2001 that separated the Irish from the Spartans.

And every time Notre Dame had the same position point difference in 2000 and a Spartans didn’t need a Trojan horse. They just walked onto the field and, after four quarters of play, they would have the Irish off guard at some point and come home with the victory. It was a 10-point difference in 1999, a six-point difference in 2000 and a mere touchdown in 2001 that separated the Irish from the Spartans.

But it was not all bad. Michigan State head coach Bob Davie stated quite clearly what Michigan State and what his team lacked — explosiveness.

The Spartans, for the second year in a row, had scored on the big play and the Irish watched as their team fell flat. In 2001, it was Van Dyke’s pass to Rogers. Vontez Duff just couldn’t catch the young receiver and Walton was left holding nothing when he made a last-ditch, diving grab for Rogers. Rogers was left holding the football — in the end zone.

“I didn’t make the tackle,” Duff said after the game. “It’s all about making plays and I just didn’t make that play.”

Had that been the first time Notre Dame had been burned by a Spartan play, it would have hurt. But the fact that it was the second year in a row was so much worse that the loss was very disappointing.

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During the 2000 loss to Michigan State, it was a different quarterback and a different receiver. But this was almost the same play and exactly the same result.

That time, Jeff Smoker fired the pass to Herb Haygood who ran for the touchdowm. Tony Drayer had fallen on the Spartan AstroTurf. Haygood was never touched.

So when the same slant pattern on the same side gave the Spartans the win again last year, it was like reliving a nightmare.

“It’s always in my head that that last play they always seem to catch a slant and go score on it,” Irish receiver Omar Jenkins said. “... I couldn’t believe that it happened."

“They had a stud running back and a stud quarterback and a wide receiver and a tight end,” Irish linebacker Courtney Watson said. “We gave up things here and there and shouldn’t have been that close."".

Something to prove
Now, 12 months, one new coach and a new playing surface later, these two teams will face off once again. And they both have something to prove.

Under the leadership of new head coach Tyrone Willingham, the Irish want to prove to Michigan State that they are a new team. That there is something inexplicable that is part of this program that will make it the first team in six years that will not fall to the Spartans.

Over the summer, Jenkins met some Michigan State fans and they were already talking trash. They were questioning how the Irish defense would contain Rogers. They reminded Jenkins that no one in Notre Dame’s program has defeated Michigan State. But Jenkins had a response ready.

“You see. Something special’s going to come out of this,” Jenkins told the Spartans.

For the Irish, they hope that something special is a win. Michigan State has been a thorn in their side long enough. It’s time to take control.

“We’re all hungry to beat Michigan State," quarterback Carlyle Holiday said. “We haven’t beat them in five years. Just to beat them in their home would be so much better for the team." But Notre Dame isn’t the only team with something to prove. Michigan State has its own need to prove itself to the Spartans.

The Spartans to start over this loss was prompting the Irish before, during and after the game. “We never showed up. It was very disappointing. Mainly, I’m disappointed in myself and the coaching," said head coach Tyrone Willingham. "But as early as Saturday, the loss was prompting the Spartans to start over this week and prove to the nation that they can win, starting with a victory against Notre Dame." The Irish may be ranked No. 12, but they are No. 1 on the Spartan’s list — the No. 1 team the Spartans are going to be looking to beat. You have to be looking to be beat. "You have to be pumped up," said wide receiver Arnaz Battle. "You’re the hunted right now, we’re No. 12, we’re going to see their best shot.”

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Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker celebrates after a Michigan State victory against Notre Dame in 2000. The Spartans have won all five of their last meetings with the Irish.

The Irish will travel to East Lansing to the noise and the yells of Michigan State. They will travel with an alumni as their coach. But even that may not help.

“I’ve always been on the other side of the stadium,” Willingham said. “So the sound, the dynamics are totally different. ... It’s going to be loud. Every movement that we make will be echoed by their cheers or boos or jeers or whatever they decide to throw at us.”

Michigan State will be looking to hit Notre Dame, and hit hard. The Spartans will be looking to make the big play one more time.

“We’re not going to let it come down to one play,” Watson said. “We’re not going to let it come down to one drive or one series. We’re going to do what we get to do from the beginning of the game and just take care of our business and so it won’t have to come down to that.”

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Sept. 14 MICHIGAN - W
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Nov. 2 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 9 at Navy
Nov. 23 RUTGERS
Nov. 30 at USC

Notre Dame

Coaching

Quarterbacks

Irish Rushing

Irish Passing

Willingham has been looking ahead to the big showdown, Michigan State's offense has had more success than Notre Dame's in recent weeks, but the Irish defense should be ready for anything, according to coach Bob Davie.

Both quarterbacks have experience with their teams. Smoker has had three years of playing time under his belt, but Holiday has a solid foundation in place. Both quarterbacks have played well against Michigan State this season.

With the strides the Irish receiving corps has made, the Irish receiving corps can potentially be a force to be reckoned with. If the offense can click, the Irish can gain some serious yardage.

Notre Dame's passing has been inconsistent, but so has the Michigan State pass defense. If Holiday can find a way to run the ball, the Irish can gain some serious yardage.

Michigan State

Michigan State showed no semblance of a running game against its last two opponents. Rogers has been the lone standout for the Spartan offense. If the offensive line and running backs can protect Holiday and he can get a pass off, the Irish pass defense could be a force to contend with. However, Holiday was sacked six times last week.

Cal passed for 246 yards against the Spartans last weekend and completed 57 percent of its passes. However, Michigan State is averaging an interception per game. If the real Michigan State pass defense arrives, it could spell trouble for the Irish.

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The Irish rush defense is only allowing 69 rush yards a game. They managed to shut down Chris Perry last weekend but had trouble with Purdue's Joey Harris. Every fumble Notre Dame has forced, it has recovered. And now Watson is back.

The Spartans are still looking to fill the shoes of T.J. Duckett. However, Dawn Moss, David Richard and Jaren Hayes have begun to contribute to a solid Spartans rushing game that is averaging 171 rushing yards a game and making first downs.

Michigan State's passing game is its most dangerous offensive weapon. With Rogers at the receiver position, any pass can go all the way to the end zone. With Smoker as the quarterback, the Spartans are averaging 241 plus passing yards a game.

Kicker Hayner made two of his three field goal attempts this season, making a 50-yarder. The Spartans have not allowed any of his field goals to be blocked. Kick returners are averaging over 25 yards a return, with Hayes having a long 74-yard return.

Michigan State is coming off an embarrassing loss to Cal. They will be hungry for a victory. In addition, they have defeated the Irish five years in a row and aren't going to let that streak end without putting up a solid fight.

Notre Dame has a vendetta to settle. The Irish have lost to the Spartans five times and they are out to prove that they can win against this team. In addition, they have an alum as a coach who has played for years in the Vertical Stadium.

The Irish running defense continues to shut down opponents' run games and the Michigan State offense hasn't been able to find a way to combat it this season. With Weiblen back in the lineup, the Irish should be able to slow, if not stop, the Spartans run game.

The Spartans passing game is going to be a battle. The Irish secondary will have to work very hard to stop Rogers, but Rogers will have to work hard to escape the Irish secondary. Neither has faced an opponent so solid.

Irish special teams continue to make big plays. Setta has had a solid field goal last week and Setta missed two the weekend before. However, Setta can still be considered dangerous from as far as 60 yards out and bluff is always a threat on returns.

Notre Dame has the edge here. The Spartans are going to be very, very hungry to win. Notre Dame is off for a win may draw focus away from the game and Michigan State is used to winning this series.

It's going to be a game of intangibles. Both teams have been inconsistent this season — Notre Dame on offense, Michigan State on defense. What it comes down to is which team can focus their emotional energy into physical energy and take home the victory. Notre Dame wants it more.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27 Michigan State 24
Sizing up the Irish and the Spartans

**Average Per Game**

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**Key Matchup**

**Notre Dame Secondary**

**MSU Receiver**

Charles Rogers

Big Michigan State passing plays have been the determining factor in the last two Irish losses to the Spartans.

The Irish secondary has been the strong point of its defense this season, but Walton, Duff, Earl and Sapp will have their work cut out for them against Heisman potential Rogers. Rogers had a phenomenal season last year and his size will present a challenge.

**by the numbers**

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Jenkins never misses out on practice or a play

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

There has been one constant at every Notre Dame football practice during the past three seasons — Omar Jenkins.

Jenkins has not missed a practice since he came to Notre Dame and his work ethic has helped the junior become one of the most reliable and consistent players for the Irish.

"We're all striving for consistency and by no means are any of us there where we want to be," said wide receivers coach Trent Miles. "But I would say [Jenkins] has been very consistent and I would say he's probably been, one of the most consistent players on the football team."

For Jenkins, it is important to be an example for his teammates, especially the younger receivers like Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight.

"You have to be out there everyday to improve. If people see you there everyday, it gives them a leadership to look up to."

Omar Jenkins 
Irish wide receiver

Jenkins practice hasn't just set him up as a leader. It's led to personal improvement and helped him become a problem for opposing defenses. Jenkins offers a dependable offensive threat, something that is crucial for a team learning a new offense.

"The problem he presents opponents is the fact that he's going to be where he needs to be, when he needs to be there," Miles said. "[The opposition is] not going to be able to count on a guy making mental mistakes from him or a guy that's going to be in a bad position. They know they're going against a guy that runs good routes, is dependable as far as catching the football and being a very physical blocker. So they're looking at a guy that's doing his job and that presents a problem."

Jenkins made two clutch receptions against Michigan last Saturday with the Irish trailing for the first time this season, 17-16, Holiday connected with him for gains of 29 and 47 yards to set up a pivotal touchdown, getting Notre Dame the lead back. In all, Jenkins grabbed three balls for 83 yards against Michigan.

He also leads the team with nine catches and 185 yards receiving, which already surpassed his career totals before the season began of seven receptions and 111 yards receiving.

"Overall he's learned the system a lot better," Miles said. "His route running has taken off and he's catching the ball. His total game has improved and it's a pleasure to watch."

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Senior outside linebacker Courtney Watson takes down a Michigan player during the 25-23 Irish victory against the Wolverines last Saturday. Watson returned to play Saturday after sitting out two weeks due to a viral infection.

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Watson back on the field where he belongs

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

It killed Courtney Watson to watch the Irish defense from the sideline instead of lining up at the familiar inside linebacker position.

After he spent most of the Thursday night before the Maryland game developing a fungus in his toenail, Watson said he couldn't play in Notre Dame's season opener. A week later, when his viral infection continued to sap his strength, he watched his teammates prepare for the Purdue game without him.

As he recovered, Watson had no idea how many snaps he'd be able to play against Michigan. It could be six, he said before the game, or it could be 60.

But it turns out Watson wasn't as tired as he thought he might be. He returned to the field in a big way, leading the Irish with nine tackles.

"I really had no idea how it was going to play out, and I don't think the coaches did either. I think it kind of just worked out that way," he said. "As the game went on, I didn't get really fatigued. We thought that I might ... I was just feeling well the whole game."

In a way, Watson's departure was a blessing in disguise for the Irish. Entering the Maryland game, the only linebacker with game experience was Derek Curry — and he only played minimally last year.

Mike Goolsby, the other inside line­backer, and Brandon Hoyte Watson's replacement, had never played a defensive down.

But Watson's illness allowed Hoyte to gain valuable experience, strengthening the linebacker corps to the point where the Irish can switch Watson, Goolsby and Hoyte seamlessly during a game.

"I don't know if I'd want to compare them, [Watson and Hoyte] both do so many things," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "Obviously we proved we can win with Brandon too, but it gives us that much more depth with those guys that can rotate through."

Still, Watson, who is expected to play as many snaps against the Spartans as he did against the Wolverines, brings intangible elements to the Irish defense that Hoyte needs years to acquire.

A healthy Watson, who brings outstanding leadership and an advanced knowledge of the game, only strengthens an already talented Irish defense.

Against Michigan, Irish coaches deferred to the more experienced Watson over the younger Hoyte. Watson still kept his fellow linebacker aware of what was going on. Much as he did during the Maryland game, the veteran kept the rookie updated on defensive adjustments the Irish made.

The only difference was that Hoyte, and not Watson, was watching from the sidelines. Watson intently understands Hoyte's situation. Two years ago, All-American Anthony Denman's play kept Watson standing outside the white lines. A year ago as a first-year starter, Watson followed the example set by Rocky Bolman and Tyreo Harrison.

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