Arts and Letters launches game day lecture series

By JOE ACKERMAN
News Writer

Football fans can now get a bit of academic discussion to go with their bratwursts and beer on game days through the new Saturday Scholar lectures.

The brainchild of Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, and Greg Sterling, associate dean of faculty, the Saturday Scholars series aims to incorporate intellectual discourse on contemporary issues into the overall game-day experience.

Roche said that as the "heart and soul" of the University, the inclusion of an academic venue into the pageantry of football weekends complements the mission of the University.

"In the past, we have not even tried to engage the community intellectually on football weekends," Roche said.

Another goal of the program is to allow the South Bend community the opportunity to hear from top professors. The lecture series serves as another component of the college's community outreach programs, which include the Teachers as Scholars program, where faculty work with high school instructors to teach at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

"We thought we should reach out to the broader public," Roche said.

The Saturday Scholar lectures will take place on all six home games. Saturdays this fall in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Lectures will begin at 10 a.m. for games with a 3:30 p.m. kickoff and at 11 a.m. for games with a 2:30 p.m. start.

The series opens on Sept. 22 with an interactive performance by actors from the London Stage, who call Notre Dame their American home.

Future lectures will span an array of topics such as psychology, theology, economics and Irish studies and will be given by University professors considered leaders in their fields.

P. Clark Power, chair of the Program of Liberal Studies, is impressed and excited by the lineup of speakers planned.

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"We're not going to have 90,000 people there, but we couldn't accommodate that many anyway," Power said.

Donors break ground for new performing arts center

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Benefactors dug into freshly laid sod as ground was broken for the Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on the south side of the DeBartolo Quad.

"When we were driving up, I thought, 'Who's getting buried?' " The tent and the fresh grass are the aura of a funeral, but instead of burying someone, we are here doing the groundbreaking of a wonderful new facility," said University President Father Edward Malloy.

At the site, Malloy said a prayer and blessed the site, and the benefactors were given shovels with which to turn up the new sod.

"I heard a rumor that this dirt has been pre-turned so as not to labor us," said Malloy.

The seven benefactors of the new center, their guests and University officials gathered at the Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother at the Coleman-Morse Center for a mass presided by Malloy and concelebrated by Executive Vice President Father John Jenkins.

During the mass, Malloy emphasized that the new center would positively influence cultural opportunities on campus.

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This Week in ND/SMC History
Graduate student's body found
Monday, Sept. 5, 1994
The body of a Notre Dame graduate student in the mathematics department was discovered in a wooded area off campus. The student was believed to be 19 years of age and had re- signed to attend graduate school.

Police crack down on parties
Thursday, Sept. 3, 1987
South Bend Police Captain Patrick Costrell expressed his intention to break up off-campus parties and arrest students for underage drinking. He noted that the police had been lenient in the first weeks of the semester but that in the coming months offending students could expect strict law enforcement.

Beyond Campus
GW to close classes fearing protests
WASHINGTON D.C.
George Washington University will cancel classes and evacuate residence halls Sept. 27 to Oct. 2 during anticipated demonstrations surrounding World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings that will be held that weekend, the University announced Thursday morning.

Although the meeting are scheduled for Sept. 29-30, GW's Foggy Bottom campus will close for five days because of the large number of protesters anticipated. D.C. officials expect as many as 100,000 visitors and protesters that weekend.

IMF and World Bank officials originally planned a five-day conference but cut it to two days to minimize the impact of the expected protests.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Graduates find fewer job options
MINNEAPOLIS
Ahmed Siddiqui faced a tighter job market when he graduated last May from the Carlson School of Management than his University of Minnesota classmates encountered the previous spring. Nationally, employers expect to hire 19.7 percent fewer college graduates in 2001-02, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' Job Outlook 2002 survey. Siddiqui said he was fortunate to find a job with IBM but felt that his entrepreneur skills in the entrepreneurial studies program, said Alan Fine, director of undergraduate entrepreneurial studies. Students learn finance, management and interpersonal skills in the program.

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DIGITAL CONJUNCTIONS

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GSU focuses on healthcare

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

While most Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students headed home for the summer, it was business as usual for the Graduate Student Union. The GSU was busy organizing summer social events, holding monthly council meetings and gearing up for the academic year.

This fall, recently elected GSU President Gabriela Burgos and vice president Kishori Deshpande intend to continue to fulfill their campaign promises. They plan to focus on improving healthcare, promoting the GSU and working with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and the Career Center to improve graduate student services.

Over the summer, committee chairman Adrienne Minerick worked with University Health Services, the Graduate School and Student Activities to create pamphlets designed to inform graduate students about healthcare "Do's and Don'ts."

"They are really written successfully, to the point," Deshpande said of the pamphlets.

The GSU also plans to make the information available in Russian, Spanish, Hindi and Chinese to further assist graduate students.

"The whole idea is for students to understand the insurance jargon," Deshpande said. In addition, the GSU plans to propose a more complete health insurance plan by the end of January.

"We need to find the optimum point where students are happy with the cost and benefits," Burgos said. "That's a crucial point."

Improving communication between the GSU, graduate students and the administration is especially important to Burgos and Deshpande.

Their goal is to make graduate students more visible within the University community and make people more aware of the GSU—something they have accomplished in part through the creation of a public relations chairperson.

"The main idea is to reach as many people as possible," Deshpande said. "We are happy with the cost and benefits."

Burgos and Deshpande plan to increase awareness of the GSU through the creation of a corporate logo system. Their goal is to establish a consistent, instantly recognizable logo for GSU that can be used on postings, letterheads and T-shirts.

"The idea of the GSU logo is to help identify our organization," Burgos said. "We want to reflect professionalism."

The GSU plans to announce a corporate logo-designing contest this semester.

While their long list of goals may seem daunting, Burgos and Deshpande are confident that they can tackle them and lead the GSU into another successful year, especially with University support and the dedication of graduate students.

"We are really fortunate as officers to have an excellent team," Burgos said. "I think it is really rewarding to see the results from the summer. This motivates us to work harder for graduate students. I think it's going well."

WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?

Volunteers Needed

The Early Childhood Development Center located at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame is looking for volunteers who enjoy working with young children. If you would be interested in spending 2 hours per week reading to children and playing with children, please call, Kate at ECDC-SMC, 284-6959 or Sue at ECDC-ND 631-1544 for more information. (Employment opportunities also available.)

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performing arts, whether it's music or stagecraft, television or radio. This will provide a chance for us to elevate the common life of our community," said Malloy.

Malloy also made a commitment to getting the best performing arts faculty.

"If I look back on the history of the University, when I was a student here the fine and performing arts were rather undeveloped. What we've been able to do since then is to put into place departmentally and in terms of the faculty we've attracted to the University — some of the best faculty available in the fine and performing arts," said Malloy.

The center is scheduled to be completed in 2004 and will cost in excess of $33 million — has been underwritten by a gift from the late Edward DeBartolo in honor of his wife Marie, after whom the building was named. DeBartolo's children, Edward DeBartolo Jr. and Denise DeBartolo York, were on hand today for the ceremonies.

Television personality Regis Philbin donated $2.75 million for the center. The 100-seat studio theater in the center will be named after him. Philbin hopes the theater will encourage students to overcome fear and be involved in the performing arts. The television personality said he was tentative about starting a career in the performing arts during his days at Notre Dame.

"I tried away from all the debating classes and the toast-master situation here. Washington Hall productions came and went and I just sat here frozen, scared to death. I went to WNDU once and I couldn't even knock on the door," Philbin said. "So that's why I'm interested in this development that they've got going. I'm hoping that this little stage that I'm involved in will be a turning point in somebody else's life. "You've gotta start preparing for this business at an early age. You've gotta know what you want to do, you've gotta rule yourself to do it. I never took that opportunity; I never took that chance... So I'm hoping that this stage will do that for some student."

Prominent South Bend civic leader and philanthropist Judd Leighton is underwriting the center's 900-seat concert hall, the Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Hall, in honor of his late wife. Notre Dame trustee and benefactor Arthur Decio surprised his wife Patricia by announcing Thursday that the center's 350-seat main theater will be named in her honor as a gift. In addition to the underwritten halls, the center will contain the offices of the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, a 200-seat cinema theatre and a 100-seat organ and chorale hall.

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Benefactors Denise DeBartolo York, Regis Philbin, Edward DeBartolo Jr. and University President Father Edward Malloy turn grass at the site of the Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday as a part of groundbreaking ceremonies.
Police shoot hostage-taker: Chinese police shot dead a security guard who stabbed his colleague and then held an 11-year-old boy hostage at knife-point for six hours, an official newspaper said Thursday. A photo in the China Daily showed the boy, Wang Chubin, gripping as Cheng Zhilyong pressed a knife to his head during the standoff Thursday with police in the southern city of Shenzhen. The 29-year-old guard fled after stabbing his colleague and at first grabbed a 6-year-old child as a hostage. But Wang, a fourth-grader at a Shenzhen school, pleaded with Cheng to take him instead, the newspaper said. "Witnesses marveled at the young boy's poise," it said.

National News Briefs

Iowa court strikes visitation law: The Iowa Supreme Court unanimously struck down a law Thursday that gave grandparents the right to spend time with their grandchildren, ruling it interfered with parental rights. "It exalts the socially desirable goal of grandparent-grandchild bonding over the constitutionally recognized right of parents to deal with whom their children will associate," the court said.

Anti-drug bid concerns groups: A coalition of civil rights and health groups expressed concern Thursday that President Bush's choice to lead the nation's fight against drugs would sacrifice prevention and rehabilitation programs in favor of punishing users. The Coalition for Compassionate Leadership on Drug Policy also criticized John Walters for deciding that young black men are disproportionately jailed on drug charges and for opposing reforms to mandatory minimum sentencing requirements. The coalition does not endorse or oppose nominees, but individually opposes if he does not soften his views.

Indiana News Briefs

Rape victims offered free pill: Planned Parenthood of Greater Indiana will offer emergency contraception free to rape victims at its 38 clinics. Often referred to as the "morning-after" pill, the emergency contraception consists of two high doses of birth control pills. The first dose must be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, and the second within 120 hours. The pill is 89 per cent effective at preventing pregnancy if done properly, according to Planned Parenthood.

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California News Briefs

Attorneys Sterling Norris and Jim Robinson announce the filing of a lawsuit against Congressman Gary Condit on behalf of flight attendant Anne Marie Smith. Smith claims to have had a year-long affair with Condit and says he tried to have her sign a sworn affidavit that said they had not had a relationship.

Grand jury to review Condit claims

Associated Press

A grand jury was scheduled Thursday to review allegations that Rep. Gary Condit obstructed justice when he asked flight attendant Anne Marie Smith to sign an affidavit stating they didn't have an affair. The Stanislaus County Grand Jury was expected to meet at 4 p.m. in a hearing to take up unusual allegations made last week by Smith, said Marilyn Ardis, the county employee who oversees the grand jury. The civil grand jury proceedings are normally secret but Ardis said she was willing to confirm the allegations when her lawyer, James Robinson, held a news conference on the Stanislaus County court house steps after filing the complaint. The 19-member panel will decide whether to investigate Smith's claims, or reject her citizen's complaint. The decision won't be released to the public, but if the claim is rejected, Smith and her lawyer would be notified by letter, Ardis said. It would still be up to prosecutors to decide whether to pursue a criminal case, and prosecutor Jim Brazelton said Stanislaus County isn't likely to take any action based only on Robinson's legal maneuvers. Smith, who said she and Condit had a sexual relationship for 10 months, claims the congressman and his intermediaries tried to get her to sign a false affidavit denying they had an affair. Condit has denied asking anybody to lie, and his attorney, Abbe Lowell, said Smith and the congressman apparently have different definitions of the word "relationship."

Ethiopia

Justice Ministry bans women's group

Associated Press

Ethiopia has banned a women's group that organized demonstrations to protest violence against women, a group member said Thursday. The Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association was told by the Justice Ministry it had violated the "ethical directives governing civic organizations," said Meaza Ahenafie, the group's executive director.

The ministry informed the association Monday of the suspension of its license, four days after the action was reported in Ethiopia's state-run media, Meaza told The Associated Press. The group's bank account was frozen, Meaza said. Justice Ministry official Afework Gillay was quoted in the state media as saying the group has engaged in "activities outside the aims and functions of the association."

"These activities were carried out under the guise of a civic organization," he said without elaborating.

In February, the group organized a rare protest against domestic violence in which some 1,000 women marched to the office of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and parliament to deliver petitions demanding more police protection and harsher sentences against offenders. The protest included a candlelight vigil.

It was the first public act of its kind in the Horn of Africa nation, which has a long history of oppressive government. The association was set up in 1995 and has won a reputation for providing effective legal assistance, particularly for poor women who cannot afford the high cost of litigation.

It has also been calling for amending Ethiopia's family laws and civil code to give women equal rights in such cases as divorce, inheritance and related issues.

Faiza Mohamed of the New York-based Ethiopian Women's Rights Group, Equality Now, said her organization had written to the Ethiopian Justice Ministry and Ethiopian embassies in Washington and Nairobi, Kenya, to support the Ethiopian group.
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Notre Dame. No place, I’ve been all over the world. This is it. The vibrations around this campus, the spirits that linger here, the tradition, the mystique. It’s got it all. I think it’s the greatest place on earth,” Philbin said.

Philbin enjoyed his interactions with students, partially because he is envious of their ability to spend another year of their lives here. He also wondered if Notre Dame in 2001 would even accept him as a student because the University has transformed into a top-notch school.

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By the end of the live program, the Notre Dame Band played the Grotto, a tour of the football locker room and the locker room and the Grotto, a tour of the football stadium, and a visit to his old room. At the end of the live program, the Notre Dame Band played the victory march.

The live program on location did present problems for the show. At the beginning of the show, Philbin could not hear his floor director on his cell phone. After the first segment he told the crowd, “You’ve gotta do is roll the tape. Can you guys do that back there? You guys are really screwing up back there. You know it?” Philbin said over a cell phone.

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Annex expects racism conference compromise

The United States and Israel walked out Monday after the Arab states rejected a compromise proposed by Norway.

"Unfortunately, often at these conferences, the give-and-take and the decisions are taken at the last minute, but I'm quite hopeful," Annan said. "The Arab group is also very much engaged with a new spirit of compromise."

"The worst case scenario is for them not to agree on a document, or for them to come up with a language that large numbers of delegations dissociate themselves with," he said.

Annan was in Uppsala, 40 miles north of the capital, Stockholm, to honor Dag Hammarskjold, the Swedish diplomat who became the U.N.'s second secretary-general in 1961.

Hammarskjold died in a plane crash on Sept. 18, 1961, while trying to mediate a peace agreement between newly independent Congo and the breakaway province of Katanga. Annan said Hammarskjold would find many problems and troubled regions little changed since the organization he left was established in 1945 to promote peace through international cooperation.

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Wildfire forces evacuations

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A growing wildfire west of Yosemite National Park forced people from their homes Thursday in nine small California communities and damaged an aqueduct, curtail­ling water supplies.

But elsewhere in the West, cooler temperatures and rain signaled the approaching end of the forest fire season. The nation's largest wildfire, burning 64,000 acres in and near Montana's Glacier National Park, was blanketed with thick fog and high humidity, following a steady rain that stopped the blaze in its tracks.

"This high humidity is doing us more good than the rain did... I've got a feeling the grass won't even burn today," fire information officer Bob McKinney said.

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"It was a 4 in the morning, grab-the-dog-and-go type of thing," said Kelly Osborn, principal of Albert Michelson Elementary School in Murphys, Calif.

The wildfire destroyed part of an aqueduct that provides water to four communities — Angels, Vallecito, Douglas Flat and Murphys — leaving residents with an estimated two-day supply of water, officials said. They were advised to limit water use.

Retired nurse Marie Heimbach was evacuated Wednesday afternoon from her home in Sunrise Manor, California, giving me little in return.

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President encourages engagement

Associated Press

SEUL — President Kim Dae-jung's engagement policy toward North Korea is the "best option," despite political turmoil that has weakened his mandate, a top minister said Wednesday.

"It is in everybody's interests...to prevent the engagement process from backsliding," Han Seung-soo said at a news conference hosted by Seoul Foreign Correspondents' Club.

South Korea's fractured politics have already undercut Kim's so-called "sunshine" policy, with the 22-member Cabinet offering to resign Tuesday after a parliamentary vote against a key presidential aide.

The National Assembly voted a day earlier for the dismissal of Unification Minister Lim Dong-won, who had been criticized by opposition lawmakers as too lenient toward the North's govern­ment.

The vote broke up Kim's ruling coalition because its junior partner, the United Liberal Democrats, sided with the opposition and voted against Lim.

Kim was not expected to appoint a new Cabinet before Friday, said chief presidential spokesman Park Joong-young.

Kim's critics believe he has gone too far in his eagerness to improve ties with communist North Korea, offering aid and other conciliatory gestures, while getting little in return from the exclusive regime.

"Rather than giving concessions unconditionally, we propose, as an alternative, a give-and-take policy with the North on the basis of reciprocity and verification," said Cho Woong-kyu, a legislator with the main opposition Grand National Party.

Backers of the "sunshine" policy, which helped Kim win a Nobel Peace Prize last year, cite an unprecedented inter-Korean summit last year as evidence that it is reaping rewards. The meeting led to a series of exchanges, including reunions of separated family members and Cabinet ministers' talks.

Official contacts broke off in March because of tension between the North and the South's chief ally, the United States.

Over the weekend, North Korea offered to resume negotiations with the South, but there was no word on whether it was willing to talk to Washington about its long-range missile program.

The "sunshine" policy "is in the best option that we can take," said Han, who becomes president of the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 11. "If you ask skeptics what are the alternatives, they will not give you answers."

Han said North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's trip last month to Russia and a visit to China in September helped Kim win his "sunshine" policy.

"We are in everybody's interest...to prevent the backsliding," Han said.

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Fatboy Slim wins 6 MTV video awards

NEW YORK

Fatboy Slim's "Weapon of Choice" video was the big winner at Thursday's MTV Video Music Awards, winning six of the nine awards for which it was nominated, but it was the sexy video "Lady Marmalade" that took home the year's top trophy.

"Lady Marmalade," the "Moulin Rouge"-inspired video, was a collaboration featuring Pink, Christina Aguilera, Mya and Lil' Kim. It also received an award for best video from a film.

The night's other big winner was 'N Sync, who received four awards for their special-effects laden video, "Pop," including the viewer's choice award.

The "Weapon of Choice" clip by Fatboy Slim, a DJ, doesn't even feature the artist; its star is actor Christopher Walken, dancing around an empty hotel lobby. Among the early awards it nabbed was for best direction, for Spike Jonze, and best choreography.

As always, however, the awards themselves tend to be an afterthought, upstaged by the evening over-the-top moments. Thursday was no exception, as 'N Sync capped off a colorful rendition of "Pop" with the King of Pop himself, Michael Jackson. Jackson gyrated for only a few seconds to 'N Sync's hit, but received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Another anticipated moment was the Sex-Panther's performance of her new song, "I'm A Slave For You," which featured the singer slithering on stage with a snake and other animals.

Fatboy Slim was the MTV2 award spotlighting emerging artists, but it was hard to conceal the heavy metal group's acceptance speech: They appeared at the podium in gory makeup that made them look as if they had been shot in the forehead, with fake blood oozing down their face and chest.

And Macy Gray upstaged the announcement of the award for best new artist as she urged everyone to "take a minute and concentrate on my dress," which read: "My new album drops Sept. 18, 2001".

The night was without its glitches: As U2 was about to perform "Elevation," a technical problem forced MTV to cut to commercials until it was fixed.

So MTV wasn't paying their electricity bill," quipped Bono before the group received the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard award for lifetime achievement.

Collaborating with No Doubt's Gwen Stefani proved to be good move for Moby and Eve; the DJ won best male video for his "South Side" video featuring Stefani, and Eve won best female video for "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," also with Stefani.

Comedian-host Jamie Foxx got the evening off to a somewhat raunchy start. After parroting the evening's setting at the Metropolitan Opera House with opera renditions of hits like "Bootsylicious," he launched into a monologue that had to be bleeped by MTV censors.

Foxx had previously said he would not lampoon celebrities during the show, but apparently had a change of heart, joking about Mariah Carey's recent nervous breakdown and Backstreet Boy A.J. McLean's battle with alcohol abuse.

The Backstreet Boys gave out the evening's first award, for best hip-hop video. Before OutKast picked up their trophy, McLean thanked MTV and fans for supporting him during his recent stint in rehab.

"Today is 64 days sober, and I'm proud of it," he said to applause.

As the group made its way off the stage, Fox held out a bottle to them. "You want some champagne, some champagne," he joked before the stunned crowd.

"It's apple cider, apple cider! You can drink apple cider, can't you?"

Moments later, however, the mood turned somber with a tribute to Aaliyah, who was killed Aug. 25 in a plane crash.

Janet Jackson, Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, Giuwine and Timbaland joined Aaliyah's brother, Rashad Haughton, in remembering the 22-year-old singer and actress, who was to be a presenter Thursday evening.

"I think what we've got to learn out of this is to appreciate each other while we're here on earth," said Elliott, who wore a white jacket with Aaliyah's image on the back and her name on the side. "I love you Aaliyah, and you're forever missed."

Bono also paid tribute to Joey Ramone, who died earlier this year of lymphoma, as he introduced the remaining members of the legendary punk rock group the Ramones to the audience.

Among the evening's performers was Lopez, who sang her latest hit "I'm Real" with rapper Ja Rule during the show; Linkin Park, U2, Jay-Z and Elliott, who dedicated her performance to Aaliyah.

Prior to the show, fans who gathered outside to greet their favorite stars were treated to concert performances by Alien Ant Farm, City High and Eve. Sean "P-Diddy" Combs made the grandest entrance: He arrived on top of an 18-wheeler truck, rapping his latest hit, "Bad Boys for Life."
Feds ignorant on stem cells

Administration unaware of 64 cell lines' condition

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Thursday that President Bush did not know how many of the 64 existing stem cell lines were fully developed, it can reproduce indefinitely, allowing from a single embryo.

Thompson said that neither he nor Bush knew how many of the existing stem cell lines were fully developed when the president made his decision in August.

The decision by the president was made on ethical and moral grounds as much as it was on scientific grounds and it wasn't based upon the number," he said.

Before August, most experts believed there were fewer than half of the 64 lines were fully developed, although others still qualify for federal funds if an applicant seeks them.

Thompson said more lines will be developed by the time federal investigators inspect next year. "If not, there are enough lines now," Thompson said.

"Ninety percent of the research done on mice was done on five lines," he said in an extensive interview with The Associated Press in which he defended the administration's approach.

Each stem cell line comes from a single embryo. Once fully developed, it can reproduce indefinitely, allowing hundreds of researchers to work with cells from a single line.

Scientists say great promise for treating disease because the cells can develop into any part of the body. It is controversial because human embryos, typically those left over from fertility treatments, must be destroyed in the process.

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This summer, I spent the less hectic days at work tuned into CNN and the daily TV news. Americans, including representatives and presidents, vacation on the months of July and August and as a result, their tendency is to be a painfully slow season for reporters and anchor people. Two stories dominated American news media this year. Each day reporters greeted America with the saga of the disappearance of Washington intern Chandra Levy and revelations of her alleged affair with Gary Condit. Shark attacks on the American coastline were also prominently featured on the 6 o’clock news and the programs on America with the saga of the disappearance of Washington intern Chandra Levy and revelations of her alleged affair with Gary Condit, shark attacks on the American coastline were also prominently featured on the 6 o’clock news and the programs on CNN.

At first both stories strongly grabbed the attention of the American public. The search for Levy touched the collective nerve of the country as family and friends could not account for her disappearance and the questionable nature of her relationship with the representative for whom she worked evoked memories of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. In the initial nationally reported saga of the elements of a good scandal: disappearance, sex and possible murder. Each shark attack contains the elements of a great man-against-nature struggle: a vicious predator, fear and an end to the death of either the aggressor or the aggressed. While the pursuit of ratings may make for good business, it does not necessarily result in good reporting or responsible news programs. As the media attempted to catch the sensational, world events took a back seat to analysis of Condit’s “no comment” response to questions of butchered shark tussles that in truth rarely occur.

Americans, isolated on North America, bordered only by Mexico and Canada, have observed the rest of the world as it will. On a broader note, the summer news reports seemed to evidence the growing trend toward isolationism in our society. The policies of the Bush administration have both supported and strengthened this national sentiment.

The President’s decisions to withdraw from the Kyoto treaty and to support coal as “alternative energy” shamefully ignore America’s impact on the world environment. The actions of Americans have an affect on the world as a whole just as the events on the planet have an affect on us, socially, economically and culturally.

The media has a responsibility to do more than pander to the lowest common denominator. It has a responsibility to report more than simply what a polled group of Americans want to hear.

I realized this summer that the American media needs to act in a way that genuinely keeps U.S. citizens informed and not simply react in response to ratings numbers. It must take a broader world view.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Loving a hard job

"Beep! Beep! Beep!" rang the pagers. The dispatcher called, "Station 55 ambulance, med 91, 100 North High St., possible cardiac arrest. I jumped into the ambulance as we sped off with sirens and sirens blaring. It was the end of May 1999 and I arrived at Good Fellowship Ambulance only 15 minutes before and I was already going on my first call. I was on my way to a possible cardiac arrest and I didn't even know CPR. Fortunately the woman in question was not in cardiac arrest — an excited bystander misreported it. We took her to the hospital to get her checked out since she had fainted. When I got to the hospital, I was so excited that my heart was pounding and I couldn't keep still. The other technicians told me that was normal for a call like that and I loved the feeling.

During the summer after my junior year of high school I became a "running" with Good Fellowship Ambulance in Chester, Pa. During that summer I took classes to become certified as an EMT in September. I was 17 years old and I was volunteering as an attendant — basically an extra set of hands on the ambulance. Whenever a person called 911 an ambulance was dispatched, an ambulance must have at least two EMTs — one to drive and one to provide patient care. EMTs are trained in basic stabilization, resuscitation, oxygen therapy and spinal immobilization. The amount of training is very different from that of a paramedic. It took me a summer to become an EMT while becoming a medic can take a year of full time classes that cost upwards of $6,000.

Once I received my certification as an EMT in September I continued volunteering one to two nights a week during school and even more during my vacation time. What have I seen in my year of EMT? When people ask me that usually say that I've seen everything from butt pain to bad car wrecks to cardiac arrest. Yes, I did have one call for "butt pain" and yes I had to reach under a patient.

"Ouch! Help!"

Steven Carroll
A Medical Perspective

Editors respond to rape coverage concerns

To our readers:

Responsibility does not mean popu­lar­ity.

When The Observer obtained infor­ma­tion this week regarding an alleged rape and possible use of a date rape drug in Keough Hall, the decision to cover the incident was not a difficult one. The possibility that a student may have been raped under the influence of the date rape drug poses a serious risk on campus, and we consider it our moral, ethical and professional responsi­bility to alert the campus when crimes occur. So we reported it.

Because the security departments at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame have chosen to make only limited details about the two reports available at this time, Observer reporters were unable to obtain all the facts about the incident. As is frequently the case with ongoing crime investigations, all the facts are not known. However, the fact does remain that on Friday night, these reports were filed with campus security departments, both indicating alleged rape, one indicating alleged use of a date rape drug.

Observer editors and reporters felt strongly those were facts the community deserved to know, and felt it was the newspaper's responsibility to report them.

Some members of the community felt differently. And we heard about it.

For the past two days, Observer editors and reporters have been flooded with letters and calls accusing the newspaper of "shoddy journalism, "unethical behavior" and "breaking serious ethical boundaries." The major­ity of these accusations stemmed from The Observer's decision to publish the room numbers currently under investiga­tion. Arguing The Observer has revealed in third person, "unethical behavior." In this case, The Observer can only con­tinue to produce responsible, informat­ive reports with the cooperation of our sources. We implore both security departments to work with us and con­tinue providing us with accurate information so that we can piece together the facts in this case.

The Observer will continue to give Friday's events prominent coverage, and report as new facts emerge. The Observer will not abandon its professional, eth­ical and moral responsibility to make those facts public.

That is responsible.

Even if it's not popular.

Mike Connolly
Editor in Chief
Noreen Gillespie
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Kerry Smith
Assistant Managing Editor

Letter to the Editor

Irresponsible reporting has lasting consequences

According to the article by Myra McGriff in the Wednesday Observer, there is only an alleged rape at Keough Hall being investigated. If it is only being investigated at this time, why is it being reported? I feel identifying the rooms and/or people who are being investigated is a prime example of irresponsible journalism. If rooms 301-421 are not identified by the investigation and the plans of the rapists (if any) because they were raped in both rooms? It is too late. The men in those rooms will be thought of as "rapists" anyway. Please keep this in mind when writing future articles.

Katie Moor
graduate student
September 5, 2001
They want revenge. Any student who attended the 2000 Nebraska game in Notre Dame Stadium has heard the term "Sea of Red" and they want revenge. Some are driving cars to Lincoln, Neb. Some are flying in planes. However, some are taking extreme measures to ensure a large number of students attend Saturday's game in Memorial Stadium — they're renting buses and RVs to transport large groups of Domers to Nebraska.

"My main motivation for planning our bus trip is the vivid memory I have of last year with the 30,000 Nebraska fans in Notre Dame Stadium." --Steve Napleton, Nebraska bus trip organizer

Steve Napleton was bored at work one day this summer and that is when he remembered an idea he had discussed with his friend Al Vitter earlier in the spring. He wanted to gather several friends together, rent a bus and go to Nebraska for the first football game of the 2001 season. "At that point, we started looking into bus companies and getting a group rate at a hotel. After that it was all gravy," Napleton said. Napleton and Vitter got total prices and started selling tickets. The $150 fee includes a bus ride to and from Lincoln, hotel Friday night, food and drinks, a tailgater before the game and a T-shirt. Their bus left late Thursday night and will return Saturday immediately following the game.

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Roger said he and his friends ran into a small problem: all the RVs in South Bend were rented out for the weekend. But Roger refused to give up on the plan, so he called Chicago and found a company which to rent. But renting the RV from Chicago left Roger and his friends with yet another small problem. "We're not sure who is going to drive the RV back to Chicago on Monday to return it," Anselmo said.

"You don't realize how many details there are to be taken care of," Perri said. "For example, we want to have the tailgate ready when the bus arrives from Omaha, so we had to rent a van to drive from Omaha to Lincoln to get their first and set everything up. There is a lot of advanced planning to do." Napleton and Vitter said the planning process has been fairly easy. "It has been amazingly easy to plan," Vitter said.

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Well, they did run into one hitch. "The only problem we had was too many people wanted to come for one bus," Napleton said. Luckily, that problem was solved easily. Napleton and Viter simply decided to add another bus to accommodate all 100 people going on their trip.

With or without tickets
Students say their main goal is to have as much green in Memorial Stadium as their was red at the 2000 game in Notre Dame Stadium. However, there could be a slight problem in accomplishing that goal — tickets.

Roger said all but two of the guys in his RV have tickets, including Roger, who got a ticket from his father. "I know Nebraska didn't offer Notre Dame many tickets," Roger said. "But people had access other ways. Some people knew someone who had tickets and decided not to go."

Napleton also has a ticket, but said most people on his bus don't. He said he's sure some will try to purchase the tickets from scalpers, but many students are simply going to Lincoln to soak up the atmosphere. "This is our senior year," Napleton said. "This is kind of our last chance."

Perrin does not have a ticket to the game, but doesn't seem to mind. He plans on tailgating throughout the contest and watching it on big screen TVs he will have in his tent.

"We just want to be loud and obnoxious in the parking lot to show people we are there."

Aaron Perrin
Nebraska bus trip organizer

Making the world safe for the Irish

Good people of Notre Dame traveling to Nebraska, I must warn you of something about the state you will be visiting. It seems Nebraskans, in an effort to eventually take over the world in honor of their idols Dale Earnhardt and Kid Rock, have spread themselves out over a wide territory in the middle of the United States. There, they form huge areas of land and surround them with lots of corn plants to hide their sinister activities.

Each of these "farm" has large, tank-like machines called "tractors" that slowly patrol Nebraska's highways, looking for signs of buildings and automobiles that will signal the presence of their arch-enemy, "Civilization."

The people of Nebraska, normally suspicious of people from "Civilization," shun themselves in red on Saturdays during the fall. Their fiery attitude is meant to signal Nebraskans when they are in the presence of their own people.

In an effort to sway the rest of the United States to turn their backs on the evils of "Civilization," Namely refrigerators and paved roads, Nebraskans invite teams from "Civilization" to compete against their Huskers in games of sport. Despite the Nebraskans' best efforts to persuade their visitors to assist them in conquering the world for country music and the WWF, people from "Civilization" generally find they prefer the comforts of their own society, including toilet paper and re-runs of The Golden Girls.

So, if you're going to Nebraska, be on alert for people wishing to destroy "Civilization." Resist any temptations to become one of them. Blast rap music and throw cell phones to keep the Nebraskans at bay. With any luck, you'll come out fine.

Jeff Baltruzak has dedicated his career to stamping out Nebraskanism. Contact Jeff at Jeffrey.D.Baltruzak.2@nd.edu.

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Jaye Parody(left) and roommate Gina Gajdos, off-campus seniors, pack some snacks for the trip.
Bonds knocks No. 60 into history books

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Barry Bonds hit his 60th home run, becoming just the fifth player to reach the milestone, and the San Francisco Giants narrowed the gap in the NL West with a 9-5 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday.

Bonds homers off Albie Lopez (3-5) in the second inning with the sellout Pacific Bell Park crowd roaring as the solo shot cleared the right-field wall.

Arizona's lead in the NL West was squeezed to 1 1/2 games as the Giants narrowed the gap in the NL East, becoming just the fifth National League team to hit 60 home runs.

Homer (3-5) in the second game. The smallest crowd was 2,803 for a game against St. Louis on Sept. 7, 1984.

Bonds hit his team-leading 27th homer off Carl Pavano (0-1) in the first.

Jiminni, Bonds' third baseman, hit a leadoff single and advanced on first baseman Lee Stevens after a throwing error. After Doug Glanville sacrificed, Abreu homered over the right-field wall.

Reds 5, Pirates 4 Ken Griffy Jr. hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh inning and the Cincinnati Reds overcame a five-run deficit to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Cincinnati kept the Pirates from winning their fourth consecutive game, which would have matched their season-best streak.

Roberto Pena and a pair of relievers combined on a four-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies stopped their four-game losing streak, beating the Montreal Expos.

Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer as the Phillies pulled within 2 1/2 games of idle Atlanta in the NL East.

Person (14-7) gave up three hits in 7 1/3 innings to win his fifth straight decision. He struck out five and walked three.

Bobby Abreu hit a two-run home run off Albie Lopez in the fifth inning.

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NHL

Canadiens captain Koiva to begin chemotherapy

Associated Press

MONTREAL

After getting over the shock of learning he had abdominal cancer, Montreal Canadiens captain Saku Koiva sought out some inspiration.

"He asked us to bring him a copy of Lance Armstrong's book when we go back to visit him later today," Canadiens defense- man Craig Rivet said Thursday after he and teammate Brian Savage visited Koiva in the hospital earlier in the day.

With surgery ruled out as an option, the 26-year-old Canadiens center will begin chemotherapy as soon as the type of cancer is determined, a process that could take up to two weeks.

Rivet and Savage said Koiva was in better spirits a day after he received his grim diagnosis.

"He seemed to be a lot more cheerful, but he's obviously scared," Savage said. "Just the unknown of what kind of cancer it is is pretty difficult for him right now."

Koiva's toughest moments came Wednesday, when he was advised that malignant cells had been found in his abdomen.

"We were there about 10 minutes after he was told that he did have cancer, so it was a pretty rough time, a pretty emotional time for him," Rivet said. "We didn't get to spend a whole lot of time with him. It was kind of a shock for all of us in there."

Koiva was hospitalized for tests Tuesday night after complaining of abdominal pain and vomiting following his arrival from his native Finland on Monday.

An ultrasound exam showed an abnormal buildup of fluid in a chamber of Koiva's abdominal cavity, said team physician Dr. David Mulder. Fluid taken from the area contained malignant cells, said, and now further biopsy and other testing is taking place to learn more about the illness.

We found malignant cells. They would basically fall into two broad categories," Mulder said. "One is looking at would be in the field of lymphomas, which is cancer of the lymph system. The other would be a tumor in any other part of the abdominal cavity.

"We're hoping that this will be a kind of lymphoma," Mulder said. "Now the best kind of lymphomas is Hodgkin's, and then the worst kind is almost like an acute leukemia, associated with a high mortality rate. We're hoping he'll have the good kind."

Koiva's NHL career has been plagued with injuries. He missed most of last year.

The other would be a tumor in any other part of the abdominal cavity.

"He was looking forward to the season, and now..." Mulder said, adding that he and Koiva had "philosophical" discussions on the illness. "I don't have an answer for him."

Mulder said it was too soon to talk about when he would play again.

"I'm not ruling out a return to play hockey, but don't ask for a time," Mulder said, mentioning how Armstrong came back from testicular cancer to win the Tour de France three straight times.


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By KATIE McVOY
Aquanox Sport Editor

The Saint Mary's cross country team is looking to start off the season on the right foot as the Belles open their season at the Aquinas Invitational on Saturday.

"I think starting out, we're looking to just see where we are because we have so many new freshmen," junior Whitney Ross said. "We had a really good turnout this year and we're just trying to get together as a team."

The team has been on campus since Aug. 20 working on long runs, team unity and adapting to col-

lege courses. Despite three weeks of training, however, this week will be the first test for the team.

"This meet will start a ground basis for what we want to work on for the rest of the season," Ross said.

But for the nearly 15 first-year runners, this will be their first college meet. With a lot of freshmen, it will be a big challenge," Ross said.

As far as strategy for this race goes, each woman on the team is going out to run for her best time. Pack running is not something the Belles are looking to do at this first meet.

"It's pretty much run your best time," Ross said. "We know who we can run with, so in that sense we can race together."

The race will kick off at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish rest starters in opener

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The search for the crucial sixth man begins today as the Irish men's cross country team heads into its first meet of the season at the Valparaiso Invitational.

After a ninth-place finish in sixth place out of six teams, including MIAA contender Kalamazoo, the Irish finished 50th, the highest place the Belles have run in the last few years.

The Belles have run in the Aquinas Invitational for the past three years, so this course, which runs on flat ground, is old news to the veterans.

"It's a lot more comforting to know what the course is like and how you can pace yourself," Ross said.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish to test depth, freshmen at Valparaiso Invitational

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

In their first competition of the year today at the Valparaiso Invitational, the Irish women's cross country team will test the depth of the middle of their lineup.

Junior Jen Handley and Jen Fisbach, sophomore Megan Johnson and top freshman Lauren King all will not compete, overrule the role one of them is to play.

"The four of us aren't running, but [the team] is going to do awesome anyway," said Johnson.

Irish head coach Tom Connelly sees the competition as a chance to judge the majority of his runners.

"We like to use this meet to gauge how people are," Connelly said.

For freshmen Christine Arness, Jackie Heap and Kerry Menegh, this will be their first experience with college-level competition after a summer of tough training.

"The freshmen have been handling the training very well," Connelly said. "Some of them seem a little tired — this is also their first week away from home. But they're excited to race.

The meet also provides a chance for two run-

ners whose training schedules were interrupted to return to the course. Sophomore Beth

Andrewski, who struggled with mononucleosis during the 2000 cross country season and classmate Rachel Edress, who had a stress fracture earlier this season, will also return to competition at Valparaiso.

But even without his best runners, Connelly is focused on competing. Notre Dame took its first meet last year.

"We're going out to win the meet," said Connelly. "But usually Jen [Handley] and Megan [Johnson] are out front, and this meet will help us to develop the depth. It puts some people in a position where they know they're being counted on, which I'd like to line up and compete at the college level.

Though Notre Dame is favored to win again, Western Michigan and Wisconsin-Milwaukee are expected to have some good competition.

"This was my first college race when we ran it last year," said Johnson, who holds the school record in the 1,500-meters. "A group of five of us ran together, pushing each other along. Then we broke away from the pack, and left the other teams in the dust. It was a good way to meet our competitors and see what we had to offer."

"This meet is a matter of showing everything you've worked for all summer," Johnson said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belle freshmen to get taste of college competition

By KATIE McVoy
Associate Sports Editor

While most freshmen on the Saint Mary's campus will be having their first experience with college athletics watching the Notre Dame/Nebraska football game, the freshmen volleyball players will be out on the road getting a first-hand taste of college competition. Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek will take her eight freshmen players to the Lake Michigan College to acclimate them to the college experience without the rest of the varsity team.

"I'm looking to get them confidence and experience," Schroeder-Biek said. "There have been a couple of positions that have had difficulty with freshmen seeing playing time."

Because Lake Michigan is a junior college, the results of tonight's game will not go on the Belles' season record. After losing senior middle-hitter Jolie LeBeau to an ankle injury during Wednesday night's game, Schroeder-Biek saw this as a perfect opportunity to try out some new players in that position.

"I will be doing some experimenting with the middle position," she said. "I have eight freshmen so they will be getting a lot of playing time."

In addition to trying out some new players at the middle position, playing without the rest of the varsity team will allow the first-year outside hitters to get some playing time. Thus far this season, the new outside hitters have been playing behind Angela Meyers, who leads the MIAA in defense, and Elizabeth Albert. Andre Bella and Angie Osmanski, both freshmen outside hitters, will have an opportunity to try play at the collegiate level. Although Osmanski hasn't had a chance to play at outside hitter, she has seen some college playing time already. She stepped in when LeBeau went down on Wednesday.

"[Osmanski] is a real versatile player," Schroeder-Biek said. "Angie consistently uses her jump serve and is very effective. Her true position is outside attacker, but I will also throw her in [at] middle."

Bridget Wakaruk has also already seen significant playing time, working as a main setter on the offense.

Schroeder-Biek will also be trying Stacey Stark and Ellise Rupright at middle hitter and experimenting with Jenny Wilkins and Michelle Gary as defensive specialists.

All seven players have already seen some court time this year.

"Five of these women actually play a very strong role," Schroeder-Biek said. "They come in [at] half-time either back row or front row."

However, there will be one woman tonight who has had no experience on the college court. Marguerite Ritchey, who dressed with the team for the first time Thursday night, will face competition for the first time tonight.

In preparation for tonight's game, the freshmen faced off in a scrimmage against the seniors on Thursday, a scrimmage that showed some real promise.

"I saw some leaders emerge, which I was hoping to see," Schroeder-Biek said. "I saw good communication."

Competition kicks off at 6:30 against Vincennes, followed by an 8 p.m. game against Terra and a 9:30 game against Lake Michigan.

Schroeder-Biek is counting on her team's mental focus to bring them through the evening's intense schedule.

"They're going to have to really pull it out mentally because physically they're going to be really tired," she said. "That's a lot of competition and basically everybody we play is going to be fresh."

After practicing Friday, the upperclassmen will travel to Lake Michigan with assistant coach Sue Ushela to support their teammates.

The Belles will play their next game as a full team on Tuesday at Olivet.

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BELLES BEGIN MIAA SEASON

By KATIE McVOY

This weekend’s golf tournament could be a preview for the MIAA championships. The Belles will kick off their league season at Olivet this weekend with the first of four all league tournaments that will end with the MIAA Championships hosted by Saint Mary’s at Brookwood Golf Course on Sept. 28.

With a young, strong team, Saint Mary’s is ready to start the season," Hathaway said. "I think everybody is excited to get into the season."

Hathaway and Pekarek, leading the Britons in an effort to reclaim the MIAA title. This year will be the first time that the women’s MIAA championship will be decided at a single tournament. Despite the fact that this weekend’s tournament will not affect final standings, it will allow the teams time to size each other up and start preparing for the MIAA championships. "We have to keep [the fact that we could take the championship] in mind." Hathaway said. "But we also have to concentrate on the task at hand."

"I think everyone is excited to get into the season," said Mary Claire Hathaway golfer.

"This will be the fourth season that seniors Hathaway and Megan Kelobner will be playing on the course at Olivet. With that much experience behind them, the Belles are looking at focusing their efforts on their short game. "I know our coach (Pekarek) stresses the importance of our short game," Hathaway said. "And she wants us to concentrate and have confidence on the course. Concentrating on the green and having confidence on the green is important because that’s where you score."

The match will tee off at Alwyn Downs at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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YANKEE CATCHES SAYS UMPIRE PUSHED PULLED FIRST

Associated Press

TORONTO

New York Yankee catcher Jorge Posada said Tuesday it didn’t matter that he mistook Andy Fletcher for another umpire during the ninth inning of New York’s 7-5 victory over Toronto Monday. Posada, then yelled obscenities at Fletcher, bumped him and got spittle on him, but he said Fletcher pushed him.

"They pushed me out of the way because I saw it," said Posada, who has viewed the tape.

"He pushed me, then I got close and I got upset, and he pushed me and I said, "Don’t push me! Don’t push me!" Then he pushed me again with the elbow, and I said again, "Don’t push me! Don’t push me!" and I got really upset. He shouldn’t be able to touch me.

After the game, Posada said he had a history with Fletcher. Posada claimed he argued after he was called out to end a game on Aug. 6, "It doesn’t matter. It’s still a bad call. He threw me out right away," Posada said. "When’s somebody is pushing you, when you’re mad at him, you mean obviously you can’t do nothing to him, but you don’t need to keep pushing. Either way, even a player can’t be pushing an umpire, no matter what. That’s why I got upset.

"I don’t think that’s the case. When you’re furious things come out of your mouth, but I did not do what it looked like in the papers," Posada said. "Things came out of my mouth, too."

Crew chief umpire Larry Young said on Monday that he would talk to Frank Robinson, who oversees discipline for Major League Baseball. Posada said Robinson hadn’t contacted him yet.

"I don’t know what’s going to happen. I mean obviously you can’t do nothing to him, but he shouldn’t be able to touch me.

New York manager Joe Torre didn’t want to comment until a decision is announced.

Robinson angered Torre last month when pitcher Ted Lilly was suspended for six games, but Torre said he didn’t think that would have any effect on Robinson’s decision to suspend Posada.

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Senior middle blocker Malinda Goralski hits the ball in action last weekend in the Joyce Center. Goralski was last week's Big East Co-Player of the Week.

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played them it was tough for us because we were playing some of the best teams in the country. I think we were a little intimidated at first but we came around and did a good job."

In the loss to UCLA, Kim Fletcher and Jessica Kinder combined for six kills, eight digs and two aces to lead the Irish.

Fletcher earned the MVP honors last weekend as Notre Dame opened the season with a 3-0 mark at the home Shamrock Invitational. Teammate Malinda Goralski notched Big East Co-Player of the Week honors after recording a career-high 11 blocks in Notre Dame's four-game victory over Idaho Saturday night.

"I think it's indicative of the fact that they both had great tournaments," Brown said of both award-winners. "Kim had a slightly higher hitting percentage and more digs, obviously, because she plays back row. She played some really good defense and passed the ball for us. Malinda was off the charts on blocking."

Nebraska is a familiar foe for Notre Dame, as the Irish and Huskers have shared the court seven times, with Nebraska holding a 5-2 edge. Notre Dame has not topped Nebraska since ending the Huskers' season in the second round of the 1993 NCAA tournament.

Brown is excited for the Irish take on a No. 1 team for just the third time ever.

"Any time you have an opportunity to play a No. 1-ranked team in the country, I think that's a great experience," Brown said. "It gives our players the opportunity to just go in and play hard and play with no fear."

Despite the dominating Nebraska win last season, Brown expects her team to benefit from having played the Cornhuskers exactly one year before this year's rematch.

"I think it works to our advantage in having played them last year because I don't think it's such a shock when you see them," Brown said. "While they are very talented, I think there are some weaknesses that we can try to take advantage of."

One adjustment the Irish must make to succeed against the Cornhuskers is acclimating themselves to the sold out Nebraska Coliseum. Last year Notre Dame's all-time volleyball attendance record was set when the Cornhuskers visited South Bend the same weekend as the Notre Dame-Nebraska football game.

More than 3,000 fans — mostly wearing red — packed the Joyce Center that day. The same can be expected on Saturday as the game is already sold out.

"Usually during the rally it doesn't get so loud that you can't hear," Brown said. "We don't really anticipate that it would affect us that much. I think it just makes a more exciting atmosphere to play in. I think teams usually play better when there's more people and there's more excitement and there's a band."

Saturday's contest pits the Irish against the Waves for the first time ever. Brown and her squad watched tapes of Pepperdine's earlier games this season on Wednesday afternoon.

"We do know the personnel at Pepperdine and they are a very good team," Brown said. "They're ranked 15th in the country this week. So we know that all three opponents are quality and they're going to push us to be as good as we can be."

Brown may be thinking positive, but the team's sentiments about this weekend. Both on the volleyball court and the gridiron were perhaps put best by senior captain Marcia Bomback.

"I think this year, there's no fear factor against Nebraska," Bomback said. "We're just going to go in and play very aggressively and surprise some people."

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Sophomore forward Amy Warner drives upfield against No. 25 Hartford in last weekend's KeyBank Classic. The Irish face two unranked squads this weekend at home.

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Pruzinsky said the Irish have been concentrating on communication and organization on defense this week in practice.

"The players that work their hardest will stay on the field," said Melissa Tancredi, forward.

During practice this week, the Irish have been honing the skills that seemed to be lacking in last week's action. While the defense only allowed one goal, Pruzinsky said there was definitely room for improvement on the back line.

"We didn't communicate well," said Pruzinsky. "We were defending individually, not more as a group."

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the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll. This marks the first time the team has held a top 25 spot in two years. Clark does not want to let the ranking get in the way of his team's concentration, however.

"Rankings don't mean anything when you're playing two quality teams like Furman and Clemson," Clark stated.

The Irish defense, which was superb in its shutout of Villanova, will be tested once again Friday night by the high-powered offense of the Furman Paladins. Fresh off of a 7-0 defeat of Belmont, in which sophomore Scott Hoch scored three goals and an assist, the Paladins should bring a good challenge to the Notre Dame defense, which has yet to give up a goal in its three regular-season and exhibition games.

"We've been training all week long to stay in defensive shape," sophomore co-captain Greg Martin said. "This will be a good test for us, but if we play our best, I think we can compete with any team in the country."

Martin, a defender, was awarded the Big East Defensive Player of the Week Award for his efforts in the Villanova victory, in which he scored his first career points with a goal and an assist. On Sunday, things should not get any easier as the Irish face the Clemson Tigers.

Clemson has gotten off to a rough start this year, going 1-2, losing both of the games in tight 2-1 matches. Even with the two losses, the Tigers have outshot their opponents 52-31. Clemson brings with them a stingy defense led by goalkeepers Doug Warren and Patrick Fullerton and defenders Oguchi Onyewu and Eric Lewis.

"To be honest, these are two games that we need to win that we maybe aren't supposed to get," said Martin. "But if you want to be one of the best teams in the country, you have to win some of the games that on paper you might not be ready for."

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ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Up against the best

Irish to face three higher-ranked teams in Lincoln

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Notre Dame versus Nebraska. The No. 1 team in the country hosting an underdog Irish squad. Notre Dame players preparing for the "Sea of Red" — Part II.

All sounds familiar, except for one thing: the contest described is Saturday afternoon's women's volleyball match between the Irish and Cornhuskers. Saturday's match is Notre Dame's second in the three-day U.S. Bank/Arby's Tournament. The Irish (3-0) also take on the No. 7 UCLA Bruins on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and the No. 15 Pepperdine Waves at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"I think that we're going into every match believing that we have an opportunity to win," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown. "We're certainly not going in just thinking that we're there to take up space."

A year ago, Notre Dame hosted two of this weekend's opponents at the adidas Invitational. The Irish fell in three games to the eventual national champion Cornhuskers on Sept. 8, 2000 (8-15, 9-15, 12-15). They didn't fare much better the next day against the Bruins, falling (7-15, 7-15, 15-17). Brown remains encouraged by Notre Dame's late challenge against UCLA.

"The fact that we did compete well in the third game against them is good," Brown said. "I think the tournament last year when we see VOLLEYBALL/page 20

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish meet Badgers, Hoosiers

By JEFF BALTRUZAK

With two regular-season wins over ranked teams under their belt, the now third-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team is looking to build the belt.

Junior defensive specialist Janie Aldrete passes the ball at the Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center last weekend. The Irish face three ranked teams this weekend, including No. 1 Nebraska.

ND Men's Soccer

Notre Dame begins tough schedule at Furman Invite

By CHRIS FEDERICO

In the quest to be the best, a team has to go up against the best. For the Irish men's soccer team (1-0) the road back from mediocrity begins tonight.

"We've got a tough schedule, and that is the exciting thing about sports," head coach Bobby Clark said. "You have to play the tough teams, and you get to see how you fare against the best."

Following a 5-0 victory last weekend against Big East opponent Villanova, Notre Dame now travels to Greenville, S.C. to play in the Furman Invitational. The Irish will face two of the top teams in the nation, playing Furman and Clemson, ranked fifth and 16th, respectively, in the Soccer America Magazine Poll.

Last season, the Irish finished 7-8-2 and failed to qualify for the Big East tournament. Along the way, however, Notre Dame topped No. 10 St. John's and barely lost to eventual national champion Connecticut. This year, Clark revels in the chance to play such tough competition.

"It gives us a nice, early-season test because you get to see how you stack up against the best," Clark said. "If you play them well, that's great. But if you don't, then you see what you have to work on throughout the season to try to build up to being one of the top teams."

After their first week under their new head coach, the Irish earned their way back into the national rankings, gaining a spot at No. 21 in

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Irish have game film, Huskers have experience

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Is having experience without knowing the enemy better than knowing the enemy without having experience? Saturday night, the question will be answered when No. 17 Notre Dame, a team that has yet to play its first game of the year, faces two-game winner No. 4 Nebraska.

"The fact that we haven't played a game, that we've had closed practices, maybe that gives us a slight advantage," said Irish head coach Bob Davie.

Right now, the biggest mystery is what the Irish are going to do at quarterback. While sophomore Matt LoVecchio is the starter, Davie has been ambiguous as to the role backups Carlyle Walton is firmly entrenched on one side of the field, Davie has said that Jason Clark and Jared Clark will play.

It's possible all three could see playing time; it's possible that only LoVecchio will play. Whatever his plan is, Davie isn't telling.

"I want to give our football team every advantage we can to win," he said. "We certainly have a plan right now. Our players know the plan. But I don't think it's in my best interests or the team's best interests to disclose that right now."

While Nebraska is virtually clueless about what Notre Dame plans to do at quarterback, the Irish know exactly what the Husker offense revolves around: quarterback Eric Crouch. But knowing what Notre Dame plans to do is one thing — stopping Crouch is another thing entirely.

"People are making comments about his passing abilities," Notre Dame linebacker Tyrone Harrison said. "I think he is the same Crouch that has given teams problems ever since he has been playing. I think he is definitely going to be at his best against us. We just need to be ready to stop him."

Crouch has been less than spectacular passing the ball, a possible boon for an inexperienced Notre Dame secondary that doesn't even have an established starter at one corner. While Shane Walton is firmly entrenched on one side of the field, Davie has said that Jason Beckstrom, Vontez Duff and Clifford Jefferson will all see playing time at the other Irish corner.

Both teams have also worked extensively on special teams — something that kept Notre Dame in the game last year. "What hurt us last year was special teams," Crouch said. "That has been our emphasis this week because we felt that we lost that part of the game last year."

"It's going to be hard to have the same statistics we have in special teams," Davie said. "But if we have an advantage to see what they have done," Harrison said. "You already know what you have to do against Nebraska. You know who the weapons are and you know that you have to be disciplined enough to take care of each responsibility. You know what you have to stop to win the game — that hasn't changed in forever."

But according to Crouch, the Huskers have the advantage because they've played in two games. "I know that we've learned from going out there and seeing some difference looks in a game atmosphere," he said. "We know what it's like on the field. We are getting our timing down. Games are different from practice and scrimmages."

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Notre Dame running back Julius Jones breaks through the Nebraska line during the Cornhusker's 27-24 overtime win last season. Jones has been injured most of the fall, but is still expected to play in Saturday night's contest.
Leading by example

Not even a shoulder injury could dim Irons' dedication to his teammates

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Grant Irons is rarely the last player on the field for practice. But shortly before a Fiesta Bowl practice last December, Irons was getting ready for practice when he discovered his helmet was missing. He frantically searched his locker and every other place he might have left it but still couldn't find it.

"He was going crazy," linebacker Tyreo Harrison said. "I was about to lose my mind.

Irons doesn't remember being as hysterical as Harrison claims, but he was very concerned that he was going to miss practice because of his lost helmet.

"I thought I must have misplaced it. Then I hear all these giggles and laughs all around the locker room," Irons said. "I ended up being the last one out to the field because they hid my helmet." Irons' dedication to practice and his teammates goes beyond most athletes: He stressed in the beginning but as he began to play I realized everything he is. It's great to have him back out there in the huddle."

Falling down

Irons' dedication to his teammates, his coaches and his school goes far beyond any clichés or rah-rah talk. When Irons says he enjoyed the strenuous rehabilitation for his shoulder and never felt sorry for himself, it's easy to believe him.

"I embraced the rehab," he said. "I looked forward to the rehab process. I just wanted to be back with my teammates."

Although he never left his teammates in spirit, his return to the field has been a long journey. He had surgery on his right shoulder in Nebraska last fall, Irons could have taken it easy. He could have showed up for practice and stood on the sidelines in shorts and a T-shirt. But that wouldn't be Grant Irons.

Irons showed up for practice every day wearing his jersey, helmet and sometimes even his shoulder pads.

"We tried to explain to him that it was OK to miss practice," Harrison said. "I guess he felt bad that he'd done something wrong if he didn't come out there in pads. Sometimes he would come out there with shoulder pads on and we'd be like, 'You can't play man. There is no reason to do that.'"

Tearing all the ligaments in his shoulder wasn't nearly as painful as the news he heard the next day.

"The real pain I experienced was the morning after when the doctors told me it was a season-ending injury," Irons said.

Even though he had to watch the rest of the game from the sidelines, he was still a leader. At the end of the game, he was at the front of student body song, the cheers for his exhausted but defeated teammates. With his one good arm he waved for the students to scream even louder in appreciation for his teammates' efforts.

He sat out spring practices after five clamps were surgically inserted into his shoulder but returned to full contact drills this summer feeling 100 percent. Nevertheless, he admits being a little tentative the first time his shoulder had to take a hit. Irons only laughed as the giggles and laughs all around the locker room. I couldn't allow myself to lose my mind."

"There was some reluctance in the beginning but as began to play I realized everything he is always known him to be exactly upbeat. "He's just an bright, vibrant, happy guy," Mattison said. "It's kind of neat to always see a guy who comes out with a smile on his face always ready to go."

Ready to go

Irons' hard work and positive attitude has brought him back out there in the huddle. He brings some much energy to the table," defensive end Anthony Weaver said. "I don't where he gets it from. Some people get tired on occasion but he is always going full speed. He just has a non-stop motor." In Lincoln this Saturday, there are few certainties. No one knows if quarterback Matt LeVorchio will suffer a sophomore slump or how Akriz Battle will perform as a wide receiver.

But there is one thing you can count on.

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Davey and Co. get the edge because, while both coaches have underachieved according to their program's expectations, the Irish have game film and can prepare for Nebraska's offense. Solich doesn't have that luxury.

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Last year, breakdowns on special teams allowed the Irish to claw back into the game. The Huskers have to prove they aren’t at disadvantage because they haven’t played a game yet. But 29 seniors could be enough to balance out the lack of game experience.

Plain and simple, the Huskers have the home field advantage. Their Sea of Tide—at night, no loss—will be loud, obnoxious, and formidable. It’s the biggest game this far for the Huskers, and after a pair of larkuster games, they want to show they are still a strong team.

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This was the bright spot of last year’s team. Jones is a potent kick returner, and he ran a kickoff back for a touchdown last year against Nebraska. Setta was inconsistent last year, only converting 8-of-14 field goals. The Irish blocked several kicks last year.

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Home-field advantage gives the Huskers the edge in this category. Nebraska fans are roudy enough that the Irish have been pissing crowd noise into their practices to prepare for Memorial Stadium. Plus, the Huskers haven’t lost in two seasons at home.

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Players, not history, will decide game

Can somebody please tell me why Notre Dame is even both­ering to get on the plane to Lincoln, Neb.? After all, history is against them — therefore they must not even stand a chance. For example, Bob Davie’s worst three losses as a head coach have come in night games that the Irish played on the road. Nebraska has won 15 straight games at Memorial Stadium and as long as the Huskers rush for more than 300 yards, they’re guaranteed to win. Since Frank Solich became head coach, Nebraska is 19-0 whenever they break the magical 300 yard barrier. But then again, maybe the Irish are taking heart in the fact that, with Davie as the head coach, the Irish have never lost a season opener. And the last time the Huskers won two games in a row, the Irish won the next matchup. So, since Notre Dame lost in the last two meetings — the 1973 Orange Bowl and last year’s overtime thriller — they’re guaranteed to win this year. Sound ridiculous? That’s because it is. But that doesn’t stop some people from predicting that historical statistics will outweigh what the present team is capable of. For example, let’s look at what Anthony Gimino, the CBS Sportsline.com college football editor, wrote in his latest column:

Gimino pointed out that the Irish are 1-5 against teams ranked in the Top 10 (Nebraska is currently No. 4). He further pointed out in every one of those losses, Notre Dame’s opponent has out­rushed the Irish. Gimino wrote, “Against teams that are bigger, stronger and, particularly, faster, Davie’s duds turn into gory little undertows.” So, because the Irish didn’t outrush Michigan in 1997, Gimino thinks Notre Dame shouldn’t bother climbing aboard their jumbo jet to play Nebraska in 2001. But Mr. Gimino, why didn’t you consider the fact that the Irish are 125-25-4 against schools that begin with the letter N? Doesn’t that have any meaning? The answer is it matters about as much as the NFL. In fact, the amount of yards Notre Dame rushed for in 1997 is more important than the weather conditions in Fiji. “Whatever is going to happen Saturday is going to be based on what happens Saturday, not what happened a week ago or a year ago,” said Davie. “Statistics mean nothing. Games mean everything. If statistics meant so much, then we could just look at Nebraska’s record to see how good they’ll do this season. Since they’re 2-0, they’re on pace to be undefeated. Then again, since the Irish are 0-0, they’re on pace to not play a game at all. You can’t reduce talent level of the players and coaches to mere numbers. If you could, there would be no need to play the game. We could just use a computer, plug in the different players for each team, and bingo — we’d have a national champion without any arguing.”

But my copy of “NCAA Football 2002” isn’t quite up to the task, so we’re stuck with having to play the games on the field. Nobody can say just how much of a liability Notre Dame’s secondary will be. Nobody can say how well the Irish defense can shut down Heisman-trophy candidate Eric Crouch. Nobody can say what role the Irish receivers will play in Saturday’s contest. Why? Because Notre Dame hasn’t even played a game yet. And unless you’re either a player, a coach, a trainer, a student manager, or someone who climbed the bleachers by the softball field to peer over the fence and watch the Irish practice, you don’t know what the Irish plan to do Saturday. Rest assured, Bob Davie and Frank Solich aren’t worried about rankings, statistics and predictions. They’re too busy trying to figure out how to beat the other team. And no matter how much they think they can try to plan for everything, unexpected situations can still occur. For example, what will Solich do if Crouch gets injured on the first play of the game? Absurd? Yes. But it happened last year in Araujo Battle. It’s impossible to predict what will happen. But there’s no way that looking at historical statistics of past teams will help Davie and Co. win. Gimino wrote, “Out-rushing their opponent is what the Irish want to do more than anything.” Funny, I thought the Irish wanted to win more than anything. It’s going to be a close game Saturday night. It’s going to be a good game Saturday night. And there’s only one way that will happen. Notre Dame just has to get on the plane and play the game. Andrew Soukup can be reached at soukup@nd.edu. The views of this column are those of the author and are not necessar­ily those of The Observer.

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Defence will decide Michigan-Washington

By GREG LADKY  
Sport Writer

Big Ten and Pac-Ten powerhouses collide for the second straight week as the No. 11 Wolverines visit Seattle to take on the No. 15 Huskies this weekend. The Pac-Ten won round one last week with Oregon's thrilling 31-28 victory against Wisconsin. This game could be as exciting.

The Wolverines were unimpressive in their 31-13 victory over Miami (Ohio) last weekend. Michigan led 17-6 well into the fourth quarter. Twenty-one of the Wolverines' points came off three interceptions. John Navarre, the heir apparent to New York Yankees' quarterback Drew Bledsoe, went 19-32 for 205 yards and one touchdown. Running back B.J. Askew, who totaled 94 yards on 20 carries last week, told reporters that their play was good enough for next week. Both teams' strength lies in defense. The Wolverines have a top-flight linebacker corps, headed by Larry Foote and Victor Hobson.

The defense has the responsibility of carrying the team as the offense matures. This is Washington's season opener. The Huskies went 11-1 last year and defeated Purdue 34-24 in the Rose Bowl. Many experts feel the Huskies belonged in the national Championship game. They handed the Miami Hurricanes their only loss of the 2000 season. However, their star quarterback Marcus Tuiasosopo is gone to the pros. No team in the country lost a more important player. Cody Pickett beat out Tyler Barton to take Tuiasosopo's place.

The Huskies will also rely on the defense. Larry Trippett, a 6-1 200-pound nose tackle, has grasped every college football publication's pre-season All-American team. He is one of the most dominating players in college football.

Several questions loom on offense for both teams. Expect a defensive struggle. One big play can certainly decide the outcome of the game. The team that protects the football and plays the best defense should prevail.

OTHER TOP GAMES

Kansas State at USC

Kansas State is notorious for its weak non-conference scheduling over the years. However, on Saturday the No. 12 Wildcats open their season at Southern California. USC tried to end its curse of bad coaching by hiring former NFL coach Pete Carroll and offensive coordinator Norm Chow, an expert at developing quarterbacks. The Trojans have a great one in future first rounder Carson Palmer.

Palmer threw for a modest 213 yards in USC's 21-10 victory over San Jose State last weekend. Running back Sultan McCullough dominated with 167 yards rushing and all three Trojan touchdowns. Kansas State went 11-3 last year. They join Florida State as the only programs to win 10 games in each of the last four seasons. Overall, the Wildcats are unproven and inexperienced. Receiver/returner Aaron Lockett and linebacker Ben Leber are the leaders on this team.

As with West Virginia last week, teams often struggle to adjust to a new coach. The Trojans need to improve from last week's play to beat the Wildcats. Kansas State special teams are always awesome. The Trojans need to be careful not to allow a big special teams play that changes the momentum of the game.

Mexican's Jake Frylinger chases down Miami of Ohio quarterback Ryan Hawk during the Wolverines' 31-13 win last week. No. 11 Michigan travels to Washington to take on the No. 15 Huskies this weekend.

Fresno State as Wisconsin

The BCS hopes the No. 23 Badgers win this football game. If No. 19 Fresno State wins, they could run the table this year. The BCS does not want an undefeated WAC team complaining they deserve to play for the national championship. The Bulldogs have certainly earned a spot so far with impressive victories against Colorado and Oregon State.

Quarterback David Carr and receiver Rodney Wright put on a pass and catch clinic Sunday night in Fresno State's 44-24 victory over then 10th-ranked Oregon State. Carr completed 21 of 34 for 340 yards and four touchdowns. Wright grabbed seven for 182 yards and two touchdowns.

The Badgers are now Big Ten favorites with their near upset of Oregon last weekend. Jim Sorgi will remain at quarterback. He threw for 311 yards last week, 168 of them to Lee Evans. The Bulldogs are a very physical team, not normal for the WAC. However, it is tough to go toe to toe against a Big Ten powerhouse. Fresno State needs another great performance out of Carr. The Badgers usually play tough defense at home and will look to run over the Bulldogs.
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Acoustic Cafe
9:00 pm- 12:00 mid in the Huddle. Sponsored by the Student Union Board
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10:00 pm in DeBartolo 101, admission $3.00. Sponsored by the Student Union Board
Saving Private Ryan
10:00 pm in DeBartolo 155, admission $2.00. Sponsored by the Student Union Board

Friday, September 7, 2001
Pearl Harbor
7:00 pm and 10:30 pm in DeBartolo 101, admission $3.00. Sponsored by the Student Union Board
Saving Private Ryan
7:30 pm and 10:00 pm in DeBartolo 155, admission $2.00. Sponsored by the Student Union Board
Free Billiards
8:30 pm to 12:00 mid in ND Express in LaFortune Student Center. For more information visit www.nd.edu/~sao/
Matthew West
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