Security on heightened alert for alcohol-related activity

By MEGHANNE DOWNES Assistant News Editor

Officers at the Notre Dame Security/Police Department watch for suspicious activity, said Phillip Johnson, NDSF assistant director, at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

Johnson's comments came in response to questions regarding the recent increase of alcohol-related citations on campus.

The significant rise in alcohol citations is a result of the increased awareness of officers on football weekends last year and the higher levels of intoxication coming to the attention of officers, said Johnson.

"Our interaction with students or, for that fact, anyone should be based on behavior," said Johnson.

Since the start of the school year, the number of incidents where students were stopped by officers coming from the parking lot carrying alcohol in their backpacks increased. Johnson said that the presence of officers around and within the parking lot is a precautionary measure to avoid theft in the parking lots.

"I don't think carrying a bag is suspicious, but you have to look at a fact pattern and the circumstance," said Johnson.

Dillon Hall Senator Jake Teske asked why students 21 and older were prohibited from driving on campus with alcohol and other items. Johnson said students are expected to be able to carry their items from the parking lots and that this should not be a problem because Du lac does not want students to be able to have enough alcohol for personal consumption.

"We are not in the interest of facilitating the delivery of alcohol," said Johnson.

Many students are limited in the reasons they are allowed on campus with their cars due to the structure of the campus and its policies. These reasons include delivery of cumbersome goods, disabilities and Sunday Mass.

"We are concerned for their safety and the safety of the people at Reckers." Johnson added.

"We are very concerned about intoxicated people being there," said Johnson. "We are concerned for their safety and the safety of the people at Reckers." NDSF officers increased their presence at Reckers this year in response to the behavior of students who were disruptive.

First woman graduate of Notre Dame tells her story

By MEGHAN MARTIN and JESSICA DALSING News Writers

The news arrived on official-looking paper in the kind of thin envelope that immediately signaled trouble.

"It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of our beloved Mary's," said M.E.E. Downes. "Miss Downes," she added, "was a true Saint Mary's student, and so it is fitting that we honor her memory in this way.

Mary's requirements - my school's requirements - did not change when I enrolled at Notre Dame. The goals of the marriage, but, No. 1, you don't want to take our name, and two, you don't want to live with us," said University president Father Theodore Hesburgh said of the marriage. "So we agreed to disagree."

That single disagreement left Davey in many other Saint Mary's standards, to graduate from the College, and instead accepted the credits earned at Saint Mary's, and instead fulfilled all of her major requirements at Notre Dame while completing Saint Mary's core requirements.

When merger negotiations fizzled, Saint Mary's no longer accepted the credits earned toward degrees at Notre Dame because majors such as business and engineering, for which students studied at the University, were not offered within the College's liberal arts curriculum. "Girls were protesting and everything," said Davey. "They wanted Notre Dame degrees.

First, unfortunately for Davey, fate and change were on her side. Because she declared her intention to pursue a major in marketing, her junior year, Davey had taken all the necessary business courses for a Notre Dame degree. 

"I didn't have any Saint Mary's requirements - my transition to the anticipated coeducation through the school's merging. "Davey, like many of her peers, had elected to fulfill a major outside of the realm of liberal arts programs offered at Saint Mary's, and instead fulfilled all of her major requirements at Notre Dame while completing Saint Mary's core requirements."

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Where's the culture?

The lack of culture on campus is disheartening. It seems that the best thing to look forward to is next semester’s arrival of John Milius, but what is there for those students whose artistic appetites aren’t satisfied by Indecision? Regrettably, an answer might be difficult to come by. Whatever happened to the golden era of the Sophomore (Librarians’ Festival and the Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival?) I’ll spare you the laundry list of celebrated personalities who once-upon-a-time graced these days. Those boasting about the glory of the past seem to be the only way to remind us of the artistic Zen that Notre Dame might have been.

Admittedly, organizations like the Student Union Board work hard to keep us entertained, and they should be saluted for their efforts, but far too many of their endeavors are met with far too little success to consider them much of a starting point. I know, because I’ve heard the hollow echoes reverberating through the nearly empty LaFortune Ballroom when bands, excepting a warm reception, are reduced to grudgingly upholding the end of a contractual agreement. Last spring, a young singer-songwriter from New York City left Beckers in tears because no one was listening to her. What’s the problem? Is that no one cares? I don’t think so. I’d say a large part of our student body is really into soft rock, music, or visual art, but the chances of hearing about it are sadly small. More importantly, every­ one has something to say. Why aren’t we hearing about it? Is being creative not cool?

Some may think that the Midwest is no place for this kind of thing and that any real stuff belongs on the coasts. Perhaps they should visit places like Oberlin College in Ohio or the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where one can find as much to see and hear as anywhere.

I’ve heard other excuses, suggesting that our particular institution is more focused on academia and fostering a community of faith than it is upon nurturing a vibrant culture. To this I say that real education requires not only opening your mind, but opening your eyes and ears as well. Linear Algebra and Plato teach us all about ourselves and our world, but wouldn’t having an artistic component to our liberal education be enrich­ ing and expressing truth show us even more?

As members of this University, I think we owe it to ourselves and to those around us to seek and produce intellec­ tual stimulation of the classroom. Only with your help can you create an artistic environment that Notre Dame can be proud of. Show some initiative, go out on a whim or just do something creative and let everyone know about it. The word will spread, and soon “creativity” will once again be a beacon that can stand up to the challenge of being trendy. I know all of you out there have something you want to say, and I, for one, am listening.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

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WHAT’S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS

SMC honors students and community for service

Saint Mary’s President Mariclou Eldred presided at a gala benefit to honor students and volunteers in the South Bend community.

U.S. suspects al-Qaeda agents may be involved in two violent attacks on marines in Kuwait in the past two days.

Democrats organize lunch to remove SEC Chairman PIt.

Democrats in Congress, led by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, call for the removal of Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt.

Business News

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ND

The Mandrake, play by Niccolo Machiavelli, 7:30 p.m. at Washington Hall

Blue Mass for police officers, firefighters, rescue workers and families, 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Basilica

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMC

Mail Department Open House 5:30-7 p.m. at Noble Family Dining Hall, North Wedge Room

Women and Minority Business Development Council 30-3:30 p.m. at Madeleva Hall, Room 247

WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Texas chili, Budapest vegetable soup, meatless baked ziti, supreme pizza, smoked flank steak creole, roast potato potatoes, corn, apple crisp, sweet and sour chicken, pasta primavera, oriental vegetables, cream of wheat, scrambled eggs, sausage links, apple pancakes, potatoes, phylly sandwich, California rancho rice

Today Dinner: Texas chili, Budapest vegetable soup, meatless baked ziti, supreme pizza, pork loin with apples, but chunky applesauce, pea, apple crisp, can­ tonese BBQ chicken, baked haddock jardiniere, lemon­ mustard croustini, noodles romanoff, baked sweet potato, spicy sea nuggets, chicken and cheese chimichanga

South Dining Hall

Today Lunch: pasta Shells primavera, fetuccine, gorgonzola sauce, French bread pizza, collard greens, turkey turnovers, Lomond broth with wine marmande, cheddar-baked pollo­ tatoes au gratin, grilled turkey sandwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzel, chicken teryaki, flena chicken flatbread

Today Dinner: chicken cacciatore, fetuccine, gorgonzola sauce, French bread pizza, roast top round, oven-fried chicken, grilled polish sausage, rotini with vegetables, Polish-style klunki noodles, cabbage, honey-mustard chicken, seasoned fries, onion rings, chicken and snow peas with soy dressing, flatbread beef pizza

WHEN’S GOING DOWN

Student injured near Knott Hall

A student was treated by NDFD near Knott Hall for injuries sus­ tained during a fall early Wednesday morning.

Locked bikes stolen near Lafounte

A student reported that two locked bikes were stolen from the east side of Lafounte Student Center between 5:15 and 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday. The case is pending and there are no suspects.

Student car has employee hangtag

NDSP reported Tuesday that a student’s car parked near Notre Dame Stadium displayed a University employee hangtag. The case is being referred for adminis­ trative review.

Employee injured near Lewis Hall

A University employee was trans­ ported to University Health Services early Wednesday morning for treat­ ment of a knee injury sustained near Lewis Hall.

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WHAT’S COOKING
Benefit gala salutes SMC service to city

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted its first benefit gala, "Down the Avenue," Wednesday at the LeMans Hall courtyard to recognize the College's volunteer services and partnerships with the South Bend community.

Alumnae Kathy Malone Beeler '69, Mary Osmany Ferlic '70, and College Trustee Carm Murphy developed the event and served as organizers. A 38-member steering committee comprised of Saint Mary's alumnae and parents also played an important role in organizing the gala. The planning committee has been working over the past year to secure significant corporate underwriting and individual benefactors. An additional dinner committee of 60 prominent community members helped to finalize planning for the benefit.

About 400 Michiana leaders and local alumnae attended "Down the Avenue" to support Saint Mary's commitment to the community. The evening included a Patron Party, cocktails, dinner, a performance by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir and the inaugural Spirit of Service Awards ceremony. The awards pay tribute to women who exemplify the College's mission and have given outstanding service to the community with the purpose of improving lives of local citizens.

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred presented this year's award to community member Jane Warner and Saint Mary's junior Amanda Garno. Both women were nominated by faculty and staff and chosen based on a pre-determined set of criteria.

Warner is well-known in the South Bend community for her lifetime of service to over 30 organizations, including the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, WNIT Public Television, the South Bend Firefly Festival and the Michiana Arts and Sciences Council.

Garno volunteers as a tutor at South Bend's Washington High School and La Casa de Amistad and teaches religion classes at St. Pius X Parish. She also pays weekly visits to residents at Healthwin Nursing Home and volunteers more than 10 hours per week.

"Saint Mary's was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross with service at the heart of everything," said Garno. "I am blessed to have been provided the opportunity to come here and serve the community in the little things I do."

Wednesday's event proceeds will benefit the S UBV Center, Saint Mary's volunteer resource organization.

"They will be used to enhance community based learning opportunities for students to integrate their academic experience with their volunteer service," said Kay Ball, director of development at Saint Mary's.

The funds raised at the event will be used for purchasing a van to assist with transportation challenges, providing stipends for students so that they can remain in the community and provide summer volunteer service, and enhancing the after school tutoring program for elementary students, Ball said.

As announced Wednesday night, the College will also use proceeds generated from the event to establish an endowed scholarship for in honor of Jane Warner.

"The scholarship will annually generate funds to assist in the financial support of a Saint Mary's student who is an active volunteer in the community," said Ball.

In addition to funds donated at the gala, the Lilly Endowment's Special Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions will also match dollar-for-dollar all donations made to the event. The matching funds will then be used to enhance academic facilities on campus.
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while burglaries are increasing. Johnson attributed the rise in burglaries to unlocked offices and dorm rooms.

Bike theft is problematic for the department because there are several thousand bikes on campus and sometimes students take other people’s bikes for joy rides, said Johnson.

In other Senate news:

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changes indicated that the admission of women to Notre Dame could be beneficial during a time when women’s colleges were declining at the national level. The University was originally planning to merge with Saint Mary’s, but when talks failed, Notre Dame officials considered other options.

“We were still convinced that coeducation was the best way to educate people,” Blantz said.

Even so, Blantz said the University did have to come to terms with the fact that coeducation would mean making difficult decisions. Some examples included how to deal with resistance from alumni, deciding which residence halls would be converted to female dorms and having to hire a gynecologist for health services.

“All the research we did in all the decisions we made turned out to be absolutely wrong,” Blantz said, referring to another issue about how many women to admit per academic college. Administrators had assumed that the majority of women would apply to study in the College of Arts and Letters, causing the need to hire extra professors. However, they were proved wrong in that area, and in the early period of coeducation women were at the top of their classes in five colleges.

Reflecting on her undergraduate years, Carson discussed how she encountered many new experiences, such as being in a Catholic environment and meeting people from all over the country. She also remembered being taken aback when asked, “So, what’s the female opinion?”

“There’s always room for improvement.”

Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president for student affairs

But some things never change. Carson said, referring to the debate about the appearances of Notre Dame women that has recently filled The Observer opinion pages. “That debate’s been going on since I started here,” said Carson.

At the end of the panel discussion, Bishop posed the question of the evening, “Is Notre Dame a place for women?”

All three panelists thought for a moment and Lenz said, “There’s always room for improvement.”

She pointed out academic departments that have few women professors and the small number of professors of color. But Lenz praised the Mendoza College of Business and the Notre Dame Law School, both which have female deans.

“When you look at the numbers now, compared to what it was then, you get a sense of the growth,” said Lenz.

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KUWAIT

Al-Qaida suspected in Kuwait attack on marines

Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY

As investigators linked Al-Qaida to a deadly attack on U.S. Marines in Kuwait, American forces in that country were involved Wednesday in another violent incident, the second in two days.

A U.S. Army soldier heading to a training area in northern Kuwait fired a shot at a civilian vehicle when one of two people inside the car pointed a gun at the soldiers' Humvee utility vehicle, said a U.S. military official at Camp Doha, an isolated U.S. base along the Gulf coast about 12 miles west of Kuwait City.

He would not say if anyone was harmed in the incident at 7 p.m., only that U.S. and Kuwaiti authorities were investigating.

U.S. officials in Washington said the shot hit the hood of the civilian vehicle, which then veered off the road. The driver of the civilian car was shot in the leg and was transported to an American medical facility in Germany once stable enough to travel, said WUSA-TV.

The Kuwaiti Interior Ministry, which oversees police, initially said it had no information on the incident -- an indication the civilian car may have driven away.

The violence has startled many in Kuwait, a close U.S. ally where citizens generally consider the United States a friend that liberated their country from Iraqi occupation in the 1991 Gulf war. Islamic fundamentalists are politically strong, but militant violence involving some Kuwaitis has been carried out abroad, not at home.

Further details also were emerging about the assailants in Tuesday's killing of a U.S. Marine and wounding of a second Marine.

The two men, who were shot dead after firing at another group of Marines, were cousins who had fought in Afghanistan, a friend and a relative said Wednesday.

They said the men were angry about Israeli killings of Palestinians and one had made a vague threat about "coming for Americans."

U.S. and Kuwaiti officials, who are investigating, either then had linked Osama bin Laden's Al Qaida network, labeled Tuesday's attack an act of terrorism. U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said it merited "serious consideration" based on the "nature of the attack."

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World News Briefs

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Shell casing, tarot card emerge as clues left by sniper

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

A tarot card depicting death with the taunting words "Dear policeman, I am God" emerged Wednesday as a potential clue in the hunt for the sniper terrorizing Washington's suburbs. The card was found near a shell casing outside a middle school in Bowie, where a 13-year-old boy was critically wounded by a bullet fired to the training area, officials said.

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National News Briefs

Jury says death for Yosemite killer: A jury decided Wednesday that Cary Stayner should die for killing three Yosemite National Park tourists in 1999, rejecting defense pleas to have the Death card was first reported by WUSA-TV and then by The Washington Post. Police sources told the newspaper the items were found 150 yards from the school in a wooded area on matted grass, suggesting the gunman had lain in wait.

Tarot cards, used mainly for fortune-telling, are believed to have been introduced into western Europe by Gypsies in the 15th century. Many tarot enthusiasts say the Death card usually does not connote physical death, but instead portrays a symbolic change or transformation.

The motive for the seemingly random attacks remains unknown. Nearly 20 investigators are working their way through some 8,000 tips. One tip sent them on a fruitless search of woods behind a school in Prince George's County, but nothing was found.

A Prince George's County school spoke­ woman said students were being kept inside as county schools remained locked down.

All the victims have been killed by a single bullet. Investigators say the sniper, or snipers, fired from a distance with a high-powered hunting or military-style rifle.

The wounded boy, whom police have not identified, remained in critical but stable condition Wednesday. Ballistics tests found that the bullet that struck him was of the same caliber as those that killed some of the others and wounded a woman in Virginia. That woman was released from the hospital Tuesday.

U.S. military secretly tested bioweapons: The Pentagon acknowledged Wednesday that some soldiers engaged in chemical and biological weapons testing in the 1960s may not have been fully informed about the secret experiments conducted at sea and in five states from Alaska to Florida. Some tests used the military's deadliest nerve agent, VX. Thousands of civilians in Hawaii and Alaska also probably were unaware they were sprayed with relatively mild bacteria meant to simulate germ warfare such as anthrax, the Defense Department's top health official said.

Bush to sign $4 billion election bill: President Bush will sign a compromise bill to overhaul elections that is working its way through Congress, his spokesman said Wednesday. The House and Senate are expected, by week's end, to give final approval to the deal negotiators struck last week to send nearly $4 billion to states to upgrade the nation's voting systems over three years.
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major was at Notre Dame,” Davey said. “It just happened that way.”

Because of the unique circumstances, Davey’s plight caught the

attention of Hesburgh and then-business school dean Vincent

Raymond.

“Dean Raymond said, ‘Father Hesburgh and I will take care of

you,’ said Davey. ‘It was because Dean Raymond and Father

Hesburgh knew that I deserved it that they were willing to make

that exception.”

Hesburgh and Raymond exer-
cised their administrative clout in
the matter, and after the
University finalized the decision to
grant Davey the degree from the College
institution.

“The news came in April, just
weeks before commencement cer-
emonies were slated to begin, and
ended the state of limbo that
Davey had found herself in since
receiving the infamous letter from
Saint Mary’s.

“I will never forget the kindness of
Dean Raymond,” she said. “(He) would just say, ‘We’ll get you a
degree.’ That is something to my grave, I will carry with me,
the kindness of everyone. I had confidence in Dean Raymond and
Father Hesburgh.”

Many Saint Mary’s seniors were not nearly as lucky. Those who
had finished degree requirements at the University were unable to
graduate with Notre Dame degrees, and most were instead
granted a degree from the College within a major comparable to
what they had worked toward at
the University.

Davey noticed a senti-
ment of frustration on the Saint
Mary’s campus after her favor-
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“There wasn’t animosity, but
there was true disappointment on the part of a lot of Saint Mary’s
students in manners and etiquette
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been involved with various
volunteer projects, ranging from
instructing high school stu-
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classes to working to raise breast cancer awareness.

“What you get here doesn’t stop
here – it continues. I just can’t
stress enough what Notre Dame
did for me,” she said. “It gave me
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Freshman class council ideas promote unity and fun

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

The 27 newly elected freshman class council members met Wednesday to discuss their plans for events that will promote class unity and provide fun activities for the first-year students.

"The leadership is amazing," said Amy Geist, freshman class council adviser. "They are all so different in their approach to the group but at the same time, they are focused on making things great for the rest of their class."

The newly elected representatives spent a couple of hours last month in retreat at the Creek House just north of campus to get to know each other. According to Geist, the council members have formed a close bond in the short amount of time they have known each other.

"I think that the council representatives have bonded really well. They are very social with each other and they are coming up with some great ideas. I think they are all excited to be working on the projects they've come up with," said Geist. Even though the Class of 2006 council has only had one month together, members say the council has been working hard to propose ideas and plan social gatherings and spiritual retreats. The council members will soon organize themselves into one of four committees: social, spiritual, fundraising, and publicity.

"People have been working very hard – we are really trying to get on the ball even though we have only met for a couple of meetings," said Steve Canham, Knott Hall freshman representative. The Class of 2006 council currently has several proposals under way. They are commissioning designs for the class T-shirt that will be sold to the freshman class to raise funds for various activities. The council plans to sell them beginning Nov. 23 for the Rutgers football game.

"The ideas that they have come up with are on track for success," Amy Geist, freshman class council adviser

In addition to the class T-shirt, the freshman council is working closely with the junior class to offer a gold stocking cap with the Notre Dame logo embroidered on the front. Representatives said the cap would complement the green "Return to Glory" T-shirts when the home football game weather turns colder.

Students said they were excited by the events planned and felt they would help to unify the first year students.

"I love going to the council meetings, everyone is so motivated," said Anna Skujen, Lewis Hall representative. "We are hoping that [events like] the class Mass and the prayer which are unique to the Class of 2006 will help bring us together."

The Class of 2006 council also made plans to hold the sophomore-freshman class dance on Oct. 31 in the LaFortune Ballroom. The dance will have a theme chosen by the council and is meant to connect the two classes, said representatives. Representatives are also planning a freshmen trip to Chicago, a Notre Dame vigil at the Grotto, freshman Masses and a class prayer, all meant to promote greater unity among the first-year class.

"The ideas they have discussed for events with a spiritual focus will provide the Class of 2006 with some great opportunities for introspection as well as some sharing with others," Geist said.

The class council will hold elections for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer Oct. 16. Each candidate will present a two-minute speech outlining his or her qualifications, after which the council will vote to decide the four positions.

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Treatment of gay and lesbian students tarnishes Notre Dame's class

...Tomorrow is my 21st birthday, and I am ridiculously excited about it. Tomorrow is also National Coming Out Day. I kind of like that it's on my birthday. Gay and lesbian issues are my biggest issues to get impassioned about, and it's an area in which I have about as much experience as a straight woman can... 

Marilaya Soenemaker

Here We Go Again

know that I was straight, but no one would ever have given me a funny look, let alone avoided me or harassed me. It made me ashamed of my own straight world, where being different isn't okay. The gay and lesbian community welcomes anyone who wants in — straight, bi-sexual, transgender, gay, lesbian or questioning — and I wish that straight communities would be so open. The homosexual community remembers that we are not defined by our sexuality, a truth the heterosexual community often seems to forget. For the last three years, I have watched Notre Dame reject petitions for club status from OutreachND, the student-run gay and lesbian group at Notre Dame. This year, I also watched them reject the club petitions of Irish Friends of Lesbians and Gays (IFLAG). Apparently Notre Dame has moved beyond rejection of homosexuals into the realm of rejecting people because they care about homosexuals. I know pretty much every argument against homosexuality. I know the Church's moral position on the issue. I know what the University says its position is (it's unsure if it can endorse the students' viewpoint). I think that differentiating between... 

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"The neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination."

Eleanor Roosevelt

former U.S. first lady
I wanted to thank Courtney Boyle for her Oct. 5 article, “Give credit to majors respect.” Many students here do not realize how difficult the program is, and I have actually been ridiculed for being an education major. Just because it is easier than Notre Dame does not give it less value.

I am a junior biology and secondary education major, and many of my friends do not understand how much work I actually do. Being a biology major is tough enough. I spend six hours a week in labs, and preparing for exams is a week-long process of studying at least three to four hours a night. Let’s not forget the ten page research papers, lab reports, and American organic chemistry (which has the accurate reputation for being the most difficult course). As if all of that doesn’t make me busy enough, I haven’t even mentioned any of my education requirements. Twice a week I have to drive a half-hour to observe and teach at a South Bend High School. This means when I am registering for my classes, I have to choose two to three hours in my schedule during the time when they have school, so I can get some actual teaching experience.

Also, just as Boyle said, we have to write lesson plans, which is no easy task at all. We pre-service teachers are not allowed to lecture, so coming up with creative and entertaining ways to teach the material effectively takes endless hours of planning. When my friends ask how my week looks and I respond that I have to write several lesson plans, they often laugh, and others ask if I am going to see any of my friends. They just don’t understand that this is a very difficult and time-consuming task.

Lastly, second semester of senior year is reserved for full-time student teaching at a local high school. This means I will have to teach a class of high school students while the teacher observes me. Because this is an all-day affair, I have to have all my classes done by then. Basically it’s like taking three and a half years of college. I have been taking 17 to 18 credits since freshman year, including a few summer courses, all so I can avoid the 5-year plan.

Now don’t get me wrong. I love everything about what I do. Both the biology and education departments are sweeter and I’m not putting them down at all. Also, I am in no way saying that my majors are so much more difficult than anyone else’s or that no one else has a lot of work to do. I am simply pointing out that education majors do not have it easy, and we deserve your respect. After all, if this was so easy, then why are there only a handful of biology and secondary majors in the whole program?

Kristi Tregonman
sojaminist
Regina Hall
Oct. 9

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Joe Muto’s Oct. 9 column, “Centerfolds: apply here,” was relatively anonymous until I was informed by my rendering to him as to the culture that clearly displays itself in his article. I’m talking about a culture in which many college guys indulge themselves—the culture of pornography, where women are objectified as mere sexual objects.

The Catechism condemns pornography because it "offends against chastity, does grave injury to the dignity of its participants since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others," and "it immerses all who are involved in the illusion of a fantasy world." The reasons presented by the Church here are the moral reasons—pornography harms marriages, promotes abuse and offends the dignity of all the people involved in it.

But I’m not here to preach about it in such abstract terms. Let’s make this a little more real.

Your dance date walks into your room before an SRB. The first thing she sees is on a poster of Pamela Lee. The next day, a friend from chemistry class comes over to study, and as she sits down at the desk she sees the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition there among your books. You and your bunch of the guys are playing fantasy video games (complete with half-naked women) while your girlfriend stops by for a surprise visit.

When you don’t care if your partner knows who you are seeing, but you just want to look like that. A poster of Britney Spears means that you want a girl to be a "Slave for You." A rap song or even the "Thong Song" makes it clear how you want us to dance.

One of these contributed to the social pressure that exists in our society. The culture of pornography is not just seen in the media, but is prevalent in the way we present ourselves, so it is time to make pornography a public issue.

Moms face tough choices

Don’t believe Democrats’ economic complaints

In recent weeks Congressional Democrats have criticized President Bush for his economic policies for the current economic situation. They claim that Bush and the Republicans’ supposed ties to “big business” are the cause of the numerous corporate scandals. They seem to forget that many of the improverishes of euron, Arthur Anderson and Adelphia occurred under the watch of Bill Clinton — no stranger to lies, deception and greed, whose “no rules” philosophy tried even to save a business world.

No doubt these companies realized that if the President of the United States can lie to the American people and get away with it, why shouldn’t they?

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I’ll go out on a limb here. It does take a village to raise a child, and it does take the contribution of women to make our civic, social and economic lives improve as a country and a world. There is absolutely no reason that our society should not contribute to child-care and education, that men should not carry their full share of the "domestic" burden and that women and men should not be able to organize their jobs and careers into family imperatives.

There are many public policy choices which could vastly improve the quality of life, especially for women and young children. These include: free public pre-school from three years of age (as in France); subsidised in-home child care (so in most of Europe); flexible paidfamily leave for both parents which allows up to three years to be taken between the two parents; and accessible life-long learning options to allow parents who take time out from the labor market to update their skills.

Why don’t we just skip the war on Iraq and all the money instead? Think about it, women.

Mary Ann Hennessy
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Saint Mary’s West
Oct. 9
The Porn n' Chicken Club from Comedy Central's "Manhunter."

The group garnered national media attention in 1986 as "Manhunter." Anthony Hopkins reprises his role as the criminally insane Hannibal Lecter in "Red Dragon," the prequel to "The Silence of the Lambs."

By BRIAN BIRCHER
Some Movie Critic

Sequels to horror and thriller movies are notoriously known for their corresponding decrease in quality with the increasing number of the sequel. By "Children of the Corn 12" or "Halloween 8," audiences tire of the same reheated concepts in vaguely new wrappings. "Red Dragon" defies this convention and serves as a worthy addition to previous three Hannibal Lecter movies.

"Red Dragon" takes place before "The Silence of the Lambs" and is actually a remake; it appeared in theaters in 1986 as "Manhunter." "Manhunter" lacked Anthony Hopkins' performance as Dr. Hannibal Lecter, however, and it was only after the success of "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Hannibal" that the idea of remaking "Red Dragon" was possible.

The movie focuses on FBI Agent Will Graham (Edward Norton), the agent who originally caught Lecter and retired thereafter. A few years later, two families are murdered in disturbing fashion a month apart and Will's old FBI boss, Jack Crawford (Harvey Keitel), urges Graham to come out of retirement in order to help catch the killer before he strikes again.

During the course of his investigation, Graham realizes that he will not be able to solve the case on his own, but will need to do the unthinkable and turn to Lecter for help.

If there is one reason this movie succeeds as well as it does, it is the impressive cast. "Red Dragon" has one of the strongest ensemble casts of any movie this year. Norton gives yet another strong performance as Graham, a man torn between duty and family. Hopkins supremely inhabits the role of Hannibal Lecter, a temperamental genius who exudes creepiness.

Equally notable is Ralph Fiennes as the killer Francis Dolarhyde. Dolarhyde is as central to the movie as Graham if not more so, and the battle between his humanity and insanity is portrayed perfectly.

In a performance that would have been easy coming, and in that over the top, Fiennes maintains a realism that is terrifying. Emily Watson plays Reda, a vulnerable co-worker of Dolarhyde's who falls for him and causes Dolarhyde's struggle with his need to kill to intensify. Philip Seymour Hoffman continues to prove himself as one of the strongest character actors in Hollywood today, leaving his mark in the role of an unscrupulous tabloid reporter.

Surprisingly this movie comes from director Brett Ratner, previously known for raunchy video and the "Rush Hour" movie franchise. In "Red Dragon," he shows that he is capable of more through creating the creepy atmosphere necessary to make it feel similar to "The Silence of the Lambs." "Red Dragon" even attempts to go beyond the usual thriller material and explore such themes as much as the movie has to be like a killer in order to catch one. Although, the killer's belief that he is becoming the Red Dragon is intriguing, but never fully explored.

While the movie could have done more with those themes and resorts to some typical thriller movie theatrics in the final act, the audience is too scared to notice. Ratner has crafted an excellent and terrifying movie that will keep audiences feeling uneasy long after they leave the theater.

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PHOTO CREDIT: Courtesy of "The Man". (in short "shoe-in") recommendation, Hutch's life seems complete. That is until his girlfriend dumps him for being boring and a guilty lover. And, yes, she was faking it. In a college community spirit, Hutch is rescued from self-destruction by his debonair part-time roommate Quentin (Alex Burns) and Lambert Grady (Geoffrey Arend) and Lenny (Michael Goldstrom). Together the crew kills their Ivy League super ego by starting the infamous porn club.

Eventually, the popular club attracts the attention of Polly (Angela Goethals), a feminist campus activist. Poly, who takes her name from polymorphic perversion, a condition in which the afflicted receive sexual pleasure from all parts of his or her body, becomes the club's biggest supporter and Hutch's love interest. She encourages the group to shoot a full-length porn called "The StaXXX," named after the failed hook-up spot in the deserted Yale archives. Plan to shoot the movie is tipped when a savvy reporter from the mythical world of competitive college journalism documents the group's parties. Soon the group is, as in all college coming-of-age flicks, head to head with the oppressive administration. The oppressive administration is an invention of every Comedy Central more than fact, as the Yale brass practiced a "don't ask, don't tell" policy with the group. The acting is touching, but movie and television veteran Kurt Fuller steals the show as Dean Richard Widehead. Fuller, who has made a career of playing rich, white, uptight, intolerant authority figures (notably "The Man"), brings his schmendrick act to a new level.

Although the movie follows a fairly typical college antics versus stuffy administration formula reminiscent of "Animal House" and "PUL," it exudes a charm by not trivializing the college experience. The characters aren't just flat partiers or nerds; they all have real motivations and experiences.

Unlike the disgusting pop culture stereotyping of college as four years of sex and drugs in movies like "American Pie," the characters of the Porn n' Chicken Club actually have to live on campus. "Porn n' Chicken" looks into why college students want to get laid instead of trivializing sexuality — the irony abounds.

Comedy Central will air "Porn n' Chicken" Sunday at 10 p.m. with encore presentations of Sunday at 12 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 15 at 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2 a.m.

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Why ‘Four Feathers’ is a pretty, shallow movie

There is absolutely nothing wrong with ‘Four Feathers’ as a piece of cinema. Schekhar Kapur’s “Four Feathers” is categorically a big film and it is very, very silly.

What this film boils down to is the old Victorian notion about honor, duty and sacrifice. Set in 1875 Sudan, this fifth film to be adapted from the A.E.W. Mason novel of the same name, has as its hero, the British officer Harry Faversham (Heath Ledger), a descendant of a long line of military greats.

Terrified by the responsibility and ordeal of battle, he resigns his post right before his regiment ships out to the Sudan to fight the forces that killed Gordon, the British military commander at Khartoum. Feeling the loss of their colleague’s loyalty, three of Harry’s closest friends send him a white feather, the Victorian symbol of cowardice. The fourth feather comes from his fiancée, Ethne (Kate Hudson). He is portrayed, however, as having the intelligence and self-possession of a suburban golden retriever. He is treated more like a slave than a person and is used by the British characters for the achievement of their own ends. There are also moments where Harry and Abou Fati exchange what are supposed to be meaning-filled glances, but their contents (were they spoken), would doubtlessly turn out to be empty.

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Films today ask far too little of their viewers. Audiences are spoon-fed information about characters and plot and are never left to question. Films today do not take advantage of the opportunities they have to ask people to read between the lines or to draw from their own experiences to make the necessary inferences. Nothing is applied from the audience to the film. Nothing significant is learned. This trend of catering to an audience is what marks the past few years in filmmaking. It is what makes “Lawrence of Arabia” a good film and “The Four Feathers” not; what makes “Silence of the Lambs” a provocative film and “Red Dragon” only scary; it is what makes “The Thin Red Line” an important war film and “Saving Private Ryan” patriotic propaganda and what distinguishes the earlier Star Wars films from Episodes I and II.

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The movie also has a beautiful score reminiscent of “The English Patient,” mixing between western period music pieces and the ethereal traditional pieces sung in Arabic. One of the most troublesome things about the film is the treatment of Abou Fati, the tribesman who befriends and who on more than one occasion saves Harry as he pursues his redemption. As a native in the desert and a spiritual guide, this character has one of the noblest rolls in the story. He is portrayed, however, as having the intelligence and self-possession of a suburban golden retriever. He is treated more like a slave than a person and is used by the British characters for the achievement of their own ends. There are also moments where Harry and Abou Fati exchange what are supposed to be meaning-filled glances, but their contents (were they spoken), would doubtlessly turn out to be empty.

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New York's Mark Messier is congratulated by teammates after making his second goal in the Rangers 4-1 victory over the Hurricanes Wednesday.

"You'll never say no to a 5-on-3, but the last place you want it is in the opening game within the first five minutes," Maurice said. "You would like to get everybody's legs into it. It wasn't dominating, though. It was too early in the game to have an effect."

Denver 1, Dallas 0
Colorado's Radim Vrbata scored the tying goal in the third period Wednesday night, and the Avalanche and Dallas Stars skated to a 1-1 tie in their NHL regular-season opener.

Each team had a power-play opportunity in the overtime. Dallas' Niko Kapanen scored at 4:20 of the first period—the first goal of the NHL season and the first of his career. Dallas goaltender Marty Turco had 40 saves, and Colorado's Patrick Roy had 24. Dallas center Jason Arnott had to be helped from the ice after taking an injury to his right leg when he was dropped by VACLav Nedomarod near the goal in the first period. He did not return and was to be reevaluated on Thursday.

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Our mission is what has made us successful. So while many things change, our mission is one thing that never. Our students, a residence escaped with a 26-21 victory. The Ravens now face the Colts, who are off to a 3-1 start behind new coach Tony Dungy and quarterback Peyton Manning.

"I'm never prepared to play without Ray, but we have to. If Tony were any kind of sport, he'd put Peyton down. Fair is fair," Billik said with a grin.

"But I don't think Tony is going to do that." With Lewis in the lineup, Baltimore blanked the Browns for three quarters and allowed 5.8 yards per play. Without him, the Ravens yielded three touchdowns and gave up 7.0 yards per play.

Baltimore outside linebacker Peter Boulware, who played the past two seasons with a sore shoulder, expects Lewis to be in the lineup against the Colts.

"Knowing Ray, I think he'll be out there. He's such a competitor," Boulware said. "We've talked about it. I told him he'll be able to work through it and be able to play."

Under guidelines for the NFL injury report, a player listed as doubtful has approximately a 50 percent chance of playing. Although the Ravens will be better prepared to play without Lewis than they were last weekend, the defense clearly won't be the same without him.

"A guy like Ray goes down, you're always going to miss something," Boulware said. "But I think our guys are up for the challenge."

Lewis received medical treatment for much of Wednesday afternoon and did not talk to the media. He would almost certainly play in pain, but the Ravens are also worried about risking further injury to arguably the most important player on the team.

"We'd prefer to err on the side of caution," said Billik, who also planned to hold Lewis out of Thursday's practice. "If he's really feeling better by Friday, he could possibly go."

Lewis has played in 63 straight games since Oct. 11, 1998, when he missed the second game of the season with a dislocated elbow. Those were the only two games he's missed since the start of the 1997 season, his second year in the NFL.
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Look beyond the numbers.
Eric Martin killed in double-hit crash

CONCORD, N.C. - A driver in the minor league ARCA series crashed into a wall Wednesday and seconds later was broad-sided by another car, killing him and injuring the other driver.

According to Associated Press, Martin radiated his team, "I'm all right." after he span and rammed the wall backward coming out of the fourth turn during practice at Lowe's Motor Speedway. But the other car, driven by Deborah Renshaw, came around the turn going at least 160 mph and plowed into Martin's car on the driver's side.

"The first hit, I guess he just kind of lost his breath," veteran driver Ron Hornaday said. "The second one, a driver is never ready for that second impact and that's the one that got him. It's nobody's fault, it's just a brutal sport sometimes."

The 33-year-old Martin died instantly of massive internal injuries.

Renshaw, 25, was taken to University Hospital in Charlotte, where she was in fair condition and being examined for possible ankle injuries.

She had has had a tumultuous racing year, beginning in July when fellow drivers plotted to ruin her Late Model Series title chances at Nashville's Fairgrounds Speedway. They pooled their money, had a driver intentionally finish behind her during a race and paid for him to protest her finish.

Instead, the spotters watch driver navigate the track. Instead, the spotters watch the race from the top of the grandstand, standing behind ARCA president Ron Drager as a show of support.

ARCA drivers are required to wear head and neck restraints. They usually drive old Winston Cup cars and the safety requirements are not as strict.

At issue in this wreck is why Renshaw either didn't see Martin's disabled car or was unable to avoid him.

Spotters are not required to climb onto the grandstand roof during practice to help a driver navigate the track. Instead, the spotters watch the race from the top of the haulers inside the infield, giving them several blind spots.

Car owner Bob Schacht, a three-time ARCA series champion, was spotting for Renshaw on top of the team hauler, but Drager would not speculate if he saw Martin's car or not.

Wayne Hixson, Martin's team owner, said he started working with the driver about four years ago, and they had run in all the ARCA races this year.

"He was learning real good with the car and he either got in some oil or blew a right front" tire, Hixson said. "He hit the wall. He came on the radio and said, 'I'm all right.' And then the 75 was second one, a driver is

"It was just a racing accident, that's all."

After the crash, the engine and a part of the wheel assembly sat on the track as the wreckage was lifted onto a tow truck and covered with a blue tarp.

Martin was from Hixson, Tenn. He is survived by a wife and two children. His wife, Tammy, is a naval officer aboard the USS Gettysburg, which is in port in Jacksonville, Fla. Martin had 40 career starts and was 20th in the points standings in ARCA, which competes on many of the same tracks used for Winston Cup and Busch events.

His death is the 15th at Lowe's, the eighth involving a stock car driver. Blaise Alexander was killed last October at an ARCA race in a wreck involving Kerry Earnhardt.

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Pray for Peace with Justice for All People

by Richard V. Warner, Director of Campus Ministry & Counselor to the President

As we watched television coverage of the attacks on September 11, 2001, each of us realized that our way of life as citizens of the United States had changed, would change for the foreseeable future, and perhaps forever. In our grief and horror, we could only imagine what the implications of such changes might be. But one year from that memorable day when so many innocent people died, we have come to realize how our society and culture have changed.

Over the past several months, we have heard continuous and sometimes contradictory calls to wage a pre-emptive and technological war on Iraq. In order to topple its leaders. Sectors of our government have called for what some people consider a "blank check" to wage war, with or without the backing of our allies and Middle Eastern nations, and at the margin of any United Nations’ discussion and action. A complicating factor in all of this is the intractable and too often murderous struggle between Israelis and Palestinians; a situation in which we are not uninterested bystanders. Yet hundreds of innocent men, women and children have died on both sides, and our government, the current administration and its predecessors, is unable or unwilling to promote a process which might discover mutually acceptable ways to resolve this issue. The absence of a solution to the currently irremovable differences between these two peoples who have legitimate claims based on history and justice further complicates the situation in the Middle East.

As we look for an appropriate way to redress the evil of terrorism and to protect our country from further attacks, it is important for us to examine the root causes which led up to September 11, 2001 and which have to be addressed. And as the debate continues about how to carry out an effective search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, how to form a stronger coalition of nations to confront Saddam Hussein and what steps might be taken short of a preemptive strike, it is important for us to step back and consider our responsibilities, our personal positions and our responses as believers.

The Catholic bishops of our country urge us to step back from the brink where we find ourselves. In a letter to President Bush dated September 13, 2002, Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, acknowledges that while "the use of force against Afghanistan could be justified, Iraq is a different case." While acknowledging that there are no easy answers, the bishop questions whether or not there is a just cause which would permit an all out war on Iraq at this time. He questions whether or not there is a moral basis for the use of military force on a large scale, and whether there is a legitimate basis for using massive armed force in order to topple the Iraqi government, and perhaps occupy its territory.

After an analysis of the situation, and using criteria based on the Just War ethic, our Catholic bishops, whose authority is under siege because of the scandal of infidelity on the part of some Catholic priests and bishops in our country, have declared that a pre-emptive attack on Iraq at this time is unjustifiable. This position is affirmed as well by the Holy See and by some leading ethicists in our country.

So where do we stand as Catholics? First of all, we have to try to form a prudential judgment based on a conscience informed by the teachings of the Church and applied to the current situation we face.

Secondly, within the guidelines provided for us by the Just War teaching, we acknowledge that our country and any country has not only the authority but also the obligation to protect its citizens with the use of appropriate armed force as a last resort in order to bring about a situation that will lead to peace.

The Catholic Church is not a "peace Church" as such. Rather, it is a community of believers which, as described in the 1983 pastoral letter of the Catholic bishops of the United States, holds to its long standing Just War tradition while acknowledging the legitimacy of the use of non-violent responses to situations such as the one we face, and other actions which promote peacemaking.

In our search for unity as a faith community as we pursue peace which is both a gift of God and the work of human hands, we can pray to Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace might be an important first step. Campus Ministry’s response to the current situation will include a weekly Mass for Peace every Friday at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, as well as prayers of the welfare of the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces.

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Janzen, Jones compete in extreme conditions

Associated Press

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Janzen, trying to win for the first time since the 1998 U.S. Open, made 10 birdies on his way to a 9-under 63 in the first round of the Invensys Classic at Las Vegas.

Jones, meanwhile, was also at 9-under after a bogeyless 62 on the par-71 TPC Canyons course.

"If you're making pars out here you better go home," Jones said. Janzen shared more than just the lead and some U.S. Open history with Jones, who is also winless since 1998. Both now have some hope that their winless droughts may be over.

"In 1995 if someone had said you're going to win only once more over the next seven years I wouldn't have believed it," Janzen said. Janzen also has more confidence in how he'll play them.

Ironically, Janzen shot his low round of the year while trying to play conservatively on the TPC Summerlin course.

"It's just a matter of getting the right attitude back on the course to win again. I think I'm headed back in that direction," Janzen said.

"In 1995 if someone had said you're going to win only once over the next seven years I wouldn't have believed it," Janzen said.

On a warm and windless day made for scoring, Janzen finished off his round with a 5-footer for birdie on 18 to get to the top of a scoreboard crowded with red numbers.

It might have been even better if not for a few missed short putts, including the 2-footer on 9. Janzen promptly followed that with birdies on 10 and 11 to get his round going again.

"I didn't want to let that ruin my round," Janzen said.

Jones also had one hole he had to overcome. He had to make a 20-footer for par on 10, one of "10 or 11 one-putts" he had on the day.

"That was a big momentum boost there," Jones said.

Beem used the same 7-wood he made eagle with to beat Tiger Woods in the PGA Championship for another eagle in his 64.

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Giants take Game 1 against Cardinals

Associated Press

BARY Bonds was smack in the middle of everything — driving in runs, scoring them and even flashing his temper in the NL championship opener.

Bonds delivered yet another big hit, lining a key triple and later getting embroiled in a skirmish that nearly turned into a real shotgun as the San Francisco Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-6 to make the series 1-0.

Bonds drove in four runs, and Kenny Lofton and David Bell also connected. It was 6-1 after three innings. It was the way Lofton admired his home run in Game 1 of the NLCS. The Giants landed two more runs in the fourth, and the Angels take game 2 in the ALCS.

Barry Bonds went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, scoring twice and getting a hit for the fourth straight game. The four-time MVP, known for his big hit, lining a key triple and later getting embroiled in a heated exchange that forced a pair of umpires to pull them apart. The big lead enabled the Giants to hold off a rally fueled by home runs from Albert Pujols, surprising Miguel Cairo and pinch hitter J.D. Drew. Robb Nen pitched the ninth for a save.

Lofton struck again with a two-run homer in the third inning. Managers Tony La Russa and Dusty Baker, who a day earlier gushed about how much they liked each other, started screaming in a heated argument after Reed caught a fly ball to center field wall for a two-run triple, and an RBI single by Santiago. Two runs scored on a fielding error by catcher Mike Piazza.

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Bonds struck out with a two-out hit in the sixth, it seemed over. But Minnesota battled back right, knocking Jason Grimsley out in the sixth when Corey Koskie hit an RBI single and Denny Birkhake, who had three hits, had a two-run single.

Bonds caught up with a high drive off the right-center field wall for a two-run triple, and an RBI single by Santiago. Two runs scored on a fielding error by catcher Mike Piazza.

Lofton started screaming at the plate to watch his drive sail over the right-field fence. The speedster casually flipped his bat aside before beginning his trot.

Bonds batted .333 with a .565 on-base percentage and a .872 slugging percentage in seven games. The last time in seven years.

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Teams prepare for final games

By HEATHER VANHOEGARDEN and PAT LEONARD
Sports Writers

Pasquella West (1-4) will play for pride in Thursday's Week Two against the mighty Whirlwinds of Walsh Family (4-1). Walsh has won five straight games, including a 10-7 victory over PacWest, West's first loss of the season. Meanwhile, Walsh Family is flying high, after bouncing back from their only loss to Breen Phillips earlier in the season.

Quarterback Leslie Schmidt, running back/punter Abby Nellinger and fullback Anna Kate Milburn lead the Weasels. Senior wide receiver Beth Fruzynski is playing in her last game. She has scored one of the Weasels four touchdowns this season.

"Even though we can't make the playoffs, we will still play hard and compete. We had a big win on the field is a big part of the game that we are not doing," said Walsh captain Alison Troy.

The Wild Women of Walsh have momentum in the recent productive play of quarterback Carrie Campbell.

We have seen significant improvement in our offense that we were looking for earlier in the season," said Troy. Campbell has been throwing to first-year players while sophomores Katie Hesmond and Amanda Boros have stepped up, and seniors have been leaders in the turnaround of Walsh's season.

"I'm sure Breen has gotten better as well," said Troy. "But we just want to come out and play strong defense and improve yardage on offense."

Both teams have already secured playoff spots. The game Thursday is a potential match-up to decide seeding for the girls' gold league playoff. Since the Blue has seven teams and Walsh's and Badin's gold league only has six, the gold teams make up the difference by playing these seeding games during the final week of the regular season.

Badin captains could not be reached for comment.

Gold beats Blue 9-1 in first intrasquad game

Special to The Observer

Sophomore righthander Chris Niesel logged five strong innings while his teammates broke open the game with six runs in the bottom of the sixth, as the Gold team beat the Blue, 9-1, in the first game of the Notre Dame baseball team's annual Blue-Gold intrasquad series.

Niesel — who has won 23 of his last 24 decisions (13-0 as a senior at Aquinas HS, 4-0 with ND in 2002, 3-1 in the '02 Cape Cod League and 2-0 in the '01 and '02 BG Series) — scattered three hits and one run while pitching the maximum five innings, with his 56-pitch outing including seven strikeouts, three groundouts and no walks.

Niesel now owns two Game-1 victories for the Gold, with his two-year RGS stats including a 1.80 ERA, 12 Ks, no walks and six hits allowed in 10 innings of work (110 pitches).

His classmate John Axford, the Blue's 5-1 starter, did not see action.

Sophomore lefthander Scott Bickford took the mound for the Blue in the sixth, with the Gold pushing across six runs in four at-bats, two walks, a passed ball and a costly error. Grogan, sophomore leftfielder Brett Weiss and sophomore catcher Jay Molina each had RBI hits in an inning that saw the Gold score three runs in four outs.

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BASEBALL

Irish win scrimmage 7-6 in extra innings

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Junior second baseman Steve Sollmann's double down the rightfield line plated freshman centerfielder Brennan Grogan with the go-ahead run as the Gold team won a rare extra-inning game, 7-6, in Wednesday's second-round game of Notre Dame's annual Blue-Gold intrasquad baseball scrimmage.

The see-saw battle saw the Gold claim an early 2-0 lead and later forge a 3-3 tie in the top of the fourth before scoring three times in the sixth for another tie (6-6). The game then extended past the seventh inning, with senior righthander J.P. Gagne picking up the win after holding the Blue scoreless in the seventh and eighth (he allowed three hits but erased two runners on pickoff moves).

The Blue must win Thursday's finale by at least 10 runs to win the series. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m., with sophomore righthander Tyler Jones the likely starter for the Blue while 7-foot-2 freshman righthander Ryan Doherty will look to complete the sweep for the Gold.

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Horoscope

Eugenia Last

Celebrities born on this day:
Julia Sweeney, Ben Vereen, David Lee Roth, Tony Tucci

Read the horoscope: your strength and courage will help you outsmart anyone who challenges you. Your goals should be set and you shouldn't deviate from them. Take the initiative to do what you feel is right. You will have the creative fortitude to turn any bad situation you encounter into something positive and good. Your numbers are 3, 8, 13, 20, 31, 47.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Financial limitations should not stand in the way of having fun. There are so many inexpensive activities, and walks in the park are free. You can create an entertaining and romantic atmosphere at home. * * *

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Passion should be on your mind, and a quiet evening for two should be your goal. Don't bring your work home with you. It will interfere with your personal life more than you think. * * *

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your energetic nature will help you reach your deadlines. Just stay focused on what needs to be done and follow through. * * *

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your creative drive should help you finish some of the bottlenecks you've been working on for some time. Get out and meet new people. You will be praised for your ability to organize social events. * * *

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will find that someone at work may be disturbing you and creating a feeling of uneasiness in the workplace. Deception and exaggeration will be a problem. Try to avoid getting involved in this. * * *

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you believe in a cause strongly enough, you will make a stand. The strength of your convictions will inspire others to join in. With others on board, fund-raising will not be as difficult as you first anticipated. * * *

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can use your communication skills to influence those in higher positions to back you in your endeavors. Use your sophistication and charm to make your venture successful. * * *

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your emotional well-being will be dependent on how your mate treats you. Don't let your jealousy get out of hand. Be careful not to let your anger get the best of you. * * *

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your energetic and positive nature will help you reach your deadline. Just stay focused on what needs to be done and follow through. * * *

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your energetic and positive nature will help you reach your deadline. Just stay focused on what needs to be done and follow through. * * *

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel will lead to romantic encounters that could become quite serious very quickly. Depression may result due to the separation and fear of commitment. * * *

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will pick up information quickly today. Almost any situation or task will be completed before the deadline. You will be hard to keep up with and difficult to understand. You will not be able to use a frame of reference and may be backed down on by an adversarial situation.

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Irish fall short of goal

By ANDY TROEGER
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The Notre Dame womens golf team battled windy conditions on the wide-open Legends of Indiana Golf Course on Monday and Tuesday to finish just short of its goal. The team shot a 943 to finish in 13th place at the Shootout at the Legends Tournament.

The Irish were led by junior Rebecca Rogers who finished with a 234 (78-80-76) to place in a tie for 42nd. It was easily her best tournament of the season thus far.

“Rebecca Rogers had a really great day the last round,” said Irish coach Debby King. “I’m real proud of her, she has improved so much in the past year.”

The Irish just missed their goals in terms of their team finish. Their goal of 312 per round was met once, but just missed two other times (316-309-318). “We were hoping for a top-10 [finish],” said King. “This was a difficult field, but coming in 13th wasn’t too far off from that. We played just so-so. It was nothing great, but nothing too bad either.”

Kent State won the tournament with a team score of 888, seven strokes better than Missouri. Indiana finished third, but Karen Dennison was medalist for the Hoosiers with a 212 (68-70-74).

Sophomore Karen Letta had the low round again for the Irish with a second-round 74. She combined it with rounds of 80 and 83 for a 237 total. Freshman Katie Bregby edged Letta by shooting a 236 (77-79-80).

Senior captain Terri Taibi saw her first action of the season and posted a 242 (81-77-84). Lauren Gebauer shot a 244 (84-80-80), and junior Shannon Byrne had a 247 (86-79-82) to round out the Irish total. Next up for the Irish is the Shootout at the Legends Tournament.

Junior Terri Taibi looks on as her teammate lines up a putt. The Irish fell short of the top 10 as they finished 13th in the Shootout at the Legends Tournament.

FOOTBALL

Final decision rests with coaches, not with Holiday

By KATIE McVOY
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Carlyle Holiday is feeling ready to play, but the decision is out of his hands.

On Wednesday, Holiday said his shoulder was loosening up; he was feeling more comfortable in practice. However, he recognized that the final decision on the starter was up to the coaches and it was a decision those coaches had not yet reached.

“The status for me is up to the coaches,” Holiday said. “I can only control what I can control, which is to go out there and get ready for games and prepare in practice. But everything else is up to the coaches and the doctors.”

Holiday said he wasn’t feeling pain anymore when he took snaps and threw passes in practice. Although Holiday admitted that his shoulder was feeling much better than it did last week, he was still unwilling to admit the specific nature of the injury.

“I don’t really think I can reveal that,” Holiday said. “Really, right now, it’s not even necessary to reveal it. That’s just how we want to keep it so let’s keep it like that.”

Coaches did not comment on who the likely starter will be on Saturday. The question of Holiday’s ability to withstand a hit still remains.

“That’s the concern right now, taking a hit and trying to protect my body better,” Holiday said. “That’s one of the main factors right now.”

Not really frustrated

On Saturday, the Irish tallied 109 yards in penalties, not the kind of statistic a coach wants to look at. But for Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, that statistic is not cause for frustration. It is cause for disappointment, but most importantly, it’s cause for change.

“I’m always disappointed,” Willingham said. “I think frustration doesn’t enter in because I believe if you’re frustrated, then you can’t change it.”

Irish penalties have ended plenty of scoring drives and that, more than anything else, is what has disappointed Willingham. His team has enough to worry about focusing on what problems other teams bring without creating problems for themselves.

“You’re always disappointed when you have penalties because those are what I call in some cases unforced errors,” Willingham said. “When you make unforced errors, you don’t have a lot of success. There is disappointment in those any time.”

Staying focused

The past several weeks, the Irish have had plenty of hype against an unranked team that has no personal connection to Notre Dame. Pitt has played opponents that have a combined record of 11-20.

In addition, the Irish have two games coming up against ranked opponents. They will face undefeated Air Force in two weeks and Florida State one week after that.

Despite those facts, the Irish still say they’re sticking with Willingham’s “one game at a time” philosophy and focusing on “the task at hand.”

“All I know is who we play this week and I couldn’t be more serious than that right there,” defensive coordinator Kent Buaer said.

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