Panel discusses options for assault victims

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Few would disagree that sexual assault and rape are sensitive and complicated issues, but a group of local officials discussed Tuesday how victims can rebuild their lives following such an attack.

The panel discussed both avenues for mental recuperation and options for judicial prosecution. "Standards at ResLife are quite different than if you were to go to the police," said Ava Preacher, assistant dean.

Student victims are left with questions and confusion as they attempt to return to a normal life. "A few years ago a student on campus was raped and actually got the desired result," the perpetrator was released from the University, but she was not pleased with the process," said Preacher, victim's resource person.

This student's initiative to press administrators to increase resources for victims led to the creation of a victim's resource person. Preacher, who accepted the position two years ago, provides information and speaks confidentially with victims. "I have seen remarkable women come through my office who have pressed their cases and have gotten results," said Preacher.

Sexual assault victims can also anonymously report their cases to ResLife. "We give students options. We don't tell them what to do," the victim's resource added.

The business community also is working to increase support of the victims. "There is a need for a balanced approach," said John O'Malley of the Business Council.

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Ex-Anderson employee reflects on firm's accounting scandal

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Susan Glockner Gallagher, a 1980 Saint Mary's graduate, shared her experiences as a former Arthur Andersen audit partner with Andersen's Chicago office in her lecture "The Light at the End of the Tunnel isn't a Train" in Carroll Auditorium Tuesday evening.

Gallagher, who was an employee of Andersen for 22 years, worked as a spokeswoman for the accounting firm when the Enron investigation began until the eventual demise of the firm. Gallagher said it is important to realize that Enron's problems did not suddenly occur.

Arthur Andersen was the largest accounting firm in the nation before being indicted by the federal government for destroying documents for its client Enron. "A lot of you read that the (Enron) stock dropped overnight but if you go back you can find that Enron's stock began to drop a year before," Gallagher said.

Gallagher said records show that Andersen highlighted the risks that Enron was taking, but employees within Enron did not disclose all the information.

"You question whether you did enough work to fine fraud, but if people are intentionally hiding things, that becomes difficult," Gallagher said.

Gallagher questioned how the press covered Enron, especially with regard to reports about shredding documents and that Enron employees would not be able to sell their stock in the company. Gallagher said the press did a great disservice to the public by telling them to sell their stock, when the CEO and analysts were telling them not to.

The shredding goes on everyday in large corporations. Critical Enron documents were not shredded," Gallagher said. "Enron retirees could sell their stock, there was only a small amount of people who had a closed window period and it was only for a couple days in which they could not sell their stock." The problem with corruption within Enron was that the laws did not keep up with the needs of the businesses, said Gallagher.

This is a problem that the Securities and Exchange Commission is trying to address, she added.

However, Gallagher said that because of a lack of government funding and staff to ensure the rules are being followed, it is unlikely that new rules will immediately be enforced.

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Inside Column

Bare art

Let me ask you a question - what is wrong with a woman's body? Everyday women are constantly thrown images of the "perfect" body in magazines, on television, and from the human gaze. We judge our own bodies by what we are told is "beautiful" by the media. We obsess about calories, working out, and what others are thinking of us. We suffer from the "gaze" upon us.

As a student at a women's college, I feel the obsession with the "perfect" body is even more prevalent in my environment. Women, even when successful and by other women, still compare their body image with those around them. Everyday we are being placed up and down, comparing, and often left feeling insecure about our own body. "Look at her - she's lost weight. I wonder how she did it."

Women may wonder who might have an eating disorder and who works out all the time. The media gos­sip about who is gaining weight. "The body" is what seems to always make the first impression - not the mind.

So imagine the controversy some students might have when nude photos are put up in an art gallery and when women's minds have been programmed to accept only the "per­fect" body. What happens when a nude female body is distorted and not as beautiful as the human mind thinks it should be?

When women have constantly been exploited in pornography as sex objects, in magazines, and on television as defining the "perfect" body, no wonder many students are offended to see nude photographs that do not represent these ideals on the wall. We have become ashamed of our bodies, Rape, pornography, and the media strip away the female's identi­ty-her identity to accept her whole self and appreciate who she is as a woman.

Photography is a medium that can be used to change these constructed "bodies." Bodies do not have to be "perfect" or "sexual" to be beautiful. Unfortunately, that is what society has created in many minds. Or that nude photography automatically equals pornography. Women have become ashamed of their bodies, therefore becoming ashamed of who they are. Then, when a nude photo­graph of a female is put in their face, they expect it to be another "perfect" body they should strive to look like.

What about nude figure drawings? Artists have been drawing and paint­ing the nude figure for centuries. However, the nude figure in this medium of art is viewed as beautiful even if the body is not "per­fect." Why is it different in photogra­phy? Do the "perfect" body?

We should not be ashamed of our bodies. Unfortunately, the "ideal" body image and how it has been exploited has blurred our vision in the mirror and in photography.

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- Lecture: Chesterton: The Poet & The Romantic, DeBartolo Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Student Senate: Report on residence hall water quality and podium speakers Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council President, and Brigitte Ginyett, Workers' Rights, LaFortune Notre Dame Room, 6 p.m.

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During their second byte week, Notre Dame play­ers and coaches will mentally prepare and rest for their next game against Rutgers.

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Mushroom-cheese spinach tortellini, Italian sausage mari­nara, mexican beef pizza, Polish sausage, sweet & sour cabbage, Polish kluski noodles, green beans, apple crisp, grilled tuna with lemon, cream of wheat, sloppy joe, seasoned fries, pep­pered tangerine chicken.

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Beef ravioli, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, BBQ beef sandwich, shrimp spaghetti, rotisserie chicken, oriental vegetables, roasted rosemary potatoes, red beans & rice, corn dogs, fishwich, crinkle fries, stir-fry beef & peppers, peppered chicken fajitas.

Today's Dinner: Spinach tortellini with mushroom cheese sauce, sautéed herbed mushrooms, green beans, sweet and sour chicken, baby carrots, apple crisp, spinach quiche, orzo pesto & cream, Cajun chicken breast sandwich, seasoned fries, Kung Pao chicken, California ran­cho rice, Mexican dipping sauce.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Beef noodle or rice soup, taco tomato chowder, cool ranch loafer, breakfast pizza, Mediterranean bar, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, vegetable pival, tamale pie, tortellini antipasto salad, chicken salad, sugar cookie, mar­shmallow rice krispies bars, grilled fajitas.

Today's Dinner: Swedish meatballs with brown gravy, caulaire, pierogies, roasted chicken, baked potato, black bean cakes with pineapple chutney, brown rice, ginger snow peas, lingui­ne, tortellini antipasto salad, chicken salad, marinara sauce, baked sweet potatoes, sweet and sour chicken tenders, jalapeno peppers, broccoli quesoaddilla.

What's Going Down

Solicitor identified
NPSD issued an individual selling pictures outside of Walsh Hall on Monday. The individual was issued a noncontractual interest form and was released on Tuesday.

Minor caught consuming
NPSD apprehended a minor Tuesday in the infirmary lot for con­sumption of alcohol and failure to produce identification. NPSD referred this case to administrative review.

Drunk visitor apprehended
NPSD arrested a visitor for public intoxication on Tuesday at the Infirmary.

Missing bike found near classrooms
A bike that was reported missing from outside Welsh Family Hall on Oct. 27 was recovered outside of DeBartolo on Monday.

Compiled from NPSD crime blotter.

Local Weather

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Professors' design for memorial earns praise

The jury evaluating designs for a memorial to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon selected a monument created by two Notre Dame architecture professors as one of the top 75 entries in the international competition.

The jury included architecture professionals, two former secretaries of defense, and relatives of victims. The designers of the six finalists each has received $20,000 to further develop their ideas, and a final decision is expected by the end of the year.

The Pentagonal Memorial Competition is sponsored by the Department of Defense and organized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The jury includes design professionals, two former secretaries of defense, and relatives of victims.

The jury's rationale for awarding the 2001 award to the Notre Dame entry, calling it an "outstanding classical design" that "would create an inspiring work of civic art." It added: Because the design is conceived in truly monumental terms, it "would create an appealing landmark..."

The design by Marcantonio and Pajares features a large pedestal "on which the names of the 184 victims of the Pentagonal attack are inscribed, stands in a garden enclosure flanked by cherry trees."

Marcantonio, an assistant professor, and Pajares, an associate professor, are principals of the Sole Bend firm Marcantonio Architects.

Sophomores promote literature with Potter

By CAITLIN EARLY

For the first time in its 35-year tradition, the Sophomore Literary Festival will be hosting a community event, "A Very Potter Evening," in conjunction with the St. Joseph County Literacy Council.

The committee worked with Literacy Council officials and the Notre Dame leaders over the past month to expand the annual literacy festival's reach into the community. "A Very Potter Evening" refers to the young wizard hero of the popular children's book series. "We chose Harry Potter as the theme because of its popularity with children. The Harry Potter books are wonderful because they get kids excited about reading," said Erin Blonder, co-chair of the Potter committee.

The event will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The Sophomore Literary Festival scheduled a variety of events for "A Potter Evening," including a raffle, face painting, and a live duel put on by the Notre Dame fencing team. Some of the prizes include a signed copy of the third book and original Harry Potter movie posters.

The event is to encourage children in the local community to enjoy reading, organizers said. It is also an attempt to combat the wave of illiteracy that has hit St. Joseph County in recent years.

In the latest National Adult Survey, it was estimated that 700,000 adults in Indiana were illiterate. St. Joseph County's illiteracy rate ranks among the lowest in the entire state.

All proceeds collected from the event will be donated to local literacy programs throughout the county.

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Thanksgiving travel expected to increase

Number of air travelers expected to rise from 4.8 to 5.1 million

ORLANDO

About 35.9 million travelers will hit the roads, rails and air during Thanksgiving this year, a slight increase over 2001, AAA predicted Tuesday.

The number of Thanksgiving travelers has been dropping in recent years, from 37.4 million in 1999 to 36.8 million people in 2000 to 35.3 million last year.

The association expects the percentage of people traveling by motor vehicle to drop slightly, to 86 percent from last year's 87 percent — a record high brought on by fears of flying after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Meanwhile, the number of travelers reaching their Thanksgiving dinners by air is expected to rise from 4.8 million to about 5.1 million.

The AAA projections were based on a national survey of 1,300 adults by the Travel Industry Association. Motorists will find gasoline significantly pricier than last year. The nationwide average price of gas, $1.46 per gallon, is about 25 cents higher than last year, AAA reported.

The Orlando-based travel organization blamed higher gas prices on reduced inventories and strong demand.
Abuse victims now to monitor Church

Victims call for more reforms on sex abuse policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON At America's Roman Catholic bishops near a final vote on a policy to punish sex abusers in the priesthood, victims said they still would monitor church performance and demand further reforms, whatever the outcome.

"We are ... looking ahead, not to tomorrow or next week, but to the next bishops' conference," members of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said Tuesday at a news conference.

At that time, the group pledged, it would keep pushing bishops on their role in sex abuse crisis which has engulfed the church this year.

The church leaders were scheduled to vote Wednesday on the abuse policy that insist about the church has transformed itself.

Victims challenge that assertion, through Bishop William Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., said his colleagues agreed in June to remove all Bishop Wilton Gregory, Chicago's Cardinal Francis George said a few bishops have suggested amendments to the policy but they are "very minor, some technical terms, nothing substantial has changed."

The Survivors Network and other group say the new plan leaves too much discretion to the bishops on issues as whether to report abuse claims to civil authorities. The victims are particularly upset that the document includes no measures to sanction prelates who do not follow the policy.

There are no accountability measures among senior members of the Roman Catholic Church,\" Peter Isely, a Survivors Network member.

But Bishop Joseph Galvani, coadjutor of Dallas, argued the bishops this year formed the lay National Review Board and the Office for Child and Youth Protection to ensure that dioceses meet the new standards. The office will issue an annual report on prelates' compliance starting next year.

The bishops also have promised that no matter what the requirements in the final document, they are committed to notify civil authorities of all abuse cases involving children.

Throughout the bishops' meeting this week, victims have felt left out.

They have unprecedented access to church leaders at the Dallas gathering, holding private talks with cardinals and addressing sessions attended by all the bishops.

No such discussions were scheduled this week, even though the Survivors Network said it requested a role at the meeting.

Bishop William Gregory, president of the bishops' conference, spent a good deal of his opening press conference supporting church clergy and warning of fractures in the church caused by the abuse crisis, rather than addressing the damage done to victims.

"It's a fundamental, serious retreat,\" from the church's commitment to put victims first, said David Clohessy, the Survivors Network national director.
Bush warns Saddam to obey U.N. plan to disarm

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — With a deadline three days away, President Bush warned Saddam Hussein on Tuesday that if Iraq does not comply, he must obey a U.N. demand to disarm Iraq.

Bush called the assembly in Baghdad "nothing but a rubber stamp for Saddam Hussein," and White House spokesmen said only the Iraqi president could decide whether to cooperate with the United Nations.

Even with the tough rhetoric, Bush administration officials were keeping their options open, trying to ensure that if he does not disarm, it might be if Saddam were to reject the U.N. deadline.

"We will see what they will do," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday. "I don't want to prejudge what the Security Council might do, what the United Nations might do in the absence of a positive statement."

He said the deadline set by the council for Iraq to accept its terms and pledge to comply marked an "early indication" of Saddam's intentions.

Some of the president's advisors consider rejection a trigger for U.S. action, but others were not certain. White House officials said on condition of anonymity.

The U.N. resolution does not deal specifically with consequences if Iraq says no, they said.

Iraq also is stockpiling quantities of the antidotes to nerve agent and obidoxime chloride for the next two years, the official said, supporting a report Tuesday in The New York Times.

The administration is trying to stop future deliveries of the antidotes, but sanctions rules do not restrict them. Some of the imports have come from Turkey, a NATO ally supporting sanctions-enforcement flights over Iraq.

"If we have talked to Turkey about procurements by Iraq," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday, "he could not confirm the report that Turkey was selling atropine to Iraq, and Turkish officials said in Ankara they had no knowledge of such transactions.

Members of Iraq's parliament vote during a parliament session to respond to the latest U.N. resolution in Baghdad on Tuesday. The Iraqi parliament voted unanimously to reject a U.N. resolution to disarm Baghdad, but left the final decision to President Saddam Hussein.

"The president of the United States has made a decision that a continuation of the war, retreat, fail to abide by the Security Council resolutions...will not stand."

EGYPT

'Bin Laden' tape praises attacks, warns U.S. and allies

Associated Press
CAIRO — In an audiotaped message aired across the Arab world Tuesday, a voice purporting to be that of Osama bin Laden praised the suicide bombings in Moscow in a message that clearly warns of more killing to come, raising the United States in the war on terror.

In Washington, a U.S. official said the voice sounds like bin Laden, as the Bush administration tried to authenticate what would be the first hard evidence in a year that the al-Qaida leader was still alive.

In a rambling statement, the speaker on the tape broadcast on Al-Jazeera television referred to recent attacks, including the Oct. 12 Bali bombings "that killed the British and Australians," the killing last month of a Jewish passenger on a plane in New York, and Moscow's latest operation, "— a hostage-taking by Chechen rebels.

Speaking in a literary style of Arabic favored by bin Laden, the speaker attacked the UN. "has undertaken with sons who are zeal- ous in the defense of their religion," and that they were "only a reaction in response to what (President) Bush, the pharaoh of the age, is doing by killing our sons in Iraq and what America's ally Israel is doing, bombing houses with women and old people and children inside with American planes.

"Our people in Palestine are being killed, are being subjected to the worst kind of suffering for almost a century now," the speaker said. "If we defend our people in Palestine the world is dis- turbed and allied against Muslims under the banner of combating terrorism.""Al-Qaera identified the speaker as Osama bin Laden and said they received the tape on Tuesday. The audiotape was aired alongside an old photograph of the al-Qaida leader but there was no new video of him.

The speaker then castigated U.S. allies that have joined the war against terror- ism, specifically Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia.

"What business do your governments have to ally themselves with the gang of criminality in the White House against Muslims? Don't your governments know that the White House gang is the biggest serial killers in this age?"

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

American killed in Yemen strike ID'd:
The Yemeni-American killed in a CIA airstrike on Nov. 3 is believed to be Kamal Derwish, the alleged leader of a Buffalo, N.Y.-based cell with links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization, U.S. officials say. The reported name of the man killed in Yemen, Ahmed al-Bilati, is a pseudonym for Derwish, officials said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity. He near a U.S. citizen, U.S. and Yemeni officials have said.

Teen victim in sniper case released:
The 13-year-old boy critically wounded by the Washington-area sniper as he walked to school more than a month ago has been released from the hospital. The boy, whose name has not been released because he is a considered a witness to a crime, was Children's Hospital of Washington in Washington, Monday, said hospital spokeswoman Marissa Garcia.

Supreme Court to hear Web porn case: The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will decide if the government can restrict Internet surfing at public libraries, the third case pitting free-speech concerns against efforts to shield children from online pornography to reach the justices. The court will resolve whether federal funding can be stripped to block sexually explicit Web sites.

Web database lists accused priests:
Roman Catholic activists said Tuesday they have compiled an Internet database listing the names of 573 U.S. priests who have faced public accusations of child sex abuse since 1996. The list at www.survivorsfirst.org was assembled by 10 Boston-area Catholics operating as a group called Survivors First. It is drawn from U.S. newspaper articles and, in some cases, court documents.
Ill. towns support U.S. pilots

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court is considering challenges to state sex offender registries that help the public keep tabs on parolees living or working nearby.

The court's eventual decisions could limit information available to the public, including the Internet where many states post offender pictures and details of convictions.

Lawyers for the two states and the Bush administration hope to persuade the court in today's arguments to give states leeway to keep the public informed about offenders.

In the Connecticut case, judges will decide if states must hold separate hearings to determine the risk posed by sex criminals who have completed their prison sentences. Lawyers for two anonymous former Connecticut sex offenders argue that putting them in the registry without hearings violates the guarantee of the Constitution's Fifth Amendment that government cannot take away "life, liberty or property without due process of law."

University of Mississippi law professor Ronald Rychak said if the court rules that past offenders deserve a chance to prove they are no longer dangerous to society, states would have a hard time complying.

"It would just end in suits. Most states would not hold the hearings because they couldn't afford to," he said.

States with laws similar to Connecticut's are Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, the court was told.

In the other case, justices are considering a constitutional challenge to Alaska's Megan's law.

That state publishes personal information about convicted sex offenders on the Internet. At issue is whether lists, including names of people who long ago served their sentences, amount to unconstitutional retroactive punishment.

Customer Survey

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

REMAINING EVENTS:

Wednesday: GTC Dramatic Dialogues presentation of "What's Goin' On?" by Joel Gori at 7:30pm in Haggar 117

Thursday: Presentation by Patrick Drury focused on how men can help survivors of sexual assault at 7:30pm in the Siegfried Hall Chapel Lounge. A survivor will also tell her story.

Friday: Mass to commemorate those people affected by sexual assault at 5pm in the Dillon Hall Chapel.

If you would like more information about any of these events, please contact care@nd.edu
WASHINGTON

Former FBI Director William Webster resigned Tuesday as head of a special accounting oversight board, saying he wanted to avert "new distractions" as the congressional-created agency seeks to rebuild public confidence after a series of business scandals.

"I now believe my continued presence on the board will only generate new distractions which will not be helpful to the important mission of the board," said Webster in his resignation letter.

"Those who know me will appreciate that I do not abandon duty lightly. It is time to clear the air," he said.

Webster, who also once headed the CIA, announced his resignation in a letter to Pitt, who has remained in office pending the naming of a replacement. Pitt quit earlier following a flap over an apparent failure to inform fellow SEC commissioners that Webster had headed the audit committee of a company under investigation for fraud.

President Bush last week voiced confidence in Webster's integrity, although Bush also wanted to see the outcome of an investigation of the circumstances surrounding Webster's selection.

"Bill Webster can fly high. We wish him well and respect his decision," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said Tuesday. "The president believes the oversight board has important work to do and he urges them to pursue their work quickly and aggressively."

Pitt is facing investigations into whether he concealed from other SEC members Webster's role for a company that is under investigation. The SEC voted 3-2, along party lines, to appoint him on Oct. 25. Pitt and the other two Republicans approved Webster and the two Democrats opposed his appointment.

In a statement accepting the resignation, Pitt made no mention of the controversy surrounding Webster's appointment. "I continue to believe that investors would have benefited from Judge Webster's dedication to the best interest of the American people," he said.

News of Webster's resignation came a day before the oversight board was scheduled to have its first meeting. His letter to Pitt was dated Monday and released Tuesday afternoon. SEC spokesman John Heline and a board member said the meeting, described as informal and dealing with administrative matters such as office space and staff, was expected to proceed Wednesday.

The turmoil comes at a time when the government is trying to bolster the confidence of investors and consumers shaken by corporate scandals over the past year and the SEC is investigating questionable accounting at dozens of big companies.

Webster's appointment was pushed by Pitt and endorsed by the Bush White House. Democrats preferred John Biggs, head of the largest teachers' pension fund, whom they believed would be tough on the accounting industry.

Creation of the oversight board was mandated by Congress last summer in legislation responding to the wave of accounting scandals at Enron, WorldCom and other big companies.

The five-member board, to be independent of the accounting industry, will be armed with subpoena authority and disciplinary powers and financed by fees from publicly traded companies.

**Fed: Americans borrowing more**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Many Americans, taking advantage of falling mortgage rates, took out even bigger loans when they refinanced their home mortgages, the Federal Reserve reported Tuesday.

Economists say extra cash coming from the nation's refinancing boom has been one of the key forces helping to keep consumer spending - the lifeblood of the economy - spending this year, even amid the turbulent stock market, a stagnant job market, eroding consumer confidence and worries about a possible war.

The Fed, in its quarterly loan officers survey, found that almost half of the 48 U.S. banks that responded to this question said that between 20 percent and 40 percent of customers that refinanced their home mortgages over the last six months engaged in "cash-out refinancing," meaning they increased their loan balances at the time of refinancing.

For customers who took out bigger loans when they refinanced, about 70 percent of banks said that the typical increase was between 5 percent and 15 percent of the original outstanding balance.

And, 82 percent of the U.S. banks surveyed said that the average home price in the markets that they serve had gone up "substantially" or "somewhat" in the last 12 months, the Fed said in its survey.

Overall, the Fed said that 90 percent of U.S. banks between August and October basically kept credit standards for home mortgage loans largely unchanged.
CSI rules Neilsens

Associated Press

NEW YORK How times have changed in programming strategy. Used to be, the networks souped up the schedule with specials during ultra-competitive periods.

Now the watchword is "stability," as evidenced by last week's Nielsen rankings that found only one special program — CBS' 10th Annual Country Music Association awards — among the top 30.

Overall, TV's big winners were the usual suspects, notably NBC's powerful Thursday night slate; CBS' Thursday rivals "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "Survivor: Thailand; "CBS' Monday heavyweights "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "CSI: Miami;" ABC's Monday night football, and NBC's "Law & Order" trio.

NBC's highly promoted TV movie, "Carrie," tied for 35th place. The first of CBS' two-part Robert Harris biopic, "Master Spy," tied for 41st. "CSI" retained its title as the week's most-watched show, according to Nielsen Media Research ratings released Tuesday.

Last week overall, CBS led with 4.2 million viewers (9.3 household rating, 15 share) while NBC averaged 13.3 million viewers (8.6 household rating, 14 share).

ABC was third with 10.5 million viewers (6.7 rating, 13 share), and Fox fourth with 7.4 million viewers (4.5 rating, 7 share).

The WB had 5.0 million viewers (2.5 rating, 4 share), UPN 4.2 million viewers (2.5 rating, 4 share), and Pax TV 1.2 million viewers (0.9 rating, 1 share).

"NBC Nightly News" won the evening news ratings race with an average 10.8 million viewers (7.8 rating, 15 share), while ABC's "World News Tonight" had 10.4 million viewers (7.3 rating, 14 share) and the "CBS Evening News" had 8.5 million viewers (6.2 rating, 12 share).

Heartthrobs recruited for campaign

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The White House has recruited heartthrob male stars in an anti-drug campaign aimed at teenage girls. Paul Walker from "The Fast and the Furious," pop singer Enrique Iglesias and "Blue Crush" co-star Matt Davis are among the models in a new calendar that features messages about abstaining from narcotics.

Marvel issued a statement saying Lee "continues to be well-compensated" for his contributions to the industry. It said the company is "in full compliance with, and current on all payments due under, terms of Mr. Lee's employment agreement."

"Despite reaping enormous benefits ... defendants have failed to honor their commitments to him." Stan Lee's attorney

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Spider-Man creator files suit over film

Associated Press

NEW YORK The creative force behind Spider-Man, the incredible Hulk and Daredevil died a $10 million lawsuit Tuesday, charging his old comic book company is cheating him out of millions of dollars in movie profits.

Stan Lee, who crafted a menagerie of superpowered heroes with very human flaws, now claims Marvel Entertainment Inc. has tried to shut him out of the "jackpot" success of this summer's "Spider-Man" movie.

Lee's attorneys filed court papers in Manhattan federal court, claiming that Marvel signed a deal to give their client 10 percent of any profits from his characters used in films and television shows.

"Spider-Man" has been the year's biggest hit, grossing more than $400 million domestically — but the 80-year-old Lee says he hasn't seen a penny.

"Despite reaping enormous benefits from Mr. Lee's creations, defendants have failed and refused to honor their commitments to him," the lawsuit charged.

Marvel has reported millions of dollars in earnings from the film but has told Lee the company has seen no "profits" as defined by their contract.

Lee hopes a judge will intervene and make sure he gets a percent age of any profits from films such as the forthcoming "Daredevil," scheduled for release in February. He also seeks a share of profits from the upcoming movie "The Hulk," and the sequel to "X-Men" and "Spider-Man."

The lawsuit demands damages and a court order forcing Marvel to turn over Lee's share in any profits from movies about characters he created.
HBO wants to televise Emmy's

**Network wants to move show from the Big Four networks for the first time in 54 years**

LOS ANGELES

HBO, which has wrested an increasing share of Emmy Awards away from broadcast networks, is negotiating for the ceremony itself, industry sources said Monday.

HBO’s offer is for a lucrative, five-year deal beginning in 2003, sources said on condition of anonymity. Such a deal would move the 54-year-old primetime awards away from the big four networks — ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC — for the first time ever.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has been in contract renewal talks with the four networks, which have aired the awards show in rotation for the last eight years.

But the networks balked at the academy’s request for a $10 million annual license fee. Industry sources said the annual fee would be a sharp increase from the $7 million the academy was receiving.

HBO stepped in with its offer amid the dispute, sources said. Its proposal will be presented to the academy’s board of governors Wednesday night, the sources said. The board must approve any agreement.

**The networks, which had an exclusive bargaining window that the academy extended through mid-October, have the opportunity to counter HBO’s bid collectively or individually.**

Academy president Todd Leavitt, declining to comment on negotiation details, said the academy was in “the midst of a very sensitive process that may or may not involve accepting the highest offer. And Bryce Zabel, academy chairman, said the academy is confident “the current negotiations will lead to a substantial improvement in our ability to expand academy activities.”

HBO spokeswoman Nancy Lessner “It is inappropriate for us to comment on the business of the television academy.”

When the Emmy Awards were a shared industry event “we’ve always had a policy of not saying who’s doing it,” Lessner said.

Brent Harvey, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences president said the academy is new to the competition for the broadcast awards.

“We all lay down our swords for one night each year... if that’s the case, CBS will counterprogram the broadcast aggressively.”

Chris Ender
CBS spokesman

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**Pirated ‘Potter’ film appears online**

LOS ANGELES

Days before the premiere of “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,” pirated copies of the film have shown up on the Internet.

Warner Bros., which produced the film, confirmed Tuesday that an illegal copy of the film has appeared on the Internet, which often contains bootleg copies of films, even before they hit theaters.

“The illegal copying and distribution of movies is theft,” the studio said in a statement. “Warner Bros. takes the threat of Internet piracy very seriously and employs all legal means to contain the unauthorized copying and distribution of our films on the Internet.”

News of the availability of the film online first appeared on Slashdot.org, a Web site for technology experts.

Pirated copies of films, often grainy, jumpy versions filmed using a handheld camera at a pre-premier screening, regularly show up on the Internet before a movie hits theaters.

The Motion Picture Association of America, the movie studio’s trade group, aggressively fights piracy in the courts and uses software to scan the Internet searching for people offering illegal copies of films.

Five major studios, including Warner Bros., formed a joint venture last year to offer downloads of films on the Web. The company is expected to offer a legal alternative to piracy by year’s end. Los Angeles-based Movielink, opened for business this week.

The movie, the second film made from the popular series of children’s books, opens Friday. It had premiers in London and New York.
Offering a prayer of thanks for the football team

Dear Lord,

Just to reassure you, I will be making a much-needed trip to the confiscation of a certain seven quarterbacks of football in the past two weeks. And I'm sure that many Notre Dame students will need to or already have confessed to you for the same reason.

However, before I make the trip over to the Basilica, I would like to say a little prayer to you, O Lord, thanking you for a lesson in humility.

At Notre Dame, through Father Edward Sorin and others like him, you've established a University that thrives on excellence and moral values. You've trusted us to continue a tradition that emphasizes religious belief as much as knowledge. And the spirit that lives in the candlelight of the Grotto and bells of the Basilica has created a global commitment of unity among its current students and alumni. But from time to time, we need you, O Lord, to help us renew our confidence in University and to ourselves as your children.

You, the Observer Online, are available to all students. The free exchange of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and include correct information.

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Quote of the Day
"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." - Mohandas Gandhi
Indian nationalistic leader

viewpoint
Adam Cahill
A Domer's Outlook

You have worked through a man who not only demands those con­cepts from his players but stresses them to the fans as well. Against Boston College, he had the team wear green jerseys to promote unity between the players and the stu­dents. But yet we criticized him for it. However, he never wavered in his decision. Had Notre Dame won the game, though, he would have become a symbol of you for yet another week.

Tyrone Willingham is a Notre Dame man and you have sent him to Notre Dame for a reason. He demands that his players act with respect to each other and their opp­onents — something that you teach us, as your children, to do. He understands the principles this University was founded upon — the clarity, proving it with his con­duct. And the contagiousness of his teachings can be seen in his players. The more his players learn from him, the more they resemble his integrity.

In the past weeks, you have taught us that the character of a team is never more evident than it is after a loss. They showed the depth of their character by finding the strength in each other to rebound after a disap­pointing loss and sub par three quarters, almost making a mockery of the idea that it is easy to win as a team but harder yet to lose as one. Most teams can handle and do quite well winning as a team, but losing as one is quite different. Other top col­lege programs (oops ... did I say Florida State?) point fingers at teammates and squabble about who's to blame.

But our team didn't do that. They didn't point fingers or give excuses. They welcomed the idea of wearing the green jerseys again, considering it an honor. They told America that bad days happen, but they aren't going to dwell on it.

Lord, you've given us one of your teams. Thank you. They may not be the squad holding up the Sears tro­phy in early January, but years from now, they will know that they have something more important than a Sears trophy — character. They will know that they have stood up to the pressure of being Notre Dame football players and have acted as Notre Dame men. And I, a Notre Dame student and fan, have become a better person for having watched them become the team they are. I will teach my chil­dren the same virtues of solidarity, determination and sportsmanship that can be seen in this club. I will teach them that winning is a goal, not a necessity. And above all, O Lord, I will teach them that the greater person accepts loss with digni­ty and without excuse.

Lord, please forgive us as we aren't as sportsmanlike in defeat as our brothers in shoulder pads. It's just that we believe in their abilities as athletes and have unswerving faith in their characters. They deserve to win and be acknowledged by the rest of the nation as the winners they are.

On that note, Lord, I would like a blessing to be placed on our players, in appreciation for teaching us, through you, a valuable life lesson. That, and I hope to make it to con­fusion soon.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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Seven bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a closet full of freedom

For the record, I've always enjoyed my time living on campus. That being said, I can't wait to blow this surreal populace stand that we call living on-campus at Notre Dame.

That's right, I'm moving next year. I'm jumping head first into the big unknown realm, referred to in whispers as simply "off-campus." When I was a freshman, I didn't know and didn't want to know what it was like on outside these hallowed grounds of Our Lady. I'd heard the tales, of course. I'd heard of a place where there was no conveyor belt to take away and magically wash your dirty dishes when you were done with them. I'd heard of a place where males and females stayed together past two in the morning sometimes as late as 2:15 or 2:30. No doubt they were sinning and performing intercourse together with Satan watching and longing the whole time. Most alarmingly, I'd heard that this place was populated with other people. They weren't students. They didn't go to Saint Mary's. Some of them weren't white. Some of them weren't even Catholic. Just the thought of them enjoying life in this place was enough to set my little freakin' self shivering under my Little Mermaid comforter.

But now I'm older, if not wiser, and off-campus life is beckoning to me.

I do realize that living in the Bend won't be all wine and roses. My friends, who live in a house on Corby Street, got burglarized by their neighbors. And, in a show of cojones that would impress Evel Knievel, the neighbor showed up and demanded to be let into parties. And of course the South Bend Police refuse to do anything about it.

The police here are a different story. They bring iniquity to staggering levels, even for civil servants. They've decided, that with all the rape, murder, assault and drug dealing that goes on in South Bend, that they should catch the real criminals — kids peeping on fences at the Lafayette Apartments. I'd better stop now, lest I make moving off campus seem undesirable. Next year, more than half of my class will be off campus, and who can blame us? Sure, we could get a single in a dorm, but then we'd be constantly barraged by underclassmen asking, "So why didn't you move off?" Of course, we could become RAs, but as members of the hall staff we'd be subject to the Napolitano whims and mood swings of our temperamental rectors. And from what I hear, some of the campus rectors are about as rational and stable as Anna Nicole Smith after drinking a martini garnished with a handful of Percocets. Why should seniors get all the fun? Personally, I'd love to see a big exodus off-campus among underclassmen. pikateer your personal vision of college was before you started here, I'm sure it didn't involve throwing a towel over a bottle of hard liquor every time you heard footsteps down the hall. I'm sure it didn't involve explaining to your increased with my friends why you have to sleep in a stranger's room halfway across campus. And I'm dead certain it didn't involve trying to convince a self-righteous Red,le counselor that the young lady was just on her way up to your room to get her purse.

The funniest part about the whole off-campus/off-campus conflict is the reaction of the Notre Dame administration. After 10 straight years of making campus rules stricter, making frivolous punishments harsher and attempting to stamp out anything even resembling fun in the dorms, they have the temerity to ask with a straight face "Why do students want to move off campus so badly?" This is the equivalent of me repeatedly whacking someone in the gonads with a pitching wedge and wondering at the same time, "Now why is he trying to crawl away?"

And it all stems from one pariahs. I knew one week after I settled in as a freshman that I was going to move off-campus my senior year, if not the other year, if not my sophomore year, it had been so irritating and indignity of constant reminding someone of the time because some guy in the big building thinks he knows what's best for me should be enough to drive anyone with a backbone straight to a lovely two-man at Turtle Creek.

So, if I will go to the pariahs discussion tonight in the Coleman-Morse lounge, and I will hope that at least one person is enlightened by the conversation. In the meantime, I will continue to drunkenly sneak three or four willing love bunnies back to my dorm room every night. And next year, when I'm sitting pretty in my Washington Street house, a mere two blocks from Boat Club, I will rejoice in my newfound freedom.

Joe Muto is a junior PFT and English double major who would like to apologize to his grandparents: he just couldn't help taking the shot. His column appears every other Wednesday. Contact him at jmuto@nd.edu.

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Letters to the Editor

ROTC students deserve praise for their service

I would like to write something that I have all too rarely seen addressed in The Observer section of The Observer. I would like to commend the ROTC students from all three branches on campus. The Veterans Day Vigil and the Retreat Ceremony were a wonderful tribute not only to those that served our country so valiantly and selflessly throughout our nation's history, but also a tribute to the Cadets and Midshipmen themselves.

The professionalism and pride demonstrated by these ROTC students spoke volumes about their commitment to excellence and service in a dangerous world. Despite cold temperatures and biting winds, these students, united in a common cause, stood out at the Clarke Memorial Fountain for their shifts throughout the day and night. This was done in honor of great men and women, and it was done by the future great men and women of our armed forces.

I would also like to thank Father Theodore Hesburgh for a moving and powerful speech in support of those who make the commitment to serve. When a man such as Hesburgh says that he is honored to address a group, that group must be worthy indeed. His support for the program should be a model for others to follow. As the only prominent Catholic on campus, his thoughts should be taken into consideration when debating the worth of the ROTC program on a Catholic campus. In addressing the Cadets and Midshipmen as peacemakers, he spoke what I believe all ROTC students and military members would have the ability to realize. Thank you to everyone who was a part of this wonderful Veterans Day tribute.

Gregory Conners

Take action on Ethiopian poverty

Yesterday morning, when my home Web page opened (www.bbc.co.uk), I could not help my eyes from watering down while I read the headlines. Maybe I am too sensitive. On the other hand, who ever hears about six million people that are under direct threat of death and at least 15 million people who will face famine in the next year without their hearts breaking a bit, is probably too insensitive.

At the moment, Ethiopia, one of the poorest countries in the world, is going through a terrible crisis. The government cannot cope with it. The Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi has warned that his country is facing a famine worse than the one in 1984, in which one million people died from starvation. It is so bad that basic needs such as clean water, soap and transport have been put aside. Right now is about keeping their people alive. Two million tons of food aid is required to feed the people. However, the situation could get worse. Andrew Pendleton, who advises the organization Christian Aid in Ethiopia, has pointed out that Ethiopia's ability to cope with the drought was hampered by its continuing foreign debt, which eats up at least 10 percent of the state's revenues.

I am not writing this so you can feel pity for these people during the one minute it takes you to read the article. Rather, I am asking you to have a pro-active response to what I am telling you. It is not enough to pray, although it helps. I am asking you for a minimum amount of effort of coke, bag of chips, or whatever it is, and donate that money to the Red Cross. However, I am asking you for a minimum amount of effort that could save lives, I am asking you to sacrifice your daily coffee, can of coke, bag of chips, or whatever it is, and donate that money to the Red Cross so that it can be forwarded as aid to the Ethiopians. It takes no time or effort. There is no excuse to avoid doing this simple act of generosity.

How to do it? Easy, just go to http://www.redcross.org/donate. html (make sure you put the money to go to the program in Ethiopia). However, if you really want to make an impact, you could also send this address to family and friends and ask them to donate more than one dollar. I am sure someone in Ethiopia will appreciate it; they will literally owe you their life.

Monica Fernandez

Ethiopian poverty

To: Tonya Hesburgh

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By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Following up on last year's runaway success of "Grand Theft Auto 3" (GTA3), Rockstar Games has taken gaming a quantum leap forward with its follow up "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City." Like its predecessor, "Vice City" features a non-linear storyline and a couple of possible endings to the game. Unlike "GTA3," however, "Vice City" has a more intense plotline. While "GTA3" had a nameless thumb as the main character, "Vice City" centers around a recently released Mafia named Tommy Vercetti who has just completed serving a 15-year prison sentence for the Forellis. The Forellis, grateful for Vercetti's stonewall silence about their activities send Vercetti away from their home base Liberty City to help open up the expanding cocaine trade in Florida. But Vercetti's first deal goes awry and he is left short fifty kilos of coke.

The gameplay has been adjusted to fit the '80s motif as well. The vehicles available in this game handle more roughly than in "GTA3." Cars crunch up much more easily in "Vice City," which is both a boon and a blessing; while it is easier to roll police cars onto their backs, it's also easier for them to stop you the same way. True aficionados will recognize a number of the vehicles as earlier models of cars available in "GTA3." Vercetti's personality gives a lot more depth to the game. Interaction with non-player characters is much more crucial to winning in "Vice City" than in "GTA3." In fact, Vercetti even receives a sort of unofficial partner, Lance Vance, to help him through the game. As always, the criminal elements in the game have big and hysterical personalities. While the basic lie, cheat and steal type strategy is still in play in "Vice City," there are tons of new ways to go about it. Most notably, "Vice City" allows Vercetti to enter buildings and even buy them if he should choose to. While most of the interiors are just eye candy, owning buildings like strip clubs, biker bars and adult movie studios is essential to establishing Vercetti as a crime boss. One of the best new features in the game is the addition of motorcycles. "Vice City" has a number of different bikes to commandeer from mopeds to choppers. You can even steal a pizza delivery bike and earn money by winging pizzas to waiting customers. Because of the light weight of the motorcycles, even the slightest tap can send you flying, causing a loss in life and armor. They're not much use when running from the police but it adds a needed element for missions where moving fast and maneuvering is crucial. You can even steal boats and aircrafts to help in your life of crime.

Also added are number of new tricks Vercetti can use to evade police such as changing clothes, mostly into pastel leisure suits ala "Miami Vice," and the much needed jump out of a moving vehicle feature.

The police have gained a new bag of tricks too such as the ability to shoot out the tires of Vercetti's getaway cars. There also take cover much better than in "GTA3" where they sometimes ran around like lobotomized cannon fodder.

If Vercetti is really causing mayhem, the city will send the FBI, the vice squad and even the army after him. The vice squad will repel from helicopters to reach him if he's in a sniper position.

Even so, that doesn't quite fix the bug that the police are unable to follow Vercetti if he runs up stairs or drives to the top of a parking garages.

There are a number of new weapons to be had in "Vice City" such as the machete and the Gatlin gun, but Rockstar limited Vercetti to being able to carry only one type of each at a time. At first this can seem annoying, but it does balance gameplay a bit more so you can run around with an unlimited arsenal.

One of gamers' favorite features of the Grand Theft Auto world, the radio, takes on whole new significance. While the radio in "GTA3" was functional, the music was made up to be funny and got annoying after playing the game for a while. Rockstar licensed a ton of '80s music for the seven music stations in "Vice City," featuring all-star artists like Michael Jackson, Herbie Hancock, Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five, from Maiden, The Clash, The Buggles, RED Speedwagon and the list goes on and on. In fact, Rockstar released a special seven-CD set of the radio tunes. Of course, the irreverent talk radio station made its way back in the game too as well as scathingly sarcastic commercial breaks.

"Grand Theft Auto: Vice City" is in homage to and a parody of the '80s. Complete with hoop earrings, designer jeans and pastel leisure suits, playing "Vice City" looks like watching an episode of "Miami Vice." But, while "GTA3" was criticized for being too violent and sexual for children, "Vice City" may be escape quite as much criticism as its predecessors due to its '80s setting and its predecessor's appeal indicating a shifting demographic of videogame players. No longer are videogames exclusively for a pre-teen crowd. Now, with the '80s things want games that reflect more provocative subjects than brightly colored cartoon characters in bright colored cartoon worlds can provide.

Of course, "Vice City" isn't for everyone. Those who are easily offended by blood and gore, profanity or sexual content should stay far away from this game. But for those with a stronger stomach, "Vice City" a hand drawn must as its predecessors and its predecessors' appeal indicate a shifting demographic of videogame players. No longer are videogames exclusively for a pre-teen crowd. Now, with the '80s things want games that reflect more provocative subjects than brightly colored cartoon characters in bright colored cartoon worlds can provide.

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‘Kingdom Hearts’

Squaresoft’s latest provides heartthrob graphics and heartbreak gameplay

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

‘Kingdom Hearts’ is a bit of a hard game to explain because of its extremely strange style. It’s a battle-adventure with elements of role playing games spliced in that’s set in multi-dimensional worlds of which some are like the beach societies of ‘Final Fantasy X’ and others realms of Disney movies. That’s right. Disney movies.

The game follows the adventures of Sora, your average spiky-haired Squaresoft underdog who lives on an island and dreams of sailing away with his friends. He’s haunted by cryptic dreams that indicate that his life is worth much more than it seems to be.

And then Heartless shows up. Heartless is an evil black entity ala Sin from ‘Final Fantasy X’ that is destroying worlds one by one. When Goofy and Donald Duck realize that the universe is threatened they begin a quest to save it with their divinely chosen hero, you guessed it, Sora.

While the story is a bit hard to swallow, it’s not just an excuse to jump from one Disney world to another, no pun intended. The story makes sense in that vague earth-energy way that most of the installments ‘Final Fantasy’ series do.

The best part of ‘Kingdom Hearts’ by a light-year is the incredible graphics. Squaresoft has made a name for itself with cutting edge, real-time animation in games like ‘Final Fantasy X’ and movies like ‘Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within.’ ‘Kingdom Hearts’ goes a step further and is able to perfectly capture the magic of Disney.

The result is a game loaded with gorgeous three-dimensional worlds and almost every Disney character imaginable. Squaresoft stepped up to the challenge of translating 2D animation into 3D characters while preserving their unique movements and charm.

But while ‘Kingdom Hearts’ is breathtaking graphically, it has a number of irritating gameplay problems. Even though the game is meant to be a real-time battle scenario, most of Sora’s combat moves amount to mashing the attack button until he automatically destroys his foes. Even as he levels up and learns new combo and abilities, the battle never gets much more challenging than in the beginning. Furthermore, most of the baddies are unique to each world and respawn infinitely. So after taking on a few and learning their weaknesses actually fighting them gets really boring really quickly. Most gamers will find themselves avoiding battles where possible because they end up being a fool’s errand, except for when Sora has to take on a level boss. The level bosses are a lot of fun themselves, but repeatedly fighting Heartless gets pretty fast.

The addition of non-player characters to Sora’s party isn’t really helpful either. Though there are a lot of characters who are available to help out, they tend to provide little real assistance than diverting monsters for a minute or two.

Furthermore, in this type of puzzle-solving and graphically stunning game deserves better camera controls. Sometimes it’s hard to get the camera to be in the right position to see the action on the screen in places that require a player to move rather slowly through.

‘Kingdom Hearts’ isn’t a role playing game, but it still retains a number of those basic elements like leveling up characters and gaining new abilities. The game is a long quest that is divided into numerous sub quests in each world. After each part is finished, the game treats you to a cut scene or rendered on-the-fly movie sequence.

Unfortunately, these ideas don’t translate that well into a battle type game. The game can be tedious at times and because not enough information is given when quests are assigned to complete them without a lot of extra running around, players may get frustrated when they are looking for a checkpoint.

Too often the mini-quests are of the find and seek or gather all the shiny object type found in games like ‘Jak & Daxter: The Precursor Legacy.’ The concept behind such missions is less interesting than the storyline itself and ends up making players feel like they have obsessive compulsive disorder. Playing ‘Kingdom Hearts’ might end up being Pavlovian response to get to the next movie sequence.

But gameplay aside, ‘Kingdom Hearts’ pushes the envelope in most other respects. Not only has Squaresoft perfectly recreated Disney’s characters visually, but they’ve gotten the voices to match too. And with acting heavyweights like “Sixth Sense” star Haley Joel Osment lending vocal talent to this production, Squaresoft avoids a lot of the jarring translation problems that peek through in other members of their catalogue. The recognizable voices of the likes of Winnie the Pooh, Peter Pan and Jiminy Cricket are also captured with wonderful clarity. In fact, after playing this game for a while, it might be fun to try to remember Disney characters that aren’t present; it’s really tough to find one.

In the end, ‘Kingdom Hearts’ is worth checking out if only for its jaw-dropping graphics. Any Disney fan would certainly get a kick out of this game, but fans looking for a solid action RPG might be a bit disappointed. Those who are looking for a different style of game may enjoy ‘Kingdom Hearts,’ but it’s probably a game to rent before you buy.

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I hate fighting, but I have my orders.

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Michigan quarterback John Navarre tries to escape Notre Dame defender Kyle Budinich during the Wolverines' 25-23 victory against the Wolverines. Michigan will be gearing up to face off against Wisconsin coming Saturday.

Wolverines gearing up for rival Badgers

By JOHN R. PARKINSON

BADGERS' losses to Michigan this past two years. "They didn't make plays," Alvarez said. "But Alvarez said the team is focused on the future, not the past. Bollinger and sophomore tailback Anthony Davins are key players. Alvarez said, "I just prefer not to," Alvarez said. Davins was stabbed in the leg, and hospitalized last weekend after what police termed a domestic dispute. After being unable to take advantage of five turnovers and 13 penalties by Illinois, Alvarez is thankful to get two of his key skill players back into the offensive lineup. "There is a reason there is a No. 2, and a No. 3," Alvarez said. "I'm not putting blame on anybody, but that would give us a better chance of winning. It's always nice to have your advantage of five turnovers last week against Illinois. It's always nice to have your starting quarterback Jim Sorgi. It gives the seniors something to remember," Alvarez said. "Everyone knows Michigan is an important game," Alvarez said. "It's still a big game. It's what you can get up for. Dwayne Smith said the team has tried to remain positive and has not lost its competitive edge. "It's frustrating losing, but we have to remain optimistic," Smith said. "We still have a lot to play for, even though there are only two games left. We want to come in and prepare and finish out the season with a good record and hopefully go to a bowl!

If the Badgers win this week, they become bowl-eligible. Alvarez said that is the team's primary goal. "Bowls are always rewards. It gives the seniors something to remember," Alvarez said. "It's a great experience for your young players. I always like to use it to get extra practices. So I think it's very important." Smith added that a win this week could get the Badgers back on track and spark a run toward a bowl game. "Right now we're struggling with wins in the Big Ten, but going into Michigan and getting a win, that will really boost our confidence," Smith said. Even though the record still wouldn't show that we are one of the elite teams in the Big Ten, but that will help us out a lot mentally."
AUGUSTA, Ga.

A navy blue cap in the Augusta National pro shop has "Masters 2003" stitched in white — merchandise with a message.

Despite the controversy over its all-male membership that swirled well beyond the gates of Augusta National, chairman Hootie Johnson says the Masters will be played the second week of April, no matter what.

He was equally decisive about the club's membership.

No women.

Not by the next Masters. And certainly not at the gates of Augusta National, suggesting that Augusta National may never say they're right," the 71-year-old chairman said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I don't think we’ve been damaged," he said.

"I don’t think this is a question of who’s good for the game of golf?" Johnson said. "It’s a question of why his club should be penalized for "presuming some woman’s good for the game of golf"?

"Something that 150 million watch around the world? Something that’s a harbinger of spring? Something that is a harbinger of spring? Something that is a harbinger of spring? Something that is a harbinger of spring?"

Johnson said he has read and responded to each one.

"I’m not going to talk about members," he said, cutting off a reporter whose comments from executives like Ward and Chenault. "We’ll handle that internally."
Lowest resigns as Grizzlies coach

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Sidney Lowe resigned as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday, saying he had no intentions of replacing Lowe. The team had its best season under Lowe, 23-59 in 1995. The team moved to Memphis last year from Vancouver.

The Grizzlies had their best records under Lowe, 23-59 in the two previous seasons. Lowe was formerly an assistant coach with the Cleveland Cavaliers and head coach with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

During the off-season, the Grizzlies had Jerry West, a former NBA coach and an executive in the NBA, as president of basketball operations.

West called Brown "one of the premier basketball minds in the business."

"I feel fortunate that we are able to find such an individual in such a short period of time and that he agreed to step in and accept this job," West said.

Brown was coach of the Kentucky Colonels from 1974-76, and won the ABA title in 1975. He coached Atlanta from 1976-81, and was the NBA's coach of the year in 1978, and directed the New York Knicks from 1982-87.

West's move to Memphis had Grizzlies fans fired up, and he had no intentions of replacing Lowe. The team had also started last season 0-8. When he took over, West praised Lowe for the team's hustle last season, even though it ended up with a losing record.

"Lowe's resignation came after poor back-to-back performances in losses to Denver and Golden State." West said.

The Grizzlies scored 73 points against Denver, their worst scoring output since March 3, when they scored 71 against Seattle. Memphis trailed by 25 points in the second half against the Warriors, who won 108-101.

Knight sues for being fired

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bob Knight is suing Indiana University, alleging he lost more than $2 million in income since being fired by the school two years ago.

Knight contends he was fired without cause, without a proper meeting of university trustees and without a chance to defend himself.

The lawsuit was filed in the Monroe County Circuit Court on Friday after talks between his lawyers and the school collapsed.

Under state law, the former Hoosiers basketball coach had until Tuesday to take legal action.

Knight was fired Sept. 10, 2000, by university President Myron Brand, and gave Indiana notice in early 2001 that he might sue.

The school denied Knight's allegations.

"The university has fulfilled all of its obligations under the contract it had with Mr. Knight. Indiana University will defend its interests vigorously," the university said.

Attorneys have said a key issue in the talks is whether Indiana should pay Knight for lost income — and how much.

Russell Yates, Knight's attorney, said Knight filed the lawsuit because the university breached the contract both by firing him and costing him compensation.

The university paid Knight under the conditions of his contract, but the coach lost income that was directly dependent on the agreement, including money derived from television and radio programs, a basketball camp, a shoe contract and other endorsements, the lawsuit said.

"Coach Knight would not have gone into litigation for fun," Yates said. "He would not like this distraction, but we feel very clearly that he is owed money under the contract." Knight spent 29 seasons at Indiana and won three national championships. He took a job as men's coach at Texas Tech six months after being fired from Indiana.

Brand fired Knight because the president said the coach violated a "zero-tolerance" policy that IU officials had imposed to try to keep his behavior in check.

Knight was fired days after an IU student claimed the coach had twisted his arm and admonished him after he greeted Knight by his first name.

Knight has disputed the reasons for his firing. About 45 fans filed a lawsuit against Brand and the trustees in April 2001 over the firing. They alleged Brand and the trustees violated Indiana's Open Door Law the day before Knight was fired by holding two secret meetings about the firing without a majority present.

In September, Knight agreed to pay $25,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by former assistant coach Ron Felling. Knight, who acknowledged to shaving fellow in anger, also agreed to cooperate with Felling in a lawsuit against the university, according to attorneys.

The lawsuit alleges that the university was negligent in supervising its former coach. Knight now coach of the Grizzlies...
Miguel Tejada beat all those more famous American League shortstops to the Most Valuable Player award.

After nudging Oakland to the AL West title, Tejada easily defeated Alex Rodriguez on Tuesday, earning the AL honor when he received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 356 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I don't think there can be anyone on earth more happy than I am right now," Tejada said from the presidential palace in the Dominican Republic, where about 1,000 people attended a reception in his honor. "Inside, I feel fulfilled."

"It's one of the moments I have dreamed about after giving a guaranteed contract during the collusion era and letting the Cubs fill the salary — $500,000," Rodriguez, who finished second to Juan Gonzalez in the 1996 voting, impressed all season long, but Tejada made a big impression during Oakland's 20-game winning streak, the longest in the major leagues in 67 years.

Tejada hit a career-high .308 with 34 homers and 131 RBIs, Rodriguez batted .300 with 57 homers and 142 RBIs.

"I know one of those years he's going to win three, four MVPs in a row," Tejada said.

While Rodriguez, Garciaparra and Jeter have received the attention in recent years, Tejada now has something they don't.

"At no other time in history has the major leagues been blessed with so many Hall of Fame caliber shortstops, and for this year and today, Miguel stands taller than the rest," Oakland co-owner Steve Schott said.

Tejada helped the A's win 103 games, matching the Yankees for the most in the major leagues.

Rodriguez, who got married on Nov. 2, was on his honeymoon and unavailable for comment, played for a team that went 72-90, finishing 31 games behind the Yankees.

"The person who helps you win the most games should be the MVP," said Ken Macha, promised from Oakland's bench coach to manager. "The idea is to win games, not just put numbers up.

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Two Wildcats claw into preseason top 5

Associated Press

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Walton and Gardner are two of the five starters returning to the Wildcats, who were ranked No. 1 in the AP's preseason poll. "We've had a lot of outstanding leaders," Arizona coach Lute Olson said, "and these two would compare with anybody that we've ever had.

The 6-foot-9 West, the Atlantic 10's player of the year the last two seasons, was named on 43 of the 72 ballots from the national media panel, one more than Walton. Gardner was next with 39 votes, while Hinrich received 35 and Dudley 32.

Western Kentucky senior Chris Marcus was sixth in the voting with 31, while seniors Nick Collison of Kansas (28) and Brandin Knight of Pittsburgh (23) were the only other players to receive more than 20 votes.

The 6-8 Walton led the Pac-10 in assists last season at 6.3 per game, the first forward to do so in conference history. The stat became official in 1974. He averaged 15.7 points and 7.3 rebounds, while shooting 47 percent last season.

His family knows something about All-America honors. His father, Bill, was a three-time selection at UCLA from 1972-74 and is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The 5-10 Gardner averaged 20.4 points, 2.9 rebounds and 4.6 assists last season while playing 38.2 minutes a game. A third-team All-America pick last season, he shot 38.4 percent from 3-point range and his 106 3s were third most in school history.

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Lute Olson Arizona head coach

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The Philadelphia Phillies made contract offers Tuesday to Braves pitcher Tom Glavine, Indians first baseman Jim Thome and Giants Third Baseman David Bell. The three contracts could total more than $100 million.

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**Associated Press**

While baseball's big spenders are looking to save money for a change, the usually low-budget Philadelphia Phillies are ready to spend.

The Phillies started off the free-agent season Tuesday by making offers to Jim Thome, Tom Glavine and David Bell. The three offers are believed to be worth more than $100 million.

GM Ed Wade didn't wait long, e-mailing an offer Thome's agent, Pat Rooney, at 12:01 a.m. EST — the first possible minute allowed. He also met with Glavine's agent, Gregg Clifton, and talked directly to Bell on Tuesday.

"I'd like to get three voice-mail messages tomorrow saying yes," Wade said from the GM meetings. "But I'm not going to bank on it."

That's because some players are waiting to see if more teams will join bidding.

Glavine is waiting to visit the cities of the teams that are interested in him. The New York Yankees, Mets, Phillies and Texas have contacted Clifton.

For now, most of the big spenders are interested in cutting payroll. The Yankees, Mets, Rangers and Colorado would like to dump salaries before making moves. Atlanta is just hoping to be able to hold on to one of its free-agent aces — Glavine and Greg Maddux.

"Our payroll will be lower next year," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said. "I don't know if it will be via trade or the free-agent market or a combination of the two. How we're going to do it, I'm not sure. But we will do it."

The Yankees would like to trade Raul Mondesi, Bonnell White or Sterling Hitchcock to free up money. But they won't hesitate to make a run at Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui. Cashman and three Yankees officials will travel to Japan later this week.

The Phillies aren't waiting.

They are believed to have offered Thome $75 million for five years, at least $10 million a year for three years to Glavine and a three-year deal for Bell, who hired Tom Reich and Adam Katz as his agents this week.

Wade, who would only characterize the offers as "significant, sincere and sufficient," isn't expecting a quick response.

**In Brief**

**Tennis star Williams to start design company**

Venus Williams has designs on more than being one of the world's top tennis players. She's already looking toward the day when she puts down her racket for good.

Williams has started an interior design and decorating company called "V Starr Interiors," a play on her full name of Venus Ebony Starr Williams.

"It's the way I was brought up to always plan for the future," she said. "I love planning and I love putting things together. That's just what I do well."

The Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.-based company isn't just a vanity project for the two-time Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, who finished the season as the No. 2 player behind younger sister Serena.

As V Starr's president and chief executive officer, Williams is involved at every level. She began a business plan in April and introduced the company Tuesday during a news conference at the Pacific Design Center.

Unlike most struggling entrepreneurs, Williams has a solid financial base, having earned more than $10 million in prize money and millions more in endorsements since turning pro in 1994.

**Yankees look to lure Matsui from Japan**

It sure looks like the New York Yankees are pushing for a deal with Hideki Matsui.

Yankees team president Randy Levine and general manager Brian Cashman are scheduled to travel to Japan on Thursday, a team official said on the condition of anonymity.

The purpose of the trip, the team official said Tuesday, is to announce a working agreement between the Yankees and the Yomiuri Giants, the top team in the Japanese leagues.

Yomiuri also happens to be the former team of Matsui, who officially became a free agent at 10:01 a.m. ET Tuesday.

Also scheduled to make the trip are Yankees general partner Stephen Swindal, the son-in-law of owner George Steinbrenner; and Gordon Blakeley, the team's vice-president of international and professional scouting.

Assistant general manager Jean Afterman already is in Japan, where Matsui is playing for Japanese all-stars against a major league all-star team.

The working agreement with the Yomiuri Giants probably will be announced this weekend, the team official said.

Matsui, a 28-year-old outfielder who is nicknamed "Godzilla," bats left-handed, and New York envies him clearing the short porch in right field at Yankee Stadium. He hit 334 for the Giants this season and led the Central League with 50 homers and 107 RBIs.

**Eye on Irish Opponents**

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swimmer who stepped up when it mattered for the Belles. Megan Ramsey, who struggled through last weekend’s meet due to illness, seemed to settle back into peak form when it most counted.

With just two races left in the meet, the junior was in second place by more than a body length with 100 yards left.

She kicked in on her final laps and took home a first place finish in the 400-yard individual medley, that allowed the 200-yard medley team to give Saint Mary’s the final victory. “Kelly (Nelis) was the turning point, but (Ramsey) had to win that or else we wouldn’t have mattered who won the final relay.” Ramsey took home two other first place victories — one in the 200-yard butterfly, finishing with a time of 2:15.66, and in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:00.89. The times she turned in were the best times she has seen since her freshman season.

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Greg Petcoff
Belles coach

Maureen Pachak also added three first place finishes for the Belles, in addition to swimming on the 200-yard freestyle medley. She medalled in the 200-yard freestyle, the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard medley.

Senior captain Lauren Smith also made a solid contribution, adding two first place victories in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard breaststroke.

But the first place finishers weren’t the only key finishers, according to Petcoff. The Belles had some solid second and third place finishes that added needed points to the Belles victory. Leean Godfrey, Katie Dingerman, Lane Herrington and Nelis all added top three finishes.

“A couple of people who don’t usually get mentioned because they don’t win were really important,” Petcoff said. “They really stepped up when we needed them.”

Saturday’s victory marked the first time Saint Mary’s has ever defeated Transylvania. The two schools have faced each other since Saint Mary’s began swimming in the IUPUI invitational and the Belles have never won. The early-season victory, Petcoff hopes, will motivate the Belles.

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ND WOMENS SOCCER
Boland named All-American

Special to The Observer
Notre Dame sophomore women’s soccer player Mary Boland has been named to the Verizon Academic All-District V team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. With her selection to the 11-player team, Boland now qualifies for the 2002 women’s soccer Academic All-America ballot (that team will be announced in late November).

Boland — a psychology major who entered the 2002 fall semester with a 3.85 cumulative grade-point average — is a versatile player who formally was named to the All-Academic team as a defender (she earlier made starts at forward and currently is starting in the defensive midfield, after also playing at left back). One of just two sophomores named to the Academic All-District team, Boland heads into the NCAA’s as Notre Dame’s fourth-leading goalscorer (5G-9A). Her 2002 season highlights include a diving header to beat Seton Hall (1-0) and key defensive play in wins over Rutgers (1-0) and then-No. 48 Connecticut (3-1).

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team produced nine Academic All-American selections from 1995-2001, including two in both 2000 and ’01. Current senior defender Vanessa Pruzinsky — who became just the second Notre Dame student-athlete ever named a first Academic All-American as a sophomore and a junior — was not eligible for consideration this year due to her season-ending ankle injury (she owns a 4.0 GPA as a chemical engineering major).
FOOTBALL

Irish trying to stay focused on Rutgers, not bowl

By CHRIS FEDERICO

iris football coach Tyrone Willingham is trying not to speculate about bowl games. But with his 9-1 Irish facing an off-week before playing 1-8 Rutgers, it may be difficult not to peek down that road that could lead to Miami, New Orleans Pasadena or Tempe.

"You can't help but do something along those lines, but I really don't focus on it," Willingham said. "My belief is if we can do ourselves good by winning our road that could lead to Miami, New Orleans Pasadena or Tempe.

"We want some awareness [about USC], maybe more for our coaches to have time with SC than our players," Willingham said. "Our focus has to be Rutgers. We've got to be looking at Rutgers. If we don't do that, then that's probably making a mistake."

Facing the elements

So far this season, Willingham has faced several facets of coaching that often didn't arise during his tenure at Stanford, namely the constant attention from national media and high pressure and expectations from fans and alumni that aren't very accustomed to losing.

However, as the weather starts to turn cold in South Bend, Willingham is faced with another set of relatively unfamiliar circumstances — how to handle practice sessions under the wintry conditions.

"We've got to be looking at Rutgers. We've got to be looking at Rutgers," Willingham said.

Injury update

Two key starters on the Irish defense were missing from action Saturday against Navy — safety Gerome Sapp and defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard.

Hilliard injured his leg during the Florida State game on Oct. 26 and has not returned to the field during a game since that time, being replaced on the line by Greg Paul and Kyle Budinscak, who moved over from his defensive end position.

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"Sapp was injured during practice Tuesday. [Cedric Hilliard] had been day-to-day and then week-to-week, but now we're not sure which direction he'll go. We anticipate he'll be ready soon, and soon may be Rutgers, and if not, the following week."

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wife is itching to do," Willingham said jokingly. "I think it's like most husbands that have a free moment, there's always something for you to do."

One thing all members of the team will be doing Saturday is watching. With Ohio State, Oklahoma, Texas and Georgia — all schools ahead of No. 7 Notre Dame in the most-recent BCS standings — in action this weekend, Irish eyes will be paying close attention to the television to see if their team can move closer to securing a BCS bowl selection.

"Oh yes, there will be quite a bit of football being watched," Willingham said. "We've got to have what they call strange bedfellows this weekend — teams you may not be normally rooting for, you'll be pulling for this weekend."

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**FOOTBALL**

Kicking back

* Irish coaches will join the players in a week of rest and spend some time at home

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

The second bye week of the season couldn’t have come at a better time for the Irish. After fumbling away their undefeated season two weeks ago against Boston College and narrowly escaping defeat at the hands of then 1-7 Navy Saturday, both the Irish coaching staff and players may be in need of physical and mental recovery.

"I think [mental rest] all comes with resting the body more than anything else, because now you don’t have a game so you’re not under the mental pressure of the preparation it takes to prepare yourself for a game that weekend," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "At the same time we want our young men intense because you want value to their participation during each day you’re out there on the field."

The Irish will be spending a little less time on the field in practice this week to give their bodies more of a rest.

"It will be similar, but probably a little bit less than we’ve done in some of the other weeks," Willingham said. "We’ll cut back a little bit because it is new, I think, week 11 of the season. We’ve been practicing since it started. It is time to have a little bit of a break.

"The coaches, too, will have a chance to take a break from the everyday grind of a football season that includes the time on the field, hours critiquing film and late nights in the office.

"I’ll probably go home at night," Willingham said. "I mean that in the sense that I probably go home a little earlier, probably a lot earlier, to be perfectly honest. I need it. My family needs to see me sometime before it’s dark.

The true break, however, will come Saturday, as the Irish get their first break from the gridiron in six weeks. With no game weekend activities, Irish players will be able to rest, and coaches can return to a more normal lifestyle.

"I think I probably have a lot of things that my family and my kids need a break from the everyday grind of a football season that includes the time on the field, hours critiquing film and late nights in the office."

**SMC SWIMMING**

Saint Mary’s sinks its teeth into Transylvania

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Kelly Nelis didn’t know it, but her race was a turning point.

Although her victory in the 200-yard freestyle was just one of 11 Saint Mary’s victories, it gave the Belles the emotional edge they needed to take the bite out of Transylvania and take home the 145-138 win.

"(The win) lifted the team that final little bit," coach Greg Petcoff said. "... When Kelly won that, the whole team thought, ‘We’re going to win this.’

Despite the fact that Saint Mary’s took home 11 first-place victories, Transylvania’s swimmers stepped up and took home some imperative second and third place finishes, bringing the meet down to some very key races.

Nelis’ victory in the 500-yard freestyle was the most important of those races, Petcoff said.

She beat four Transylvania swimmers, who finished second through fifth respective­ly, finishing with a time of 5 minutes, 53.21 seconds for first place.

"It was wild," Petcoff said. "The whole team was screaming. It was a 500-free, and she started off a little fast and we wondered if she was going to be able to hold it. The other girl was catching her at the end, but her lead was just too big.”

Nelis also anchored two winning Saint Mary’s relay teams — the 200-yard medley relay that finished with a time of 1:58.48, defeating Transylvania by more than a second, and the 200-yard freestyle relay that defeated Transylvania by more just about four seconds. That freestyle team, that finished with a time of 1:43.85, was just .81 seconds away from the school record of 1:43.04.

"Last season we didn’t even hit 1:45 until the conference meet," Petcoff said. "That shows huge improve­ment.”

But Nelis wasn’t the only