ND Habitat breaks ground for new house

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

After six months of fundraising, Notre Dame’s Habitat for Humanity chapter officially broke ground Monday on its 11th home. The house, located at 2350 Linden Street, will be 1000 square feet in size and will feature three bedrooms and one bathroom. At least 15 volunteers are signed up to build on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, but the first Monday of fall break kicks off Blitz Build — a five-day event in the construction process that combines the efforts of students and alumni. “I think Blitz Build really marks the beginning of the [兴建活动的开始],” said a student volunteer.

Chocola speaks to students at Saint Mary’s

Indiana House member discusses campaign politics

By MEGAN O’NEIL
News Writer

Congressman Chris Chocola, Congressional representative for the 2nd district of Indiana, spoke to the Saint Mary’s community Monday about his experience in federal government and his re-election campaign. The event, sponsored by the Political Science Club, followed a visit to campus by Chocola’s Democratic opponent Joe Donnelly last week. After losing to Democrat Tim Roemer in 2000, Chocola said he did not intend to run again. But when Roemer announced his retirement two years later, Chocola chose to hit the campaign trail again. In one 2002’s closest House races, and defeated Jill Long Thompson. Chocola said Washington D.C. was full of individuals talking about job creation but lacking people who had ever actually created one themselves. “I thought we need more people with a business perspective and not just a lot of lawyers,” Chocola said.

According to Chocola, small businesses are particularly important in Indiana, especially in the rural areas. “Small businesses are often the backbone of our economy,” Chocola said. “They create jobs and help to keep people in their communities.”

Chocola concluded his talk by thanking the students for their support and reminding them of the importance of getting involved in the political process. “We need more people like you to be involved in the political process,” Chocola said. “We need your voices to be heard.”

Members talk about BOT report

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives met Monday night to discuss the Board of Trustees’ response to their proposal about off-campus safety for Notre Dame students. Student body vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron summarized their presentation for the council members, noting that the trustees were very receptive to the idea, in their opinion. “The presentation went very well. Contrary to what was said in the campus media, it was very well received. They said it was the best presentation they’d seen in a few years,” Bell said.

Bell explained to representatives that the proposal consisted of four main points, all relating to off-campus safety. The first point included a required seminar for off-campus students, the participation of off-campus council representatives in the Board of Trustees’ meetings, the participation of NDSP to help promote community relations and the creation of the Notre Dame SafeNet.

Representatives raised several questions about the purpose of off-campus seminars. Bell said the seminars would likely take place at the end of this school year or the beginning of next and would teach those students planning to live off-campus how to be a good neighbor and follow the rules and regulations of the South Bend area.

Baron also said he was pleased by the positive feedback they received from the Board of Trustees. “The trustees were impressed with the proposal to use a seminar to promote neighborhood involvement. The Board said it...”

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Closet demonstration cancelled

AllianceND told South Quad display could result in disciplinary measures

By ANGELA SAUD
Saint Mary’s News Editor

Members of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, who had planned to display a super-sized Coming Out Closet on South Quad Tuesday, were told Monday that disciplinary actions could result if the closet appeared. The University saw it as a demonstration of an unrecognized student group,” said project coordinator Anna Gomberg. “Student Affairs did not give us the approval to put the display up, and I was told through one of our co-sponsors, the Sociology department, that disciplinary action would most likely be taken.” Project co-coordinator Anna Gomberg said the closet, scheduled to appear from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., was meant to serve as a “coming together of the community” and to highlight National Coming Out Day. The Graduate Student Union was also one of the event’s co-sponsors. University spokesperson Matt Storin said Student Affairs debated the event throughout the afternoon. “All I know is Student Affairs followed the policy of DuLac and other University policies,” Storin said. “The decisions made were consistent with these policies.” Attempts to contact the Office of Student Affairs were unsuccessful.

According to statement from AllianceND, the three purposes of the event were to recognize National Coming Out Day, emphasize the term “coming out of the closet” and celebrate “the processes of growth and discovery critical to development.”

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Student body vice president Karla Bell speaks at Monday’s COR meeting.

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INSIDE COLUMN

You can quote this

In my hallway, 22 dry erase boards proudly display the thoughts and Witticisms of those who live within. From the short but prophet-ic “Alcohol be back later,” to my most recent favorite, “I Purdon’t want to talk about it,” everyone (in Dillon, at least) seems to have something to say. If you don’t have a white board, you are losing out on the very definition of self-expression at Notre Dame.

Having examined white-board communication for two months now, I realize there are four major groups of expression: Pragmatics (strictly business) notes, like “taking a shower, help yourself to Little Debbie’s”; Profundities (expressions of higher truth, like “Studying is our destiny”). Pranks (random notes for office supplies) and The Void (that is, a nothing on the board whatsoever). Let’s examine each one individually.

Pragmatic messages often reflect the practical nature of those who write them. Especially this, the last week of midterms in ordinary time, outlookers will find an excess of such demanding and emotionless statements as, “David, help me with my calculus.” “Parents coming, sweep your side of the floor, (explicative)” Pragmatics are known to rationalize their way out of using verbs, propositions, and articles as in, “Gone. CmC. Dinner 6:00.” Engineers, this should sound familiar.

Profundities, by definition, tell us something that was not as apparent before. Sometimes, this means a realization about one’s personal identity, like this one from my hallway: “I’m not a nerd anymore! I do mathematics!” Profundities may also take the form of syllogisms: “If Chuck Lennon raises the roof, and the roof is on fire, and we are missing out on the very fight it), then Chuck Lennon is in grave danger.” Essentially, white-board profundities track the progress of human wisdom.

Pranks: The best indicator a message is a prank comes through the little disciplines. “Why does the cute girl from Philo who left me this message have my roommate’s handwriting and a 1-900 phone number?” Franks hold the most power and promise to provoke a laugh or a slap in the face, but it is up to the designer to weigh the risks. As for the blank white boards, I can’t say I approve. Some justify it as a “sacred silence,” or “bold blankness,” but this idea goes stale quickly. If nothing else, do it because everyone else is. Also, to whoever keeps quoting “The Teletubbies” on my white board — it’s no longer funny.

Question of the Day: What’s the worst class you’ve ever taken at Notre Dame?

Ashley Burtner
junior
Pasquerilla East
“No, there wasn’t one.”

Gina Bufalini
junior
Pasquerilla East
“Will this affect my final grade?”

Houston Hum
sophomore
O’Neill
“Organic chemistry.”

Himanshu Kothari
junior
Zahn
“That’s a terrible question.”

OFFBEAT

Washington man grows 1,229 pound pumpkin

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — A retired Wash-ington state firefighter who grows giant pumpkins in his spare time produced the winning pumpkin Monday at the 31st annual Safeway World Champi-onship Pumpkin Weigh-off.

The pumpkin, grown by 55-year-old Joel Holland of Puyallup, Wash., tipped the scales at 1,229 pounds — 49 pounds heavier than last year’s winner. Its circumference was 13 feet, 7 inches. Holland, whose predi-gious pumpkins won the contest three years in a row, from 1992 through 1994, plans this year’s winning pumpkin plant in May. He transported the giant gourd to California on a huge flatted pickup truck. He covered it with towels and blankets to protect its skin from dehy-dration.

Contest spokesman Tim Beeeman said 80 pumpkins competed for the top prize, and eight weighed more than 1,000 pounds. A man found in doghouse after fleeing court

JACKSON, Miss. — A man who fled from court authorities while facing charges of domestic and animal abuse was found a short time later in a dog-house.

Paul Oakley, 43, was in court Friday for a preliminary hearing on three domestic abuse charges and one of animal abuse for allegedly abusing his girlfriend and her pet kit-ten. Authorities said he briefly escaped and was captured minutes later in a doghouse in Jackson.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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CORRECTIONS

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IN BRIEF

Alvin Holm will give the lecture “Remembering the Maiden of Cortez: Inspiration for a Classical Career,” tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 104, Bond Hall. Holm is a classical architect and the principal architect of Alvin Holm AFA Architects.

Ted Mandell of the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre will speak Wednesday at 4 p.m. about “Truth, Reality, and Advocacy: Fahrenheit 9/11” and “The Passion of the Christ.” The lecture will be held in the Law School courtroom.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will face off against Illinois State on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team will take on Michigan at Alumni Field at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Novelist Maxine Hong Kingston will give the lecture “Writing Peace,” Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College. The subject is her novel, “The Fifth Book of Peace.” A book signing and reception will follow.

Linda Malkas, professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, will give the lecture “Revealing Cancer’s Secrets,” Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Concours. Head coach of women’s basketball, Muffet McGraw will be the event emcee.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
SMC to discuss its image during forum

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Board of Governance members discussed plans for a campus-wide forum to discuss the image of Saint Mary's at Monday's meeting. The forum, which was originally scheduled for today, has been postponed until after fall break.

The event's purpose will be to address student interests and look at the identity of a Saint Mary's woman, said student body president Sarah Catherine White.

"The senior board is very interested in participating in this forum. We want to define what a Saint Mary's woman is without offending anyone," said senior class president Jacqueline Cuisiner.

The exact date of the forum will be decided after fall break.

Speech Language Pathology club members Kara Flynn and Lynn Cooper asked the board to co-sponsor their trip to Purdue for a Crossroad Conference on speech language pathology.

"Speech Language Pathology is a very fast growing career. By going to this conference we cannot bring anything back but a positive experience," said Flynn.

BOG voted to approve its co-sponsorship for $800 or the initial $1,000 they originally asked for, on the condition that they hold a forum to discuss what they learned at the conference upon their return.

"Dessert with Dr. Mooney," a program where students can discuss topics with College President Carol Ann Mooney, was held Sunday night in McCandless Hall.

"I strongly encourage everyone to attend this event in their Residence Hall. Dr. Mooney is so candid and great to talk with," said White.

Sophomore class president Claudia Toth said the class board is presenting artist Jesse Young at Dalloway's on Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The class also successfully participated in career planning evaluations last week, said Toth.

BOG members said they would meet after break to discuss methods of saving energy on campus and to plan the upcoming forum on defining the identity of a Saint Mary's woman.

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Mendoza rises in rank to 24th

Special to the Observer

The Mendoza College of Business MBA Program rose five spots to 24th in BusinessWeek magazine's biennial survey of the top 30 business schools in the nation. The rankings are in the current issue of the magazine, available on newsstands Monday.

Notre Dame's five-place jump in the rankings tied with Purdue and Georgetown Universities for the greatest improvement. Notre Dame was rated sixth in addressing ethical issues in business and ninth in its rapport with corporate recruiters.

"As we celebrate this ranking result, it is important to step back and note our general attitude toward rankings," said Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of Business. "It isn't rankings that we strive for, but rather, our energies and actions are focused on the quality of our students, curriculum, teaching, research and services. Rankings are a reality, and they do provide valuable feedback. But our position is that if we aim for excellence, seek feedback, go through honest evaluation, and take actions to improve, rankings will follow."

Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management was ranked first by BusinessWeek. In addition to Notre Dame and No. 21 Purdue, the state of Indiana also was represented by Indiana University's Kelley School of Business at 18th.

The BusinessWeek survey consisted of 45 questions sent to 18,052 Class of 2004 MBA graduates from 94 schools worldwide. In addition, the magazine surveyed 223 companies that regularly hire MBA graduates and calculated each school's intangible capital by evaluating the public reach of faculty members.

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MARIZA

Wednesday, October 13 at 8 p.m.
Leighton Concert Hall

Fado is "the blues" of Portugal, and Mariza is Fado. Mariza is a diva in the best sense of the word and when she puts her personal, indelible stamp on a song, she leaves audiences spellbound and breathless.

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CHRISTOPHER O'REILY

Thursday, October 14 at 8 p.m.
Leighton Concert Hall

Swashbuckling pianist Christopher O’Reily has emerged as one of the most distinguished musicians of his generation. Joining him is the Accompanists of the Field House chamber orchestra that has set the standard for Baroque music. Together, they’ll make sparks fly.

Tickets: $52 General Public, $40 ND/SMC/HC Fac/Staff, $20 All Students
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because they account for 70 percent of new jobs created in the state. Chocola said he is currently pushing for a House bill that would give small businesses a 40 percent credit for every new job created.
When asked by one student about raising the minimum wage, Chocola said the issue was very political and increasing it nationally could be problematic. According to Chocola, “If we lower the wages paying jobs to supplement their incomes or to support themselves in college could lose those job opportunities. Instead, the focus should be on educating people properly prepared them for high salary positions."
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Bell said the Board liked the proposal of NSDP involvement, and a meeting with them is being planned.
The representatives also asked how trustees responded to the SafeBus proposal. "The trustees spoke of two main concerns. First, that they did not want employees of University containing underdrinking," said Bell. "The second regarded finding a way to provide it to the public and take on the liability of transporting students on and off campus.
Off-campus representative Dave McGowan expressed the need for CBT to respond to the Board's concerns.
"We need to tell them that we not supporting or facilitat­ing underdrinking. It's important to stress that that's not what we're doing," Baron said.
Baron and Gomberg both mentioned the work students were doing to bring up the issue. "The issue is highly political and be problematic. According to Chocola, "If we lower the wages paying jobs to supplement their incomes or to support themselves in college could lose those job opportunities. Instead, the focus should be on educating people properly prepared them for high salary positions."
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saudi women limited in elections

Saudi women may not vote nor run in Saudi Arabia's first nationwide elections, the government announced Monday, dashing hopes of progressive Saudis and easing fears among conservatives that the kingdom is moving too fast on reform.

Some women considered the move yet another indignity in a country where they need their husbands' permission to travel, study or work. But others said they wouldn't trust themselves to judge whether a candidate is more than just a handsome face.

The kingdom's establishment has been lobbying against women's participation in the elections, diplomats said.

But an electoral official cited administrative and logistical reasons Monday for the decision to ban women from the municipal elections, scheduled to be held in three stages from Feb. 10 to April 21.

Uganda claims upperhand in war

KAMPALA, Uganda — Through the dense brush of Uganda's savanna, Patrick said Monday the soldiers wanted him to leave.

Patrick, 24, who lives along the road to three Communist-controlled checkpoints in northeastern Uganda, said they were set up to stop U.S. and Ugandan officials from delivering aid.

Patrick, who said he was not a member of any group, was shot by another unit of the Ugandan military for refusing to leave.

By Monday night, government forces had regained control of the region.

Teen survives at bottom of ravine

SEATTLE — After eight days, Laura Hatch's family had almost given up the 17-year-old up for dead, and sheriff's deputies had all but written her off as a runaway. Then she was found, badly hurt and severely dehydrated, but alive and conscious in the back seat of a crumpled car, 200 feet down a ravine.

A volunteer searcher who said she had seen the 17-year-old alive on the day she was reported missing, said Hatch had been found near a bend in the road near the town of Tenino, about 30 miles south of Seattle.

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Laura Hatch, 17, was found Saturday, Oct. 10, after being reported missing.

LOCAL NEWS

Motorcyclists killed in Brown County

GREEN BAY — Two motorcyclists were killed Sunday when their bikes collided on a stretch of Route 81 in Brown County.

The latest accidental death happened on Sunday as the tourist destination enters its busiest time of year with the fall leaf-viewing season.

Motorcycle ownership in Indiana has increased 21 percent since 1997.

 Activists rally for gay marriage

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Capitol at its back, supporters of gay marriage pleaded, demanded and sang out for equal rights Monday, hoping they will succeed in the long term but mindful of the hostile political environment they face today.

Opponents of gay marriage, led by President Bush, are trying to amend the U.S. Constitution to ban gay and lesbian marriages. Voters in 11 states will consider such amendments to state constitutions this fall, and most, if not all, are expected to pass. Even many politicians friendly to gay rights say they oppose same-sex marriage.

Washington was the final stop for the eight-day bus tour, organized by Marriage Equality California, that traveled from Oakland, Calif., stopping in 10 cities along the way.

"I don't want to be demonized anymore," said Katie Debelo, of San Diego, who traveled to Washington with her lesbian partner of nine years.

Opponents say recognizing same-sex unions would undermine traditional marriage between a man and a woman, and they contend children are better off with a mother and a father.

About 200 gathered for Monday's rally. Many of them signed a petition asking Bush to reconsider his stance. Some couples held placards declaring the years they have been together. And together they sang the song "Marry Me" and "The Times They Are A-Changin'".
Protesters fight high fuel prices in streets of commercial capital

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — As world oil prices again hit new highs, Nigeria's biggest labor federation launched a four-day nationwide strike Monday to protest the rising cost of fuel at home, shutting down huge swathes of Lagos, the country's largest city and its commercial center.

There was no immediate impact on the flow of oil from this volatile West African nation, which is Africa's largest oil producer and the fifth-biggest oil importer. Union militants smashed car windows to keep people home in Lagos, and the streets were nearly empty of traffic except for soldiers and anti-riot police in armored vehicles. Banks, stores and schools remained shuttered. In the northern city of Kano, police said a 12-year-old boy was killed in clashes between police and protesters.

"The strike is on, Nigerians are united over this," said Owei Lakema, a spokesman for Nigeria Labor Congress, an umbrella group of 29 unions.

There was only partial compliance with the strike call in Abuja, the capital, and some other cities, where many shops opened and taxis cruised the streets. But businesses and schools did not open in the northern city of Kaduna, and protesters burned tires in the streets.

The price of crude oil, meanwhile, surged to another record high Monday, to $53.64 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, with traders expressing concern over possible supply shortages from Nigeria. But Information Minister Chukwumekwu Chikelue and executives at multinational oil companies said the strike had not hurt Nigeria's daily output of 2.5 million barrels.

"Our people are working. There's been no impact," said Udom Inyang at Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, the second biggest oil producer in Nigeria.

Royal Dutch/Shell, which accounts for roughly half of Nigeria's oil exports, said its executive offices in Lagos were mostly empty but its "oil production and exports are going ahead."

Union leaders demanded a rollback in last month's jump in the price of gasoline to about $1.50 a gallon from $1.19, the latest in a series of increases from a government push to cut subsidies and deregulate the economy. The hikes set off widespread protests.

A coalition of civic groups and opposition parties, including the main opposition All Nigerian People's Party, expressed support for the strike.

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The strike was the latest oil-related challenge to Obasanjo's government in just a few weeks. Last late month, a militant group declared "full-scale war" on the oil industry to press its demand that more of Nigeria's oil wealth be funneled to the poor of the oil-rich Niger Delta. The group withdrew its threat after reaching a deal with Obasanjo.

College students fail to apply for federal aid

Associated Press

A new study says hundreds of thousands of college students who may be eligible for federal financial aid don't get it for a simple reason — they don't apply.

The study released Monday by the American Council on Education, which represents colleges and universities, says that half of the 8 million undergraduates enrolled in 1999-2000 at institutions participating in federal student aid programs did not complete the main federal aid application form.

Many were well off, and correctly assumed they wouldn't get aid. But the study found 1.7 million low- and moderate-income students also failed to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Two-thirds of community college students did not apply for aid, compared to 42 percent at public four-year colleges and 13 percent at private colleges.

The study concludes $50,000 of those students would have been eligible for a Pell Grant, the principal federal grant for low-income students.

The findings underscore a point often made by educators: Even as college costs rise, students often miss financial aid opportunities because they aren't aware of how the system works.

"It's frustrating when you know someone could be eligible and they just don't do it for various reasons," said Tammy Carty, financial aid director at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Ill., where about 900 of the 2,500 students receive Pell Grants. She said complexity of the form is often a reason students don't apply.

"We'll even help them fill it out," she said. "But we have to talk to them face to face to give that information and that doesn't always happen. They don't think to call us."}

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Commercial capital shut down due to nationwide strike by labor federation

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In Lagos, soldiers and police were out in force, patrolling in armored vehicles through the city's deserted central business district. Union militants, too, were out in large numbers to enforce the strike.

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In Brief

High number of working poor in U.S.

WASHINGTON — One in every five U.S. jobs pays less than a poverty-level wage for a family of four, according to a study by the nonpartisan Working Poor Families Project.

The result of so many low-paying jobs is that nearly 39 million Americans, including 20 mil- lion children, are members of "working poor" families — those barely have enough money to cover basic needs like housing, gro- ceries and child care, the study found.

The study classified a "working family" as one in which there was one or more children and at least one family member had a job or was actively seeking work.

Besides staying current on bills, many of these folks also struggled to save up for a bigger house or an education, said Brandon Roberts, one of the report's authors.

"These 20 million children are the future of our workforce," Roberts said. "Their future eco- nomic abilities are at risk growing up in families that don't have the resources to support them."

Chrysler recalls due to air bag failure

AURIBUS Hills, Mich. — Chrysler is recalling 955,000 minivans because an electrical problem could cause the driver's side air bag to fail.

The vehicles affected are the Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager, and Chrysler Town and Country from the 1998-2003 model years.

Four people have been injured in crashes because of the defect, according to records sub- mitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. There have also been 782 complaints of defects by Chrysler and NHTSA.

The defect involves a clockspring that sup- plies current to the driver's side air bag, the horn and the cruise control. If the clockspring is working properly, the air bag warning light will illuminate for a few seconds when the vehi- cle is started. If the air bag warning light isn't working properly, the clockspring may have failed.

Chrysler said dealers will replace the clock- spring for free on vehicles with less than 70,000 miles. The company will extend the warranty on the clockspring for vehicles with more than 70,000 miles.

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MARKET RECAP

In Brief

Nigerian policemen attempt to prevent student union and labor supporters from protesting along the street in Abuja. Weekend talks to avert the strike ended in failure.

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Associated Press

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Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — As world oil prices hit new highs, Nigeria's largest labor federation launched a four-day nationwide strike Monday to protest the government's cost of living hikes, shutting down huge swaths of Lagos, the country's largest city and its commercial center.

There is no immediate impact on the flow of oil from volatile African nation, which is Africa's largest oil producer and the fifth-biggest source of U.S. oil imports. In recent months smart cars window to keep people home in Lagos, and the streets were nearly empty of traffic except for soldiers and anti-riot police in armored vehicles. Banks, stores and schools remained shuttered.

"The strike is on Nigerians are united over this," said Owei Lakemfa, a spokesman for Nigeria Labor Congress, an umbrella group of 29 unions.

There was only partial compliance with the strike call in Abuja, the capital, and some other cities, where many shops opened, taxis cruised the streets. But businesses and schools did not open in the northern city of Kano, and protesters burned tires in the streets.

The price of crude oil surged to $53.42 a barrel in Europe, with traders expressing concern over possible supply shortages from Nigeria. But Information Minister Chukwuemeka Chikelue and executives at international oil companies said the strike had not hurt Nigeria's daily output of 2.5 million barrels.

"People are working. There's been no impact," said Udem Inoyo at Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, the second biggest oil producer in the country.

Royal Dutch/Shell, which accounts for roughly half of Nigeria's oil exports, said its executive offices in Lagos were mostly empty because "its oil production and exports are going ahead."

Union leaders demanded a rollback in last month's jump in the price of gas to about $1.50 a gallon from $1.19, the latest in a series of increases in efforts to cut subsidies and deregulate the economy. The hikes set off wide-spread protests.

A coalition of civic groups and opposition parties, including the main opposition All Nigerian People's Party, expressed support for the strike.

Seeking to resolve the crisis, President Olusegun Obasanjo held a meeting Monday with government officials and labor leaders, including Olusegun Obasanjo, head of the National Labor Congress.

Obasanjo said the participants were appointed to a 33-member committee to search for measures to "bring about short-term relief and medium-term positive impact on the effects of high oil prices."

Afterward, Oshiomhole said the strike would continue. "We need to see proof that the grievances of the Nigerian people are under consideration," he told reporters.

The strike was the latest oil-related challenge to Obasanjo's government in just a few weeks. Late last month, a militant group declared "full-scale war" on the oil industry to press its demand that more of Nigeria's oil wealth be funneled to the poor of the oil-rich Niger Delta. The group withdrew its threat after reaching a deal with Obasanjo.

In Lagos, soldiers and police were out in force, patrolling in armored vehicles through the city's deserted central business district. Union militants, too, were out in large numbers to enforce the strike.

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Two professors win Nobel in economics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An American and a Norwegian won the 2004 Nobel Memorial Prize in economic sciences Monday for research on how government policies affect economies around the world and why supply-side shocks like high oil prices can dampen business cycles.

The work by Norwegian Finn E. Kydland and Edward C. Prescott, a professor at Arizona State University at Tempe, has led to reforms at many of the world's central banks, the citation said. Their research also has given academics better tools for understanding what causes economies to boom or go into recession, it added.

Environmentalist Paul Ehrlich, who earned his doctorates at Carnegie Mellon and at the University of Minnesota, the Santa Barbara, Calif., has taught at a number of universities, including the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. Besides teaching at Arizona State, he also serves as an adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, which oversees the prize, said that the professors' research showed that governments and central banks could be more effective if they adopted consistent, long-term rules and followed them. It was published in the late 1970s when many Western economies were shifting from one policy to another as they grappled with both slow growth and high inflation, or "stagflation."

"The research shifted the practical discussion of economic policy away from isolated policy measures (and) towards the institutions of policymaking, a shift that has largely influenced the reforms of central banks and the design of monetary policy in many countries over the last decade," the academy said.

The academy also praised the pair for "transforming the theory of business cycles by integrating it with the theory of economic growth."

While most economists at the time looked at how changes in demand like consumer spending affect the economy, Kydland and Prescott looked at supply-side changes, such as advances in technology or changes in oil prices as driving forces in business cycles.

Prescott's 2000 book,"Harriers to Riches," made the argument that a key reason for the disparity in the standard of living among countries worldwide is impediments to adopting technology.

Washington volcano releases more steam

Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Mount St. Helens vented more steam Monday as new thermal images revealed that parts of the lava dome in its crater are piping hot, a sign that magma continues to rise within the volcano.

Scientists said an area on the south side of the old dome, where a large uplift of rock has been growing, now appears perforated as if magma has been hammering at the surface.

"The magma is not just pushing up but pushing out," John Pallister, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist, said at a news conference Monday. He said scientists believe the magma is less than a half-mile below the surface. Fast-moving magma would cause greater concern because explosive gases would not have time to dissipate. A team in Denver is evaluating photos taken from the air to gauge how quickly the magma is rising.

The alert level remains at "volcanic advisory," but scientists said an eruption could occur with very little warning.

Pallister said the most likely scenario remains an explosion with a few inches of ash spreading within a 10-mile radius of the crater. Such an event could happen in days, weeks or months — or not at all, he said.

Scientists believe the chances are slim of a larger eruption like the one on May 18, 1980, which killed 57 people. But Pallister was cautious nonetheless.

"I'm a fairly conservative guy, and I don't like a one in 10 chance," he said.

Any eruption would likely be vertical instead of the devastating horizontal blast that leveled old-growth trees for miles in 1980.

Willie Scott, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist, said earlier Monday that temperatures in some spots could be as high as 400 to 570 degrees Fahrenheit.

Scientists could not get precise temperatures for the hottest parts of the lava dome — on the south side — because the instruments weren't calibrated high enough, said Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcano hazards at the USGS's Cascades Volcano Observatory.

"They didn't expect it to get that hot," Wynn told The Associated Press.

For more than a week, the restless mountain has sent steam, sometimes mixed with ash, venting from bulge of rock on the south side of the lava dome that's risen to at least 330 feet since scientists first spotted it Sept. 30.
CAMPAIGN NEWS

Objections rise over anti-Kerry film

Democratic Party and 16 senators are objecting to a broadcasting company's plan to air on 62 TV stations a critical documentary about John Kerry's anti-war activities after he returned home from Vietnam three decades ago.

Base Group, a leading cable concession or manages affiliate of major broadcast networks in several states, including Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Mark Haman, a vice president of corporate relations for Sinclair who also is a conservative commentator for Talk Radio Network, the show's producer, told his company, "We are one of the rare shows that can stand on its own with 15 minutes on some or all of the 42-minute film as well as a panel discussion of some sort. He said final details had not been worked out.


Edwards calls for greater efforts to combat methamphetamine epidemic

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential nominee John Edwards called Monday for tighter restrictions on the sale of prescription and over-the-counter methamphetamine, which is used to make methamphetamine.

"It’s part of our plan to deal with what we see as a cancer in rural America, which are those methamphetamine labs and the impact that methamphetamine has had on so many families in rural America," Edwards told reporters in a telephone conference as he campaigned in Newton, Iowa.

The North Carolina senator cited a 79 percent increase in the number of illegal meth labs that have been discovered in President Bush’s administration in January 2001. He also criticized the Bush administration for trying to cut law enforcement programs that fight trafficking in the Midwest of the addictive, illegal stimulant.

Authorities say meth addiction is a growing problem because it is easy to make with household chemicals and over-the-counter cold medicines. The epidemic is spreading quickly, particularly in rural areas like southern Missouri, which shut down nearly 3,000 meth labs last year, more than any other state.

Cheney argues Kerry’s view of terrorism

MEDFORD, N.J. — Vice President Dick Cheney, pursuing Republican votes in a reliably Democratic state, said Monday that Sen. John Kerry’s view of terrorism reflects a naive and an inability to recognize the seriousness of the threat.

Eliciting President Bush’s criticism, Cheney focused on a comment Kerry made in an interview with The New York Times Magazine on Sunday that the nation has to be "careful of where we are, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they’re a nuisance."

Kerry suggested that terrorism, like prostitution, illegal drug offenses and over consumers strapped with rising fuel bills on Monday while Bush focused on Iraq, said after the loss of Saddam Hussein. "It’s no surprise that Kerry’s interpretation was so close to what President Bush is saying," he said.

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Kerry hits Bush on energy, Bush strikes back on terror war

Associated Press

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Kerry and Bush on health care: inadequate responses to the nation’s problem

Kerry, I truly believe he should be our next president. This week, however, I am writing on the topic of health care, and, to my great dismay, I've discovered that I am far too stubborn to either craft or put my name on an column with which I don't entirely agree. To completely honestly, I don't like all aspects of Kerry's plans for health care. I don't particularly agree with all of President George W. Bush's ideas either. Refusing to toe a proverbial party line on this issue is having an extraordinarily negative effect on my midterm week workload. So if anyone has extra time to work on my thesis, let me know.

I admit that my idea of integrity isn't the only concern I have in writing this column. Additionally, fall break is approaching, and my roommates, along with many others in the senior class, are road tripping it to New Jersey for the Navy game. I, on the other hand, am going home to that land of milk and honey—otherwise known as beer and cheese—Milwaukee, Wis.

My dad works in health care, and if I pretend for an instant that I don't recognize inherent problems in the Kerry-Edwards platform on this issue, I may as well prepare myself for a lonely stay at College Park next week watching obscure foreign films and reading novels. As entertaining as this idea sounds (no, I'm not joking), I'd also like to enjoy my mom's cooking and see a few high school friends.

The topic of health care has been somewhat lost during this election cycle, taking second place to a flurry of speeches about the war in Iraq. While the policy is of foreign importance, the well-being of our nation’s citizens is just as critical. Kerry and Bush outline highly different plans to cope with the system’s rampant problems.

Health care today is in dire straits. According to USA Today on Sept. 28, over Bush’s past four years in office “average individual earnings” have risen 12.4 percent, while the costs of “private health insurance coverage” has escalated 35.9 percent. As a result, health care has become increasingly unaffordable. Five million, two-hundred-thousand Americans have also lost health insurance since the year 2000. Surely these statistics demonstrate failure on the part of the Bush administration. How can the president be trusted to improve health care when one considers his blundered record?

Despite this rather abysmal history, some of Bush’s health care proposals are both valid and necessary. In particular, he advocates medical liability reform, which will limit awards in medical malpractice cases. This change will not only benefit doctors, ensuring that their insurance premiums remain somewhat reasonable; it will also benefit the American public in general.

As the situation stands, prohibitive high health care liability awards threaten the American health care system. Neither Kerry nor Edwards have supported federal legislation limiting such awards. Without this limit, doctors will no longer be able to perform high-risk procedures such as caesareans. In addition, the already high costs of health care for average Americans will skyrocket, as they will also be forced to bear some of the cost of excessive awards. While Bush may be correct on this issue, his overall plan for health care is sadly insufficient. He appears well able to take into account the needs of companies, but, in contrast to Kerry, neglects the consumer.

Showcasing this phenomenon, Kerry and Edwards’ plan for health care brings up many valid points that are not present in Bush’s proposals. Unlike Bush, they have supported Americans’ rights to buy their prescription drugs from Canada, which can often save patients a significant amount of money. For example, in my home state of Wisconsin, senior citi­zens currently must take the “IXIX Express” into Canada in order to fill their prescriptions, thus avoiding the higher prices in the United States. Edwards has also collaborat­ed on legislation to allow generic (and generally cheaper) drugs to come to market in a shorter time period.

Essentially the Kerry plan for health care will provide many more Americans with insurance than Bush’s outline. The American Enterprise Institute estimates that Kerry’s plan will ensure 27.3 million new people over the next ten years, costing approximately $1.5 trillion. Bush’s ideas are, on the other hand, much less expensive, insuring 6.7 million new people with about $128.6 billion in costs.

Kerry focuses on using government to make sure the poorest Americans have access to health care, while Bush believes that reducing govern­ment intervention will improve the situation. Kerry will obtain money for health care by repealing a portion of Bush’s tax cuts, while Bush advocates tax cuts as a means of lowering the cost of health care.

Both of these men’s proposals have some merit. Your opinion on the situation probably will depend upon your view of the importance of government intervention versus providing the greatest number of people with health care.

The significant problems discussed, however, should not be ignored. In short, on the issue of health care Americans deserve better. Neither candidate has the record nor the proposals, which indicate he will be able to adequately mend the current problems in the system.

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While the media focuses on their critiques of President George W. Bush through the lens of hindsight, little attention is devoted to looking into the real reason we were not initially opposed to Saddam Hussein and his friends as a threat to the United Nations and its friends. As confirmed in the Duffel report, Saddam bought support, particularly among the Chinese officials to whom he would donate all “vouchers” that could be resold for large profits. One recipient was Eunice Sevan, former U.N. official in charge of humanitarian relief and the Oil for Food program itself. The scandal has gone all the way to the top, to U.N. Secretary General Koofi Annan’s son. His son, Koofi, was a consultant for a company that later won a government contract which raises the question as to how much Saddam’s “illegal” gift just as the press began to leak about the involvement of his son in the kickbacks under Oil for Food. Needless to say, the countries and organizations that benefited most from these vouchers were also the countries that were most adamantly opposed to the Iraqi invasion.

Britain, the United States, and other nations within the coalition were not involved with Saddam’s kickbacks through the U.N. Oil for Food program. Instead, our “kickback” was Saddam shooting at our fighters almost daily in a decoy war over the no-fly zones. As is usually the case in U.N. action, British and American lives were put on the line before French, German or — God forbid — the Chinese.

This is why we supported the enforcement language in Resolution 687, while France vigorously lobbied to change the language to “harsh consequences.” For those that don’t understand French that is synonymous with “do nothing and continue to receive kickbacks from the Oil for Food program.” Then of course France did a half-hearted inspections process that finds nothing and lifts the sanctions so French oil companies can continue from pre-existing contracts with the existing regime.

However, Sen. John Kerry believes the problem is with the United States. He has stated that the cornerstone of his foreign policy is to extend our alliances to other states in Europe. The truth is that this current president has effectively used or considered means that when the world community has been willing to condemn and even engage in war, the United States will suddenly convince nations to suddenly support in these endeavors is lunacy. Of course, Jacques Chirac said he would help if Kerry were elected, adding him to other prominent international supporter of Kerry that have spoken out against Bush’s foreign policy. If Kerry has finally decided on an Iraqi policy that seems to look back at the past and declare how, “He would have done things differently, and been more prepared.” Yes, John, if we could go back in time we would do a lot of things differently, but unfortunately that is not an option in winning the war now. In reality, Bush had the same intelligence in front of him that you and Edwards did when you both voted to authorize action. Saying you would not in hindsight only displays weakness to our enemys. Kerry’s second pillar of foreign policy is his assertion that Bush isn’t fighting the real War on Terror. He seems to ignore the accomplishments of Afghani elections, Iraqi elections and Libya completely giving up its nuclear weapons program. Kerry dismisses six party talks with North Korea as ineffective, and believes we have turned a blind eye to Iran. Departing from his policy of multilateral international relations, he wants to engage in bilateral talks with North Korea, giving Kim Jong Il just the opportunity to blackmail the United States into an aid package he has been looking for to keep his miserable tyranny alive. Contrary to his assertion that we “embraced President Chirac,” the U.S. government is using its close working relationship with the Pakistanis and others to track down Bin Laden. The IAEA is making a stand in preventing Iran from using its nuclear black market from developing a nuclear program, and the country’s strong and moderate student base gives hope for future reform without intervention.

Kerry would have you vote so he could deliver on his promises. Of course we would love to see our Special Forces double in size, add three new combat divisions, have Europe behind our efforts and see the terrorists suddenly refrain from their “glorious” efforts in decapitating or blowing apart those that have come to rebuild their home and country. Most importantly, do this with his magic wand and a rollback of the tax cuts, then he would have my vote in a heartbeat. I don’t know if I’ll ever make $2000,000 a year, and I’d love cheap health care, more Social Security and a cleaner environment with no economic consequences.

The fact is this is planet Earth, and we are under siege by an enemy of radical Islam willing to decapitate people with back sacks, murder children and send 14-year-old suicide bombers with back packs of high explosives and graphing shrapnel into human heads in Israel. While some Europeans sit on the sidelines watching the war, our soldiers are dying and we ignore the real causes of freedom in the Arab world. I support the Democrat Party of old that believed in the idealistic freedom of America that embraced liberty.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall treat it with friendly frankness and unsparing truth. By creating such a presentation, there must be an understanding that others may decide to condemn others, they should expect condemnation in return. Without not committing this act, I do not and will not condemn those responsible.

Charles Ebersol off-campus Oct. 11

As a pro-choice professor who respects the pro-life position, I too condemn whomever attacked and vandalized the "abortion cemetery." American debates over abortion are already far too polarized and acrimonious. Vandalism is only an anger, never to understanding or reconciliation. In the current policy, students at any great research university, including Notre Dame, owe to every student to have complete academic freedom. That includes the freedom to express their views on any subject, including abortion, no matter what position they hold. Currently, prochoice students do not have the right to organize or hold events, as pro-lifers do. Yet pro-choice students’ lack of freedom does not make the pro-life students’ statements any less deserving of respect.

The vandals may have hoped to make a political statement about abortion, or they may simply have been drunk off their heads and found it all very amusing and reprehensible. In short, I agree with the sentiments of the students interviewed on Monday’s edition of The Observer. Nobody has the right to curtail freedom of speech on a university campus. Everyone should respect everyone else’s right to have their views heard. I think we all need more open, fair, and respectful dialogue about the complex and divisive issue of abortion.

Gail Bederman associate professor of history Oct. 11

Letters to the Editor

Tearing down the little, white crosses

In response to Cole Milliard’s letter to the editor, the first thing I want to say is this. The attacks on Sept. 11, the senseless death in Iraq, and perhaps, the Holocaust are more deplorable, reprehensible and as far from the traditions of this University, then the removal of crosses from South Quad. Cole, they were little white symbols...calm down and think about what you are saying. And Dave Daley, are you really comparing the removal of little white crosses from South Quad to scaling the Dome and tearing down Mary? Do you think that might be a bit of an overstatement?

"Regardless of how you feel about abortion, every single mistake that is made in this campus should condemn this act." Milliard writes. Milliard is not living in reality. As far as I am concerned, one display of the freedom of speech does not make another. Both Daley and Milliard said that the act of tearing down the crosses was a mistake. The next time you are reading if the University had stopped this protest — as they have done with almost every pro-homosexual event and was suggested to East Quad last weekend — that would have been your first amendment rights being stepped on. Another student removing the signs is another act of free speech. By creating such a presentation, there must be an understanding that others may decide to "speak out against it. But then again, your first amendment rights probably supersede theirs.

To diverge, take this example: a 16-year-old girl is raped by her father. Her sexual organs are so damaged, and so much blood is lost that it is determined that she cannot keep her own child alive. She decides to have the abortion, and then later years she arrives at Notre Dame with her family for the Notre Dame vs. Stanford game where she is met with your graveyard: What is she supposed to think? It should be kept in the graveyard instead of my unborn child?

Just remember in your rhetoric that this is unfortunately not as black and white as some may see it. Sometimes being delicate with a delicate issue will lead your sentiments any less deserving of respect. The vandals may have hoped to make a political statement about abortion, or they may simply have been drunk off their heads and found it all very amusing and reprehensible. In short, I agree with the sentiments of the students interviewed on Monday’s edition of The Observer. Nobody has the right to curtail freedom of speech on a university campus. Everyone should respect everyone else’s right to have their views heard.
Duff gives stirring performance in new film

By SARAH VALBULAS
Scene Critic

I'll admit that prior to seeing the creative, acting and directing end of this film, I had no doubts. While I am a Hillary Duff fan, I was skeptical that she was up to such a project. However, two entries and "Raise Your Voice," which came out on Sept. 28, are enough to convince me she has a future as an actress.

Terri meets a nice, British hottie of sorts named Jay (Oliver James), who is warm and encourages her to sing with joy. The two even write a song together, which they perform at the conclusion of the film. There is also an inspiring music teacher (John Corbett), who wants to find the best in her, and doesn't have to look very far.

While these parts of the film seem cliché, the film really is not the trite, teen-age monstrosity critics have made it out to be. Nearly all of my friends hassled me about the fact that I volunteered to review the film and was actually going to sit through all 140 minutes of it happily. One of them even suggested I buy a large popcorn, not to eat, but merely to use as ammo at the screen. However, this was not necessary. I liked "Raise Your Voice" and I think you will, too.

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Zombie comedy succeeds in both genres

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Scene Critic

The new British zombie comedy "Shaun of the Dead" combines the horror and genre comics brilliantly. Although the film was released in the summer of 2004, it remained a cult-favorite in Los Angeles where my friends and I have made it to several showings.

"Shaun of the Dead" is quite a bit of gore in the movie, as the zombies are in various states of ill-being. Once that occurs, Shaun and his flat partner decide they must hide from the zombie tide. Logically, they decide that the local bar would be the safest place. But they can't go immediately to the bar. First Shaun must pick up his mother, along with his ex. This scene, where they decide where to go and whom they will pick up first is particularly humorous. The rest of the movie basically follows their progression to the bar, picking up random people along the way, and then the subsequent assault on the bar.

Although this is a horror-comedy, it is horror first, comedy second. There is quite a bit of gore in the movie, as the zombies are in various states of ill-being. But the comedy is in its quite funny, and doesn't clash with the vibe of the movie. The closest equivalent to this movie would be the somewhat recent movie, "Club Dread." However, while "Club Dread" had its genuinely funny moments few and far between, "Shaun of the Dead" remains consistently funny and enjoyable throughout. Like "Club Dread," this movie was created by a comedy troupe. However, the British comedy troupe responsible for this film relies upon more sophisticated humor than the one that wrote "Club Dread" and "Super Troopers."

"Shaun of the Dead" only received a limited release in the United States. So if you're in the mood for some British zombie humor, be sure to check this one out in select theaters around the country. There are a lot worse movies out in theaters right now and "Shaun of the Dead" is a welcome change.

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MOVIE REVIEWS
It is not often that a season of sketch comedy is great. In fact, it is rare if it even elicits laughs at all, as the current seasons of "Saturday Night Live" can attest. "The Real World," which turns MTV's "The Real World" into his head by having a white guy living with six black people instead of the other way around; "The Black White Supremacist," which centers on a blind member of the Ku Klux Klan who is unaware that he is black, and Tyronne Biggums, a "recovered" crack addict who gives anti-drug talks at schools that seem more commercials than condemnations.

The show typically opens with an monologue from Chappelle, and often features musical guests like Talib Kweli, but most of the musical acts have been cut from the DVD release. Chappelle was a stand-up comedy prodigy at age 16, and it is not surprising that he was underage, his mother, an ordained Unitarian minister, would have known he is talented, he was, he was, his in the early 21st century movies such as "The Nutty Professor," "Undercover Brother," "You've Got Mail" and "Half Baked," which he also co-wrote.

The cast of characters makes this program challenging. Fry, who is a borderline degenerate, sets up a joke with an extremely obvious punch line. However, just when the viewer thinks they know the joke, "Futurama" takes the gag in a completely unexpected, yet hilarious, direction.

Fry's boss is a snobbish and bitter 100-year-old man with no regard for the wellness of his employees. His best friend is a bingee-shopping, womanizing robot with kleptomania. Fry is, who is a borderline degenerate. Although this may sound like a bit too much to handle in one show, "Futurama" elegantly weaves humorous relationships between all of its characters. In season four these relationships have become more developed and more intense, which makes them more interesting to watch.

Character interaction is the heart of this program. The futuristic setting is fun but it often pushed to the background to focus on the characters. "Futurama Volume Four" may not be as strong as other DVD collections of this program but it is exceptional regardless. The show is full of jokes that are humorous through satirical means, much like "The Simpsons," but it also plays with the viewers' concept of comedy. What this means is "Futurama" sets up a joke with an extremely obvious punch line. However, just when the viewer thinks they know the joke, "Futurama" takes the gag in a completely unexpected, yet hilarious, direction.

The biggest problem with "Futurama" is that it requires very careful viewing. Due to its intelligent nature and the way that it builds jokes "Futurama" cannot be watched casually. For these reasons a good deal of viewers are turned off to the series. Fans of traditional sitcoms may find "Futurama" tough to swallow, after all the show did not have the mass appeal to stay on air for more than four seasons.

This DVD looks sharp and sounds crisp. The special features are a "Futurama" fan's dream. Each episode comes with a full length commentary and most episodes have a deleted scenes library. There are a slow of storyboards, character art and other features to satisfy all of your fandom needs. Not to mention the collection's running time is 414 minutes.

Fans of quirky, intelligent comedy should look no further. "Futurama Volume Four" is brilliant.

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Titan s pummell Pack ers at Lambeau Field

Brown scores two touchdowns, leads Tennessee to the win

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Lambeau Field is now a desired destination, as Chris Brown and the Tennessee Titans were the latest to learn. Brown ran for 148 yards and two long touchdowns, and Tennessee improved to 4-27-48-27 rout of the stumbling Green Bay Packers on Monday night, scoring more points than any visitor ever at the revered stadium.

"This is unfamiliar territory," Packers coach Mike Sherman said.

Only eight teams in NFL history have overcome a 14-4 start to reach the playoffs, including the Titans two years ago. "It's something you want to avoid at all costs," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said.

Tennessee scored on five of its first six possessions with Brown, who had 27 carries, going in on its first two series, from 37 and 29 yards out. Only Nittany Biggs' block of Gary Anderson's 42-yard field goal prevented the Titans from scoring the most first-half points — 28 — by an opponent in Lambeau Field's 47-year history.

"To come in here and have a chance to win, you have to run the ball and get turnovers," Fisher said.

The Titans didn't turn the ball over at all. "This was a season-saving, but it got us back on the right track," Titans safety Tank Carrington said.

Steve McNair (knee, ankle) returned after missing Tennessee's last game, and threw two touchdown passes, including an 11-yarder to Eddie Berlin in the third quarter after Brett Favre's third interception.

Favre extended his NFL record with his 213th consecutive start, including playoffs despite numerous injuries. Concluding a mild concussion he suffered last week, Favre also played after the death last week of his 24-year-old brother-in-law in an ATV accident at the family home in Mississippi.

Both teams had lost three straight, and each of the blame went to poor run defense, which showed up right away again for Green Bay as Brown carried nine times for 90 yards in the first quarter. The early deficit altered Green's 36-yard field goal that made it 7-0 with 6 minutes left in the first quarter. At that point, the Titans had outgained the Packers 145 yards to 11.

After Sherman successfully challenged an onside reception by Samari Rolle in the end zone, Ryan Longwell's 39-yard field goal made it 17-3.

The Titans responded with a 10-play, 80-yard drive to make it 24-3 on fullback Troy Fleming's 14-yard catch-and-throw with 2 seconds before halftime.

Favre completed all five of his passes for 70 yards, caps­ping the drive with a 1-yard toss to tight end Bubba Franks that made it 24-10 with 6 1/2 minutes left in the first half. After Anderson was good from 38 but missed from 42. Longwell's 33-yard field goal with 2 seconds before halftime made it 27-13.

Favre was picked off twice by Lamont Thompson, whose second interception set up McNair's 11-yard touchdown strike to Berlin that made it 34-13 in the third quarter.

Anderson's muff punt was recovered by Tennessee's Darrell Hill at the Green Bay 23, leading to wide receiver I use Bennett's 26-yard touchdown toss to Derrick Mason for a 41-13 lead in the fourth quarter. Anderson also fumbled a punt.

Anderson's kick following Antwan Smith's 15-yard touchdown run with 2:40 left, made it 48-20 and broke the record for visiting points that Washington set in a 48-7 loss at Green Bay in 1983.

Packers' backup quarterback Craig Nall threw his first career touchdown pass on a 1-yarder to Javon Walker with a minute left.

The 48 points were the most allowed by Green Bay at home since Detroit's 52-17 win at old City Stadium in 1952.

"I expect us to play better," Favre said. "I don't think it's a lack of preparation. I think we were ready to play. Maybe my expectation is too high."
MLB

Grieving Rivera comforts family members in Panama

Closer expected to return for Game 1 of the American League Championship series, which begins Tuesday

NEW YORK — Yankee closer Mariano Rivera said he plans to return from a family funeral in Panama on Tuesday in time for Game 1 of the AL championship series against Boston. Rivera flew home to comfort relatives after two members of his wife's family were electrocuted in his pool. The ALCS begins Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium.

"I am going back to New York tomorrow, after the funeral, and rejoin the team," Rivera said Monday outside his home in Sanford, Fla., the fishing village where the accident occurred.

"At this moment, my family is my priority," he said. "I stopped thinking about baseball the moment I got on the plane."

Early Tuesday, Rivera will attend the funeral of Victor Dario Ayala, a cousin of Rivera's wife, Clara, and Avila's 14-year-old son. The father was electrocuted when he tried to save his son, also named Victor, while cleaning the pool at the pitcher's home, officials said.

The Yankees have arranged for a private plane to bring Rivera back to New York.

"I don't want to say he's going to be back tomorrow," Yankees manager Joe Torre said earlier Monday. "If he's here tomorrow, wonderful. If he's not, then we understand that."

Rivera's agent, Fernando Cuza, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that the pitcher "should be back in time" for Game 1.

The local police log on the accident said that a suspended electrical cable fell into the pool while the younger Ayala was in the water and the father jumped in to try to rescue him.

The chief of the local fire department, Luis Felipe Caceres, said the only witness was Denis Ballestero, brother-in-law of Rivera's wife. Ballestero suffered shocks and was released from a hospital.

On Monday, a tarp had been raised in front of the Ayala family's small zinc-roofed, concrete-walled house next door to Rivera's mansion.

Eight children, some barefoot, played baseball on a basketball court nearby, using the basket stands as bases. A heavy downpour soon drove them away. Many of the men from the town of 3,500 were at sea, fishing for shrimp.

Rivera's father was a fisherman, as was Avila, who also cleaned and maintained Rivera's home.

"There's great pain in Puerto Caimito because Victor was a very well-liked person in town," said a neighbor, Arnulfo Vega, 52, also a fisherman.

If Rivera doesn't return, it will be the first time since 1997 that Torre won't be able to call on the player who is widely regarded as the best closer in postseason history.

Rivera saved a postseason-record 23 straight games beginning with the first of three straight championships in 1998 and ending in Game 7 of the 2001 series. Rivera has failed to close out a game only three times in 33 postseason opportunities, including Game 2 of the division series against Minnesota last Wednesday.

While it will be a huge blow to the bullpen if Rivera is unavailable, Torre does have Tom Gordon, who led the league with 46 saves in 1998 for Boston.

"We get too late in a game and Mariano is not here, obviously we know what we're going to do," Torre said. "If he's not here tomorrow, and we're in position to save the game, it will be Tom Gordon."

Gordon has been Rivera's primary setup man this season, going 9-4 with a 2.21 ERA and four saves in 80 appearances. With Gordon and Paul Quantrill in the bullpen, Torre was able to limit Rivera's eighth-inning appearances and helped the closer save a career-high 53 games.

Gordon didn't use the work-out day to prepare any differently than he has all season.

I went out and played catch," Gordon said. "I've closed before. I'll just prepare like I do. I just hope everything goes well with his family."

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23. Illinois 8-3-3
24. Auburn 8-1-1
25. Pepperdine 7-2-1

**MLB PLAYOFFS**

**ATLANTA — it took 43 years, but the Houston Astros are finally postseason winners. Carlos Beltran hit two more homers and drove in five runs, while original Killer B's Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell chipped in during a five-run seventh inning that carried the Astros to a 12-3 rout of the Atlanta Braves on Monday night in the deciding Game 5 of their first-round NL playoff series.**

The Astros snapped an 0-7 record of futility in the playoffs against their longtime nemesis. The Braves eliminated Houston in 1997, '99 and '01, but they couldn't escape their own postseason demons this time. Atlanta has lost Game 5 of the division series three years in a row — all at Turner Field. The second-largest crowd in franchise history, 54,068, saw another familiar ending. The team that proudly displays 13 straight division titles still has only one World Series to show for it. This marked the fifth straight year that the Braves season ended at the Ted. This one was especially dismal, eliminating the worst postseason loss in franchise history.

Next up for the wild-card Astros is a matchup against Central Division rival St. Louis in the NL championship series starting Wednesday night at Busch Stadium.

Houston jumep ahead 3-0 on Braves starter Jarod Wright, scoring two in the second and adding to their lead when Beltran homered into the Atlanta bullpen in the third. The Braves had the over to shake the victory fans' hands. Oswalt, pitching on three days' rest for only the second time this season, made it through five innings.

**No end in sight for Dolphins' QB problems**

**DAVIE, Fla. — Injuries to Jay Fiedler and A.J. Feeley left Miami's unsettled quarterback situation even more muddled than ever.**

Fiedler was sore after aggravating a rib injury in Sunday's 24-10 loss at New England, and he's unsure whether he'll play when Miami visits Buffalo in a matchup of the NFL's only winless teams. Feeley suffered a concussion on Miami's final offensive play against the Patriots, but he said he felt fine Monday and would be ready against the Bills.

Coach Dave Wannstedt said that both would be re-evaluated Wednesday, and that Fiedler would need the next two days to determine if he'll play. Wannstedt also said that both would be re-evaluated Wednesday, and that Fiedler would start if healthy.

If neither Fiedler nor Feeley is available, Sage Rosenfels will make his first NFL start. "The ribs are tender right now," Fiedler said Monday. "I'll take it day by day and see how it goes."

Fiedler's agent, Brian Levy, said the quarterback cracked a rib. Feeley was in the game for only two plays and walked off the field in a daze after being hit by Roosevelt Colvin after throwing a fourth-down pass that fell incomplete. Feeley said he didn't remember the play after the game, but remembered everything Monday.

**End to Dodgers' season ends Ventura's career**

**LOS ANGELES — Robin Ventura retired in a fashion befitting his 13-year career — timely and with little fanfare.**

Ventura told teammates of his decision last week, but waited until the Dodgers' postseason run ended Sunday night to make his announcement public. "I'm absolutely positive. I've realized that it's time to go, and that's it," Ventura said after the Los Angeles Dodgers lost to St. Louis 2-1, eliminating them from the NL playoffs.

Ventura, 37, played nineteen years with the Chicago White Sox, two with the New York Mets and 2-1/2 with the Yankees before finishing up with 1-1/2 seasons in Los Angeles — less than 200 miles from where he grew up.

**American swimmer breaks own world record**

**INDIANAPOLIS — Aaron Peirsol of the United States lowered his own world record in the 200-meter backstroke Tuesday night at the Short Course World Championships on Monday night.**

Peirsol's time of 1 minute, 50.52 seconds bettered his mark of 1:50.64 set in March at a short course World Cup meet in East Meadow, N.Y. He also won the 100 back 25 seconds.

Matthew Welsh of Australia was second in 1:52.54 and Arkady Vyatchanin of Russia was third in 1:54.20.

Peirsol, of Irvine, Calif., swept the backstroke events at the Athens Olympics. He also won the 200 back at the 2002 short course championships.
Men’s Interhall Blue Wraps

Siegfried stomps St. Edward’s

By Thomas Barr, Kyle Cassilly and Pete Czirco

Siegfried pulls out an improbable last-minute comeback against Fisher

The Irish ’Varsity 8’ squad, middle east of a race during the weekend. The crew placed 10th of 60.

Special to The Observer

A short-handed Notre Dame men’s water polo won three of four Great Lakes Conference games this weekend at Toledo. The Irish only had one player on the team throughout the year and managed to win against the host Rockets with a score of 12-9.

The Irish were able to recover from the first half with a 2-2 score, but the Irish went on to win in the end with a score of 10-6. The team went on to win against Penn State and Michigan State, and was defeated by Northwestern.

The highlight of the day was the performance of the lightweight four, which came in fourth out of eight teams and medaled with a time of 15:38. The two-open fours also had a strong showing against intense competition from the University of Michigan. Purdue and Northwestern. Michigan won the event with a time of 15:42.48 and the Notre Dame boat took fourth in 15:45.13.

The Irish pulled competitive times in the men’s double event with Evan Donoghue and Dave Mercante taking fourth place with a time of 15.42. The other men’s doubles had great rows as well putting up scores of 18:37, 18:52 and 18:56 taking first, third and fourthplace.

The open eight was a holy comedy with a time of 14:41, 14:49 and 14:57 with the first place rowing a 时间 of 14:41 and a time of 14:57. The Notre Dame boat that included a few Irishmen couldn’t come close to Michigan claiming the victory with a time of 14:45. The top NO. 1 boat from Michigan had a time of 15:02 taking tenth place and the other two boats rowing a 15:40 and 16:31 to take 15th and 20th place.

The next race had a stellar showing for their first race of the season. The Irish beat the 12th and 16th place in the overall rowing. The Notre Dames rowers came in with a time of 19:56.36 to take tenth place and the other two boats rowing a 20:15 and 20:81 to place 13th and 20th place.
Women's Interhall Gold Wraps

Defense carries Lyons to victory

Howard gets first win; Lewis and Welsh Family battle to scoreless tie

By TOM DOWRAT, RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and KATE SHELLEY

Sports Writers

Defense wins championships. Lyons' defense, at least, boosted morale as the Ducks remained unbeaten with a big win on Sunday.

Lyons beat Bellin 60-6 Sunday at the West Quad fields in the final game of the regular season for both teams.

“Our defense has been strong all year,” freshman linebacker Judith Kaczmar said. “We were motivated Sunday.

When the clock hit zero, the celebration began.

“When we won, everyone just rushed onto the field and was screaming everywhere,” Kaczmar said.

Deadlocked in a 0-0 defensive battle with Bellin, Lyons punched in the game’s only score with a field goal at the end of the first half. Quarterback Traci Kazrnerski connected on a 15-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Meghan Mccarl.

“Defense played well,” Bellin captain Stephanie Heath said.

“At least our season can't get any worse,” senior line­backer Mosey Nuccio said.

Kazrnerski’s field goal was the first win since last year’s conference win over Welsh Family.

“The only reason Lewis was unable to score any touchdowns is because this is a rebuilding year for their offense,” Kaczmar said.

“Given up only a few first downs and their coaches.” Burke said.

“Never underestimate your opponent,” Burke said.

“After last season, we lost our quarterback, several receivers and our coaches,” Burke said.

“We were prepared to consider this a rebuilding year and in that light, I think we've done a wonderful job.”

Last year, Lewis was the runner-up in the stadium and surely this year's team will grow into a championship-worthy, winning team within the next four years.

“If it's a tough season for us, but we're really happy with how it turned out,” Burke said.

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SMC Volleyball

Belles looking for win to raise team morale

By JUSTIN STETZ

Sports Writer

Never underestimate your opponent.

The Belles must keep this in the back of their heads today as they prepare to take on Trinity University. The Thunder is 3-4 overall and 1-1 in the MAIA, win of the year having now gone 10 straight games without a victory. Meanwhile, the Belles cannot afford to drop another conference match if they hope to improve their current standing in the league.

Saint Mary’s comes into the contest with a record of 4-7 in conference play and 4-10 overall. The Belles thumped Trinity earlier this year when they dominated the Thunder in the Saint Mary’s Triangular. The victory marked their first win of the year after losing five straight to begin the 2004 campaign.

In the contest, the Belles controlled the tempo throughout and swept the Thunder in three straight games.

However, the team realizes that they must come into this game prepared and ready for anything.

“We expect to see the same team as in our previous meet­ ing,” middle hitter Elise Byrgrif said. “We expect to win and nothing else, but we cannot come into the game and lie down.”

In their first meeting with the Thunder, Saint Mary’s was led by the play of Shelly Bender and Elise Byrgrif on the offensive side of the ball. Bender put on a show against Tri State University as she collected 18 kills in the match. Elizabeth Stohl and Anne Clisick supplied most of the damage on defense for Saint Mary’s and helped the team cruise to an easy victory.

The Belles are coming off of two straight losses against the number two and three teams in the MAIA. Before their recent skid, Saint Mary’s was on a three-game winning streak and looking like a team ready to make a strong run as they sat as high as fifth place in the conference.

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Cavanaugh dominates Breen-Phillips

By BRAD WALLACE, ABBY CARDILE

Like an army heading into battle, Cavanaugh marched to the West Quad with intensity and the will to win, and for 40 minutes showed a crowd of classmates and families the way football is supposed to be played.

From the first whistle, the game belonged to the Chaos (4-0-1), who dominated the highly-anticipated contest, beating Breen-Phillips (3-2-1), 2-0.

Cavanaugh got started early, scoring on their first drive when quarterback Lisa Ruffer hit Rachel Byrne for a quick touchdown.

"Right off the bat, we moved the ball all the way down the field," Ruffer said. "Rachel was playing line, and I saw that she got open, so I hit her with the pass."

The Chaos completed the two-point conversion, taking an 8-0 lead. The scoring continued with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Ruffer to Nancy Powaga at the end of the first half, and a 17-yard completion to Janice Flynn for the game's final score.

"It was a tough loss," said Brigid Bulfin, who was playing line, and I saw that she got open, so I hit her with the pass."

"This was a tough loss," said Mattingsly. "Cavanaugh is a great team, with a good quarterback and good receivers. They made a lot of big plays that really hurt us. Our girls played really hard, but we just couldn't get things going against their defense."

"This gives us some motivation to come back stronger," said Mattingsly. "We need to come back into the playoffs; we need to go in with some momentum, because that's like a whole new season."

Passerella West 7, McGlinn 0

It looked like it would be a scoreless game, but that all changed in the last four minutes of the game.

Sunday afternoon on the West Quad field, Passerella West (5-1-1) and McGlinn (1-4) fought the whole game with the Purple Weasels emerging on top.

"It took a while to get rolling," Passerella West corner Annie Brusky said. "We were confident. We knew we had to win.

The game started off slow, with sloppy offense by both teams. Each team turned the ball over once. But as the half progressed, so did the teams.

In the first half, McGlinn s a c k e d Passerella West quarterback Heather Van Hoegarden, and put pressure on her the entire half. The Weasel offensive line had trouble preventing McGlinn's defense from getting to their quarterback.

"The second half, we figured out how to block on offense," said Brusky. "Our offense was awesome. I felt like our defense stepped it up. We held them the whole game."

Brigid Bullfin picked off a pass in the second half by Weasels and ran a short distance before getting stopped. After the interception, Passerella West began trying new plays. Van Hoegarden broke a run for about 15 yards to set up the ensuing touchdown. Van Hoegarden rolled out to the left under pressure and tossed it to Brenna Mammin, who broke a tackle and scored the touchdown. The extra point was scored by Maureen Spring on a pass from Van Hoegarden.

McGlinn came back strong and came very close to scoring, but they were denied that chance when time ran out and Passerella West grabbed the win.

We have our heart set on the playoffs," said McGlinn coach Kevin Poppit. "We knew we had to beat McGlinn to get there.

Both teams have one more game before the playoffs, which will take place after fall break.

Walsh 33, Passerella East 7

The Wild Women of Walsh concluded a perfect season Sunday with a 33-7 drubbing of Passerella East.

Gleaning the mercy rule, referees ended the game with over a minute remaining in the second half, but the outcome was decided much earlier than that.

The Walsh defense set the tone early, sacking the Pyro quarterback on the first play and then intercepting her the last of the game. Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan capitalized on the great field position, delivering a touchdown pass to her twice before lofting a fourth down pass to an open receiver in the back of the end zone.

"We came out with enthusiasm determined to finish the season on a positive note," Walsh coach Kevin Poppit said.

The quick start provided the Walsh offense, with a lead they would not relinquish.

After the Passerella East offense failed to gain a yard on the second drive, Walsh had a chance to add to its lead. This time Sullivan completed three consecutive passes, the last being a 15-yard post route that resulted in a touchdown. This was expected as the Pyro defense was not as good as in past games.

The second half witnessed Walsh and Pyro touchdown strikes as the wireless Pyros were left in the dust.

The 33-7 gives Walsh a (4-0-2) confidence heading into the playoffs, "We're just going to keep having fun," Poppit said. "And maybe we'll win a championship."

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Schilling set to take on Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Curt Schilling signed with Boston for this very reason — to silence the hated Yankees and pitch the Red Sox to that elusive World Series title.

"I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up," he said Monday, a day before starting the opener of the Yankee Stadium against Mike Mussina.

Before the first pitch was even thrown, the AL championship series had players buzzing. They thought back to the 45 intense meetings between the rivals during the past two years, to the tense field fights and the clubhouse brawls.

But in a series that seemed predetermined since Aaron Boone's Game 7 homer off Tim Wakefield won last October's playoff in the 11th inning, there was an element of uncertainty — a chance for the Yankees this time. It centered on the status of closer Mariano Rivera, who returned to Panama on Sunday after two of his wife's relatives — a cousin and his son — were electrocuted in his swimming pool.

Though Rivera said he'd be on hand for Tuesday night's game — "I am going back to New York tomorrow, after the funeral, and rejoined the team" — manager Joe Torre wasn't taking anything for granted.

"If he's here tomorrow, obviously, it would be wonderful," Torre said. "If not, we understand that."

Tom Gordon, his left eye still a little blurry after it was hit by a champagne cork in Saturday's clubhouse celebration at Minnesota, would take over as the closer if Rivera is absent.

Tanyon Sturtz and Paul Quantrill would replace Gordon as the setup man.

While the rotator cuff is good, it's not Rivera. No one else is.

"I never had a problem with it. I expected that," Gordon said.

"Whatever it takes for this team to get a win."
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offense and our defense made two important stops Sunday," Spring said.
Whether or not Pasquerilla West loses, the Weasels may be able to sneak in if the chips fall in their favor.
Although the team will know whether it needs a win to make the playoffs by the beginning of the game, the Weasels want to stay in control of their own destiny.
"We'd like to get that No. 3 seed against Oneonta," Spring said. That will be a tall task for the Weasels, as they face a Brien-Phillips team whose only two losses have come against unbeatable opponents.
While Sunday's 21-point defeat stings, Feltault credits the point differential to an excellent Cavanaugh team, not to a poor performance.
"We played a great game," she said, "but they are an excellent team.
The Babes expect to balance the running and passing games to keep the Weasels off-balance. Quarterback Heather Van Hoogerdien for the Weasels will have to continue her stellar play to lead Pasquerilla West to victory.
First snap is at 9:00 p.m. at Richie West Field.
Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla East

Only one game remains on the schedule for the women of Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East; only one more opportunity to show something before the regular season ends. With the playoffs looming, this rivalry game is all about who has shown the most improvement over the course of the regular season.
"In previous years [Cavanaugh] has peaked at the wrong point in the season, but right now is a really good time for us to be hitting our stride," Chaos captain Sara Gilloon said.
Coming into Tuesday's game against Pasquerilla East, a confident Cavanaugh boasts an undefeated 4-0-1 record, with a shutout in last Sunday's game against Brien Phillips. Relying on a team mentality, the Cavanaugh defensive squad has been strong all year, and is looking for another shutdown against the rival Pyros.
On the opposite end of the spectrum are the Pyros, who have struggled all season. Already having been shutout multiple times this season, the Pyros offense is looking to turn up the intensity, and put some points on the board, for this final game of the season.
Even though they have already secured a spot in the playoffs, Cavanaugh refuses to look past Pasquerilla East. Vowing to play the game like any other, the Chas will hold nothing back in their quest to reach the championship.
On the offensive side of the ball, junior quarterback Lisa Ruffer has been the key to Cavanaugh's success all year.
"She is not only very accurate, but also one of the fastest players in the league," Gilloon said of Ruffer.
It will be up to the Pasquerilla East defense to try and shut down Ruffer, but this may prove to be too tough of a task for the Pyros. Double-digit losses have plagued the Pyros all season, but they are still looking to finish the season on a high note.
With Ruffer running the show, and against a defense that has played poorly against the pass this season, the Cavanaugh receivers will look to have a big game.
"We have really been working on our pass-catching in practice," Gilloon said.
While this may not look like much of a contest on paper, the women of Pasquerilla East know that games are not played on paper, and are looking to play the role of spoiler Tuesday night at Richie West.
McGillin vs. Farley
With both teams going into their final game knowing that the playoffs are virtually out of reach, the McGillin Shamrocks and Farley's Finest will each be playing for the same thing—pride.
Ending the season on a good note is certainly forefront in the minds of each team. Farley's Finest and the McGillin Shamrocks will wrap up their respective seasons tonight at 7 p.m. on the Richie West fields.
"We are looking to go out there and have a good time," Angelina Zehrbach Farley captain
Both with teams going into their final game knowing that the playoffs are virtually out of reach, the McGillin Shamrocks and Farley's Finest will each be looking to milk it, and we are looking to milk it, and we are going to get a little crazy. It's going to be back yard football, and we are just going to have fun.
Expect McGillin to have a similar mindset heading into their final game. Even so, McGillin captain Liz Maher will undoubtedly have her team revved up to get one more win. The one thing this game definitely will not be luck is excitement.
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Stanford escapes with 0-0 tie against Morrissey on Sunday

By MIKE TENNANT

Football is a game of inches, and Morrissey was just a few inches short Sunday.

In what was a must-win game for both teams, Stanford and Morrissey battled to a 0-0 tie in a game full of strong defense and missed opportunities.

"It was the hardest we played all season," Morrissey captain Aaron Robinson said. "Both teams couldn't put it in the end zone."

The Manorites came within less than a yard of breaking the deadlock on the final play of the game.

With 10 seconds to play, Morrissey quarterback Pete Spreitzer lined up at the Griffin 35-yard line and took one last snap at the end zone to receiver Tim Kenney.

"We just had everyone go deep and make something happen," Kenney said. "Pete just threw it up."

Spreitzer connected with Kenney on the goal line, but the receiver was forced to lean forward to catch the throw, leaving the ball and the victory only inches away as time expired.

The Manorites had a number of other opportunities to score, thanks to a defense that forced two fumbles and blocked a field goal. Robinson also had an interception.

"Our secondary really stepped it up this week," Robinson said. "I think we held their passing attack in check."

Leading the way for the Morrissey defense along with Robinson was Kenney at safety and Tony Lo Guidice.

"We just couldn't get our running or passing game going," Griffin captain Luke Monaco said.

The Stanford defense was equally impressive, forcing two Morrissey turnovers and stopping the Manorites twice inside the 10-yard line, including a goal line stand at the end of the first half.

Instrumental in the stand was lineman Eric Medrick, who pulled double duty as both a defensive lineman and fullback for the Griffins and fellow linebacker Brandon Bludau both had strong games against the run.

The Stanford offense just couldn't get going.

"We have to start scoring touchdowns," Monaco said. "If our offense doesn't improve, we're toast in the playoffs."

The Griffins still have post-season hope, and have one last game with O'Neill Thursday night. The Manorites, meanwhile, ended their season against Stanford, and most likely will not make the playoffs.

Keenan 13, Alumni 3

Both Keenan and Alumni came into Sunday's contest highly regarded among inter­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…

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Chris Thomas drives last season against Kentucky. Thomas is returning this fall from offseason knee surgery.

"That's what we want to do," Brey said. "We want to get an automatic bid or an at-large bid. Let's boil it down to brass facts here.

"I'm trying to continue doing what I did last year," Jacqueline Batteast Irish forward

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The Irish, who are ranked in the top 15 in three preseason basketball publications, took a team photo and answered questions from a dozen media members. When they weren't being interviewed, the players mostly stood around talking and joking.

After taking a photo, Batteast, a first-team All-East Selection last season, was aware of the attention being paid about eight reporters. After averaging 16 points and 8.6 rebounds as a junior, the 2003 honorable mention All-American is expected to be one of the best players in the country this season.

"I'm trying to continue doing what I did last year," Batteast said. "I think the last few games last year, I think it just felt like I could do anything. So anything confidence is really high right now and that was a problem but going into last year, the confidence is good, I'm just ready to get started.

McGraw said the Irish will rely on Batteast again this season, but also have many other players that will be expected to significantly contribute.

"This is the best I've ever seen her play," McGraw said. "I'm just thrilled with the way she's come through the summer. She's not unstoppable." We definitely want to take the pressure off and have the defense become in here is going to be a real key to how to shut her up. So we have to get Courtney LaVere, Terra Burton, Megan Duffy -- they've really got to pick up the slack.

Duffy is coming off an excellent season, when she averaged 9.9 points per game, the Irish offense and was named Big East Most Improved Player. Burton and LaVere combined to score over 12 points a game last season. Duffy, along with Burton and LaVere will have to cap the 2004-05 team.

In total, the Irish return seven players from Jeanmonson's 21-11 squad that reached the second round of the NIT.

"There's a lot of preparation. Navy drives the coaches and players to completely different type of offense to prepare for," Irish linebacker Mike Corndell said. "It's fun. I'm looking forward to Kyle and their fullback. It's a heck of a player so we're going to have to get ready for the next week."

Navy also has one additional advantage over Notre Dame because the Midshipmen are the only remaining independent program in NCAA Division I, and are also known for their academic and all-around excellence.

"I'm backer Brandon Hoyte feels that the N A U A l Academy's rigorous disciplinary curriculum trumps football as well.

"I could say what they stand for and I think that helps us propel our players and that's hard, everyational play every single down is something that's not going to be a problem," Hoyte said. "I think that's something every team envies and every team dreams and their team definitely has that character.

The Midshipmen run a complex triple-option style offense that almost completely ignores the passing game, and the Irish defense knows they have to be disciplined and on top of their game to stop the potent Navy attack.

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Navy

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The past and you can't really say they are the Naval Academy's finishing acts, but they don't have the talent because they're undefeated and they are a complete different type of team.

The Irish are coming off a narrow 23-15 victory over Stanford on Tuesday, and Notre Dame was outgained on offense by Georgia Tech and trailed 6-3 at halftime.

"Notre Dame knows that they're going to have to pick up the intensity again against a Navy team that played the Irish defense for the wire last year at Notre Dame Stadium. A 40-yard field goal by J.J. Fitzpatrick proved the difference as the Irish won by the final score of 24-17."

Last year, though, the Irish were unable to parlay that Navy win into getting a bowl invitation. At 3-2 coming into Saturday's matchup with the Midshipmen, Notre Dame doesn't want to miss the post­season again.

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Optimistic beginnings

Men look to bounce back after injuries, disappointing season

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The men’s basketball team had serious smiles on their faces Monday. And their coach was the one who set the mood. "Everybody ready?" Brey said at the start of the season’s first press conference during Media Day. "You ready to go? Okay." He paused. "We’ve got to get back in the NCAA tournament, it’s real simple," he said. "Questions?" Reporters laughed, and even Brey had a smirk on his face, but the fifth-year Irish coach was not kidding.

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Torin Francis slapped the ball out of Morissey’s hands as he broke his fall - a stunt that has become a season tradition for the Fighting Irish. Currently leading the team in assists, Francis has stepped up his court awareness and chemistry with his teammates.

"You got to be brutal and you got to be aggressive," Brey said. "I think in the last game especially with Michigan, we were too soft. We were too soft and we're not going to be too soft."

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"I think in the last game especially with Michigan, we were too soft. We were too soft and we’re not going to be too soft," Brey said. "It’s a crucial game," he said. "We’re looking to rebound from our loss (against Sunday to Cavanaugh) and take home a strong win to end the regular season."

As for post-season possibilities, Felault knows that there is a slim chance of Breen-Phillips making the tournament.

"It would be helpful to just win tomorrow so we don’t have to worry about that possibility," Felault said.

"We’re coming off a good win, and hopefully we’ll capture another one," he said. "It’s a crucial game." "Both teams have three wins and are battling for a playoff spot," she said. "We’ve got to worry about that possibility," Felault said.

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Irish women hope for the best after last season’s disappointment

FOOTBALL WOMEN’S

Saturday The Irish hope streak doesn’t end

Men

Irish hope streak doesn’t end

By JUSTIN SCHIVER
Associate Sports Editor

Forty years, forty wins. And the Irish would like to keep it that way.

Notre Dame faces Navy Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J. in a matchup that has been won by the Irish since 1964.

The Midshipmen certainly are a tough opponent, as Notre Dame has started the year 3-1-1 in the National Invitation Tournament quarterfinals.

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