Voice professor dies in accident

By KATE ANTONACCI
America News Editor

A beloved Notre Dame assistant professor of voice was killed Monday in an auto accident on Michigan 62 near Edwardsburg, Mich., officials said.

John Riley-Schofield, 51, died at approximately 6 p.m., according to a Sept. 14 South Bend Tribune article. The article reported that his motorcycle lurched under a truck almost broadside, he was driving northbound attempting to pass a vehicle in a no-passing zone.

Riley-Schofield, who had been a visiting assistant professor since 1996, taught classes in vocal pedagogy, opera scene and vocal performance techniques, among others, as well as private voice lessons.

According to Dean Mark Floche of the College of Arts and Letters, Riley-Schofield was an admired professor.

"Many students as well as a number of parents told me in recent years what an effective and charismatic teacher John was," Roche said in a University statement. "He had a magical talent for coaching outstanding performances from our students, and he created a special bond with them as a fellow artist. Riley-Schofield also served as Director of Opera at Notre Dame."

"As artistic director of the Notre Dame opera, John had a surgical talent for coaching outstanding performances from our students, and he created a special bond with them as a fellow artist," Roche said in an email sent to Arts and Letters faculty. "Those of you who have attended the Notre Dame opera in recent years will have seen John's influence in the outstanding quality of our student productions." Senior voice major Nick Tonozzi, who took numerous classes with Riley-Schofield, was deeply upset about his death.

"He was the man that inspired me to be a voice major," said Tonozzi, who was a pre-med major freshman year. "He has always been so supportive and caring and knew how to best serve us."

Because there are only 30 voice majors, Tonozzi said, students form very close relationships with their professors.

"I am preparing for my senior recital and now the floor has been pulled out from under me," said Tonozzi. "At a University where football is king, to go in with a music major seems kind of ridiculous."

But he made you feel comforted.

Comedian Vaughn to visit ND

By KATIE PERRY
South Bend Tribune Reader

Arclained actor and comedian Vince Vaughn will host the nation's "Days 30 Nights — Hollywood to the Heartland" tour set to stop on campus Saturday, Oct. 8, the University of Notre Dame's Student Union Board said in a statement Wednesday.

The last time Vaughn was in South Bend, character Jamie O'Hara was herded by Ara Parseghian after criticizing the famed Irish walk-on Daniel Rueftiger for treating every game as if it were the Super Bowl.

But the popular funnyman will likely receive a much warmer reception when his "Wild West Comedy Show," rolls into town next month.

Still Manager Jimmy Flaherty said an expected ticket sellout will be in high-demand.

"Vince Vaughn and the comedians with him are big names in the comedy world," Flaherty said. "We are anticipating very high attendance. The early reviews on his shows from the West Coast have been unbelievable, so we expect that momentum to carry to campus."

Meanwhile, Kim Schenwasser said she is a fan of Vaughn because he rarely plays the leading role, but he makes movies "a billion times better" with his "geeky yet witty" sense of humor.

"No one would expect someone that huge to come to school," she said. "In fact someone was saying they heard rumors that someone 'bigger' was coming to town."

South Bend hotels fill up quickly

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Christopher Tomei has worked at Indiana hotels for the past six years, most recently as the general manager of Hampton Inn in LaPorte, a 35-mile, 40-minute drive from South Bend.

He was shocked when he received a call this week asking to reserve nine rooms for the Michigan State football weekend.

"I had to ask him seriously if he was joking," Tomei said.

Tomei knows that football season is peak season in north Indiana.

South Bend hotels can fill

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Students, employers flock to fall Career Fair

By KATIE LINHARES
News Writer

Students flocked to the Joyce Center Wednesday night in hopes of finding their future calling, an internship for the summer, a job for next year or graduate school.

With 130 companies — 20 first timers — appearing at the annual fall Career Fair, there was plenty of opportunity for students to make professional contacts.

PrepShop, Building Products, Steak 'n Shake, Tribune Co., and Harris Nishit all had booths and representatives at the fair.

Postgraduate volunteer programs like ACE and Teach for America were also present.

Bradley Leon, a representative of Teach for America, answered many questions about how to apply and what opportunities might be available after the two-year commitment to Teach for America was completed.

Many of the companies present contacted Notre Dame asking to be part of the University's Career Fair, said Robyn Karkiewicz, manager for the office services in the Career Center.

"There has been a great response from the companies who have attended our Career Fairs," said Karkiewicz. "They have wonderful things to say about the students and the facilities we offer."


***Inside Column***

**Country Convert**

Country music is an acquired taste. For novices it takes gradual but regular exposure to learn to appreciate it as a viable music genre. My conversion to a country music fan was like wading into the ocean on the first beach day of summer — slow and hesitant.

As a high schooler in southern California, I was busy rockin' out with classmates to alternative punk bands and dancing to the pre-Fergie Black Eyed Peas. In fact, it wasn't until I started at Saint Mary's that I was introduced to names like Garth Brooks and Toby Keith by my Howardian roommates. During those first experiences with country I found it to be corny and unoriginal. All the songs seemed to have the same tempo and the same instrumentals. And the lyrics — does a truck have to contain the words "truck," "blue jeans" and "whiskey" a specific number of times to qualify for the Country Music Awards (CMAs)?

Still, country music quietly crept into my regular music repertoire. Despite my aversion to everything related to the genre — NASCAR, President Bush, redneckedness — I had to admit some of it was pretty catchy.

I've even seen the preppiest of the preppy rice students sip Miller Lite at the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students — complete with sear sucker shorts, pastel pinked popped collar polos, hat included. What most of America confines into my regular music repertoire.

There is a certain mysterious appeal to those Stetson shaded faces. I'm not going to lie, I was a little jealous of Renee Zellweger when weddings photos of her husband Kenny Chesney appeared, white cowboy hat included. Did I ever think there simply seem to be occasions when only country music will do. I remember traveling boarder to boarder across Illinois once with friends and being given the all important responsibility of manning the car radio. I set one of my car radio preset buttons on Kent Country 99.9. Now you can see and hear me singing "I ain't as good as I once was — as I drive around South Bend.

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

***Correction***

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and regrets for the highest standards of journalism as it aims. We do, however, regret that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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**Question of the Day: What's Your Ideal Career?**

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**Senior Katie Hunt plays a prelude by Buxtehude on the O'Malley Organ in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts' Reyes Organ and Choral Hall Tuesday during her master class. It was part of the 2005 National Conference on Organ Pedagogy being hosted by Notre Dame that ended Wednesday.**

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**In Brief**

The Saint Mary's student Governance Association is hosting the State of the School Address tonight at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

Fidler's Hearth is hosting a "halfway to St. Patrick's Day" Irish Fest Friday through Sept. 23 to raise money for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Irish bands The Springs, The Bardie Apostles, The Feinans, Teada, Brock Maclaire and local band Kennedy's Kitchen will perform. Fidler's Heath is located in downtown South Bend at E. Main. For ticket information, call 235-2853.

The fifth annual Saturday Scholar Series will begin at 11 a.m. this Saturday in the Hesburgh Center. History professor Linda Przybyzkiewski will give a lecture entitled "Catholics, Concubines and the Constitution."

The Dillon Pep Rally will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. on South Quad in front of Dillon Hall.

The football pep rally will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m.

Flipside will be showing the movie "Rudy" at 5 p.m. on Friday on North Quad.

"The Longest Yard" will be shown in 101 DeBartolo Hall on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is $3.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observenews@endrew.edu.

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To learn more about this exclusive opportunity, we invite you to attend our information session on Friday, September 16th, 1:15pm and 2:15pm at Café DeGrasta.
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with a different perspective would help solve the issue of misrepresentation.

A letter from vice president for Public Affairs and Communication Hilary Crnkovich explained the administration's choices to the Senate.

"This year we wanted to track a unique course in developing a spot that wasn't conceived in the usual fashion of multi-audience, multi-message, and didn't attempt to differentiate our core points of difference. Instead, we concentrated on one of our core points of difference — our Catholic character," the letter read.

"To refute one of the common arguments, Crnkovich wrote, "We do not infer that she only lights candles to get her wishes. You have to pick an aim ... Yeah, it portrays Catholicism in a high degree. Well, this universality is Catholic in a high degree, whether you like it or not."

Tortorello disapproved of the commercial, saying, "It was so over-the-top ... down to the images and music that I thought it was clever and witty."

Tortorello disagreed with the Senate's decision to use its unique Catholic faith to stand in solidarity with the marginalized in order to achieve the common good," as missing from the commercial.

Bart also noted the commercial was not just for recruitment purposes — it also was designed to attract the attention of potential donors.

"It's riled up the Notre Dame Old Guard, in a good way for development," Bart said.

Lindley said while he agreed with Liu's perspective, "I still thought you were serious.

Lee agreed with Liu's arguments.

"I think a fair price would be more like 15 or 20 dollars," he said.

The SUB statement said the price was established by the promoter.

Tickets for the event will remain available exclusively to students for one week. After Sept. 28, any extra tickets will be released for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross faculty and staff members.

"The SUB would encourage students to get their tickets as soon as possible as it is expected that this will sell out," Flaherty said.

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U.S. Constitution Day

Liberty and the Constitution

Prof. Don Kommers from Notre Dame's Department of Political Science and the Law School will show a video and lead a discussion with students on how the Constitution influences our lives today.

7 — 9 PM, Thurs., Sept. 15, 2005, 102 DBRT
Sponsored by Notre Dame's Office of the Provost

Conversations with Supreme Court Justices

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen Brenner answer student's questions at the Supreme Court.

11:00-11:30 AM or 2:00-2:30 PM, Fri., Sept. 16, 2005
Webcast at http://justicel.boonnetworks.com/constitutionday/

Debating Free Speech in the Digital Age

NPR's Margaret Adler will host a Justice Talking special on censorship in libraries, of textbooks, and on the internet.

12:30 — 1:30 PM, Fri., Sept. 16, 2005
Webcast at http://justicel.boonnetworks.com/constitutionday/

Webcasts sponsored by the Annenberg Foundation Trust and the Foundation for the National Archives

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than Dane Cook' was coming to campus and no one even thought of Vaughn because they wouldn't consider someone so monumental and hot right now," she said.

Vaughn — who most recently starred in this summer's successful comedy "Wedding Crashers" — appeared in dozens of high school films in the 12 years since his minor role in "Rudy," including "Swingers," "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" and "Old School."

In addition to Vaughn, the month-long tour boasts comedians Bret Ernst, John Caparulo, Ahmed Ahmed and Sebastian Maniscalco — all having from the renowned Comedy Store of Los Angeles.

The tour — which will be filmed for a 2006 documentary release — is scheduled to play in more than 30 cities from Los Angeles to Chicago. Notre Dame is one of only three colleges to serve as a venue for the show.

"SUB — always looking for great entertainment and programs for campus — has seized this opportunity and we're going to work hard to make it a success," Flaherty said.

The SUB statement said tickets for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students will go on sale for $30 next Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the LaFortune Box Office.

While junior Joe Kippley thought the show will attract many students, he said the cost of admission was probably "too high."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Roberts nears confirmation
Nominee sidesteps controversial questions from Senate Judiciary Committee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee John Roberts carefully picked his way through a second day of questioning from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday as Republicans and Democrats to support his all-questions-asked approach to the nation's 17th chief justice.

"If people can't vote for you, then I doubt that they can vote for any Republican nominee," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. 

Minority Democrats sounded uneasy.

Sen. Charles Schumer told Roberts he was "cutting back a little on what you said yesterday," referring to an earlier statement that the Constitution provides a right to privacy. 

The New York Democrat made his charge after meeting with the North Korean delegation at this round of six-nation talks on the communist nation's nuclear program. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said the sides "did not make a lot of progress." 

NATIONAL NEWS

Ophelia closes in on North Carolina

CAROLINA BEACH, N.C. — Hurricane Ophelia dashed the North Carolina coast with high winds and heavy rains Wednesday, anticipating an296-day threat that destroyed serious flooding.

With the slow-moving storm expected to produce major flooding, the governor, Mike Easly told people to get out of the state.

"If you have not heeded the warning before, let me be clear right now: Ophelia is a dangerous storm," the governor said from Raleigh, warning of storm surges that could reach 6 feet.

As it brushed the coast, Ophelia ripped away one barrier island street and chased emergency personnel into shelters. The storm had sustained wind of 55 mph Wednesday afternoon, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Texas woman executed for murders

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Frances Young was executed Wednesday for the fatal shootings of her husband and two children 18 years ago, becoming the third woman, and first black woman, to be put to death in the state since executions resumed in 1982.

Strapped to the death chamber gurney and with her parents among the people watching, she declined to make a final statement, saying "no" and shaking her head when the warden asked if she would like to speak.

LOCAL NEWS

Shane handles avoided death penalty

WASHINGTON — Shane is serving life in prison. It's a sentence that means the inmate's death from a fight at the Indiana State Prison was "poetic justice.

Prosecutors sought the death penalty against Jason Patrick for Evan Parker's murder, but a judge ruled that Patrick was mental­ly retarded. Patrick, 23, was injured Sept. 2 during a fight in a disciplinary unit at the prison in Michigan City and later taken by helicopter to Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis, where he died Monday, prison officials said.

IRAQ

Al-Qaida bombings kill at least 160

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A spasm of retaliatory violence claimed by al-Qaida in the name of Sunni insurgents, ripped through Baghdad on Wednesday. At least 160 people were killed and 570 wounded in more than a dozen highly coordinated bombings.

The bombings were a response to the capital's deadliest day since the end of major combat.

The massive campaign of violence terrorized the capital for more than nine hours. The first attack, at 6:30 a.m., was the deadliest: a suicide car blast which tore through assembled day laborers in the predominantly Shiite Muslim neighborhood of Kazimiyah.

In what was believed to be a new tactic, the bomber set off the explosive after calling the construction and other workers to his small van and enticing them with promises of employment, a witness said. At least 112 people were killed and more than 200 were wounded, Health Ministry officials said. Twisted hulks of vehicles blocked the bloodstained main street in Kazimiyah's Oruba Square.

Al-Qaida's leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, purportedly declared "all-out war" on Shiites, officials in both parties said. Roberts is likely to receive votes from several Democrats when his nomi­nation reaches the full Senate. Among them are senators who represent Republican-leaning states or those who joined in a bipartisan compromise earlier this year to defend a threatened showdown over the administration's conservative appeals court judges.

Schumer, who chairs his party's senatorial campa­ign committee, told reporters after the day's session he doubted the vote would pass as one of major issues in the 2006 midterm elections.

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Riley-Schofield had a way of inspiring his students, even at their lowest points, Tonozzi said. "If I was having a rough lesson, he always talked to me like I could sing at The Metropolitan Museum of Art tomorrow," Tonozzi said. "That’s the type of man he was. He had a never-ending belief in my capabilities."

Though some students did not have the opportunity to know Riley-Schofield personally, he managed to leave an impression even after brief meetings. "I'm a freshman, but I actually saw Professor Riley-Schofield for the first time last year when I came to sing for the music department," freshman Kate Hedrick said. "He made me laugh and feel at home. He had the most amazing personality."

Voice students at Notre Dame came to love Riley-Schofield for his ability to make each student feel important and talented. "He sort of brought out the best in us. Even though I didn't have him for long, he still brought it out of me in that short time," freshman Alex Woller said.

While students said singing can sometimes be difficult, Riley-Schofield's encouraging nature made them eager to work harder. "He made every situation comfortable," freshman Simone Stickler said. "He was very caring and always rooting for you."

A memorial service on campus is currently in the planning stages, Roche said. "I hope they have a memorial service to honor him," Tonozzi said. "He was a great professor and wonderful man. He will be sorely missed."

The daily mass in Cavanaugh Hall was said for Riley-Schofield Wednesday night. "We have a number of girls who were in the voice program and one actually approached me this afternoon and was pretty upset so we decided to offer the mass in his honor tonight," Cavanaugh assistant rector Whitney Thompson said. "Of course, we'll also keep him in our intentions at Sunday's mass."

Before coming to teach at Notre Dame, Riley-Schofield worked as an international soloist opera singer for 25 years, Roche said. Fluent in German, French and Italian, he also worked as a phonetic coach.

Riley-Schofield received a diploma in music from the University of Huddersfield's School of Music and Humanities in the United Kingdom. He also had a teaching diploma in singing performance from the Royal Academy of Music, Roche said. He is survived by his wife, Britta Sporkmann of Germany.

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Delta, Northwest file bankruptcy

Airlines become third, fourth major carriers to file Chapter 11 since 2001

Associated Press

Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp., both held hostage by high fuel costs and heavy debt and pension obligations, filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors Wednesday, becoming the third and fourth major carriers to enter Chapter 11 since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Delta’s late afternoon filing included its loss-laden subsidiary Song and was followed shortly after by Northwest’s.

Delta’s total debt is roughly $26.3 billion, and it listed $21.6 billion in assets, excluding its retirement fund liability. The asset figure would make Delta’s bankruptcy the largest in U.S. history, according to bankruptcy tracking firm Generation Research Inc.

The ranking did not change following Delta’s recent $425 million sale of feeder carrier Atlantic Southeast Airlines to SkyWest Inc.

Delta and Northwest said passengers were not expected to see any immediate effects from the filing. Delta also promised to honor and accept the settling of the letter.

But 2001 saw a number of major airline bankruptcies.

The Senate approves housing vouchers

WASHINGTON More than 4 million families made homeless by Hurricane Katrina would get emergency housing vouchers under a measure approved Wednesday by the Senate.

Any displaced family regardless of income would be eligible for the program, which is slated to cost $3.5 billion over four months.

The measure, by Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., was attached in a voice vote to an unrelated spending bill covering the Commerce and Housing and Urban Development departments.

The Senate is slated to pass the overall bill Thursday, but a full debate over its merits needs to be worked out with the House, which passed a similar version bill for the two departments last June.

Automakers embrace hybrids at show

FRANKFURT, Germany After some initial skepticism, the world’s automakers are embracing hybrid vehicles in an effort to match Toyota’s success and give customers more options to combat high gas prices.

At the Frankfurt auto show this week, German automakers Volkswagen AG, Audi AG and DaimlerChrysler AG said they were forming an alliance to develop hybrid engines. Last week, BMW AG joined General Motors Corp., and DaimlerChrysler AG in a similar partnership.

French automaker PSA Peugeot-Citroen also wants to develop hybrid technology and may join forces with another company to share their Chairman and Chief Executive Jean-Martin Folz said.

Audi unveiled the first gas-electric hybrid vehicle in Europe in 1997. Toyota sold 52.4 million Prius cars in the United States last year, and Prius sales were up 133 percent in the first eight months of this year, according to the company.

Trial begins in second Vioxx case

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. A product liability trial focuses on whether the painkiller Vioxx caused a man’s heart attack started Wednesday, with his lawyer telling jurors the drug’s maker put profits over safety.

Merrick & Co., the drug’s manufacturer, countered that the plaintiff’s case was based on “dramatized advertise distortion.”

But that didn’t stop the jury from awarding $23 million to the man who sued Merck & Co., saying its pain reliever caused him to have a heart attack years after taking it.

The case was the second trial in federal court in New Jersey to focus on Vioxx, a pain reliever that Merck took off the market in 2004 after learning it increased the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

The company stopped selling the drug in 2004 after learning it increased the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

In 2007, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration下令撤回Vioxx，并要求该公司提供更多的研究，以评估该药物的风险。
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Simeon said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

--Luke 2:34-35
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up in spring and summer months, and hotels up to an hour away can see Notre Dame-clad fans streaming in and out of their doors.

As I run gather, from border to border, from Ohio to Illinois, hotels raise their rates but almost always fill up," Tomel said, whose hotel is completely filled with Notre Dame fans this weekend.

At local hotels, the system is down to a science. Throughout the season, they track each weekend’s room occupancy and requests in order to gauge next year’s rates at end-of-season meetings.

As football season draws nearer, reservation managers keep boards of vacancies mapped out next to their phone, and stay in constant communication with each other.

Hotels have a vested interest in following Notre Dame football so closely, as it generates a large portion of their revenue.

For hotels that normally charge $100 per room per night, the standard football weekend rate is close to $225 per night with a two night minimum, although prices can reach up to $300.

For full-service hotels, as well as hotels on the edge of campus, prices can go up to $500 per night.

Out of town hotels do not tend to raise prices as high.

Hotel managers chalk it up to supply-and-demand, the fundamental principle of hotel management.

"Prices for hotels are usually generally comparable to other hotels in the area, it’s a basic market strategy according to basic rates," said Vitre Willie, assistant general manager of the Hampton Inn on West University Drive.

"People are usually general comparable to other hotels in the area, it’s a basic market strategy according to basic rates," said Vitre Willie, assistant general manager of the Hampton Inn on West University Drive.

Although hotels customarily overbook to compensate for cancellations, local hotels rarely oversell for football weekends to avoid “walking” situations — finding guests a vacancy in a closer, comparable hotel.

"If you’re ever in a walking situation, you’re walking the dogs," said Christopher Tomel, general manager, Hampton Inn.

"The phone just, literally, it does ring off the hook," Tomel, the general manager, said.

"I tell you, we’re going to see a spike in the calls. We’re in touch with hotels constantly now, we monitor how many rooms they have available."

"Walking" situations — finding guests a vacancy in a closer, comparable hotel — are a common practice to refer customers elsewhere.

"Last year when I called the 1-800 number for all chain hotels, there was at least a 100- to 200-mile radius where I was trying to find people a place to stay, but couldn’t," he said. "It’s kind of a hard situation, the guests are absolutely exhausted." While the idea of building more hotels gets tossed around, hotel managers say lower occupancy rates during the rest of the year would make that plan unattractive.

"Are you going to build a hotel just for football weekends? You don’t build a church for Easter Sunday," Schumacher said. "If you’re an owner of a hotel, are you going to fill it up halfway for most of the year?"

For those who don’t want to call dozens of hotels, the South Bend/Mishawaka Convention and Visitors Bureau, an initiative of the Chamber of Commerce, serves as a link between 34 hotels and guests in search of vacancies.

"Probably beginning in July we begin to keep track of hotels," said Marijo Martinez, Director of Communication and Public Relations. "Based on when tickets are released, we begin to see a spike in the calls. We’re in touch with hotels constantly now, we monitor how many rooms they have available."

"We don’t keep a track list of, say, Joe Smith from Nebraska’s coming into town and wants a room. We say ‘Check back in with us, hotels will call us if they have a cancellation.’"

"Rooms for this weekend’s game as well as the Oct. 15 game against USC are virtual­ly sold out. Martinez said, but there are some rooms available in town for later games. Hotel managers agree that when the team does better, cancellations are fewer.

They are still receiving calls for this weekend’s game, but fans are starting to look forward to next season.

"Yesterday we had 63 calls total, it had a lot to do with football, mainly requests for ’96 games, especially Penn State and Purdue," said Trish Newhart-Gorwin, reservation manager at the Inn at St. Mary’s.

Rona Brenner, general manager of the Jamison hotel, said that their wait-list is still “a mile long” for this season. "The phone just, literally, it does ring off the hook," she said.

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Michigan abortion law cut down
Judge rules ban on partial birth procedure to be unconstitutional

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — A federal judge has declared unconstitutional a Michigan law that supporters said would ban a late-term abortion procedure.

In a ruling dated Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Denise Page Hood in Detroit ruled the Legal Birth Definition Act places an "undue burden" on women's right to choose. Hood said the law is confusing and vague, and its exceptions for the health or life of a mother are meaningless and unconstitutional.

"The act does not describe any specific procedure to be banned," Hood wrote. "The act also does not distinguish between induced abortion and pregnancy loss."

Parties in the lawsuit learned of the ruling late Wednesday when it was obtained by the Detroit Free Press. It was not immediately clear why the parties were not notified of the ruling.

Proponents of the law said they were attempting to ban a procedure they call "partial-birth" abortion. Previous attempts by state lawmakers to stop the abortion procedure were struck down by federal courts in 1997 and 2001.

Doctors label the practice "intact dilation and evacuation," or D&E. During the procedure, generally performed in the second trimester, a fetus is partially removed from the womb and the skull punctured. Some doctors say it is the safest option for women in some circumstances.

Hood agreed with abortion rights groups that argued the law would ban all pre-viable abortions, including "dilation and evacuation," or D&amp;E, the most common method of second-trimester abortion.

Wendy Wagenheim, a spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, said the law would have banned virtually all abortion, including those in the first trimester.

According to the ACLU, as of August 2004, at least 31 states had enacted bans on "partial-birth" abortions. The laws have been struck down in at least 20 states, the organization said.

The Michigan Catholic Conference said it disagrees with the judge's ruling and will urge Attorney General Mike Cox to appeal.

The state Legislature approved a law attempting to ban the procedure in June 2004. Hundreds of thousands of voters signed petitions that allowed the bill to become law with only the approval of the House and Senate — both of which are controlled by Republicans — after Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed it.

Since similar laws have been struck elsewhere, anti-abortion advocates tried a new approach with the Michigan ban.

Rather than name the procedure specifically, the law defined birth as the moment any portion of the fetus emerges from a woman's body, making the fetus a legally born person under the law. A doctor could not do D&amp;E unless it was necessary to save the mother's life or to avoid an "imminent" threat to her physical health.

In 2003, President Bush signed the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, but it was not enforced because of legal challenges.

Also Wednesday, Missouri lawmakers gave final approval to a bill aimed at discouraging abortions by imposing new restrictions on physicians and allowing laws suits against people who help teens get abortions without parental consent.
Bush makes renewed commitment to rebuild Gulf Coast

President vows to pass legislation that would provide job training and housing for those who have to start over

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Gulf Coast will be rebuilt, President Bush intends to promise in a prime-time address Thursday from New Orleans in which he plans to offer new federal spending for the monumental task of helping hurricane victims rebuild their lives.

Bush planned to outline a broad plan for reconstruction of lives and communities now and in the long term, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Wednesday.

Presidential advisers drafting the speech were working on plans for legislation that would provide job training and housing for people who have to start over, according to one Republican official.

The advisers also were discussing tax credits for businesses to stay in the devastated region, said the official, who was consulted but wanted to remain anonymous because Bush had yet to deliver the speech.

Bush planned to describe his understanding of the suffering brought on by the killer storm while charting a hopeful vision for the future. Many people, including members of the president's party, have said Bush should have given that kind of speech soon after the hurricane made landfall in Louisiana on Aug. 29.

Rather than speak before a live audience, Bush planned to stand alone and broadcast his message directly into the camera. The White House aide had yet to announce the site of the speech, which was to follow Bush's visit to Mississippi.

The format would be similar to the somber speech he gave in front of the Statue of Liberty three years ago on the first anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox shuffled their Thursday schedules to air his remarks live. Bush planned to speak for about 30 minutes, beginning precisely two minutes after 9 p.m. EDT to accommodate the broadcast.

McClellan said Bush would describe new initiatives, but would not announce the appointment of an official to oversee the recovery effort. Some GOP allies in Congress have urged president to do just that.

"America has always been a nation that has risen to the challenge in the face of adversity and we will do so again," McClellan said from Air Force One on a flight back from a meeting of the United Nations.

"Time and time again, we have come back from difficult circumstances and rebuilt communities after natural disasters," McClellan said.

According to one White House aide, Bush planned to acknowledge the role of poverty in the disaster that has affected many who could least afford it.

Bush's approval ratings are the lowest levels of his presidency. That is partly because of the perception of a lackluster response to the storm.

Bush, who prides himself on being a direct communicator, has struggled to convey a clear message since the storm hit. He began this week by dismissing questions about what went wrong as a "blame game." But on Tuesday, he said he took responsibility for any failures on the federal end.

The White House hoped that Bush's acceptance of responsibility and the commitment to rebuilding, as described in the speech, would help restore the president's image as a strong leader.

Bush has made three visits to the region, seeing examples of the damage and loss. McClellan said Bush believes that now is the appropriate time to talk to the country.

"The magnitude and scope of Katrina was unprecedented and people across the Gulf Coast region have gone through tremendous suffering," McClellan said.

"Tomorrow night is a time to talk to the American people about the importance of coming together to do all we can to support the people of the region as we move forward on the difficult work ahead," the spokesman said.

Bush was seeking to rally the spirits of storm victims with assurances that "the American people are coming together to help and we as a nation will be in this for the long haul," McClellan said.

Bush also intended to promise that people's immediate needs would be met; their communities rebuilt; and local ideas about how the new communities should look would be supported.

We want to see a region that is better and stronger than before," McClellan said.

The president planned to fly back to Washington after the speech. He was to speak Friday at Washington National Cathedral to mark what he has declared as a day of prayer of the victims.

Debra Gunter wrings out dirty floodwater from a mop while helping her friend clean out the garage of her home in the Lakeview area of New Orleans on Wednesday.

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**Abortion and the modern Supreme Court**

Why the fuss over Supreme Court nominations? The Court rarely interprets the law. Right? It wields the power neither of the sword nor of the sword. Until the mid-20th century, nominations to the Court were rarely as controversial as they are today.

The nominations are so important today because the judiciary is no longer, as Alexander Hamilton put it, "the least dangerous" branch of government (Federalist, No. 78). Rulings by the unelected Supreme Court, with the acquiescence of Congress and the Executive, hold major responsibility for the terminal decline of the Constitution from its character as the charter of a limited government with only enumerated powers apportioned among the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

The Court interprets the Fourteenth Amendment so as to bind state and local governments by the Court's mandates on personal rights, including rights of the Court's own invention such as abortion. It has made the "equal protection of the laws" a license for judicial micromanagement of local decisions. The Court imposes on all governments an impossible neutrality between theism and non-theism which establishes an agnostic secularism.

The Court's edicts on the commerce clause and on federal subsidies give Congress almost a blank check for regulation, despite some recent limitations. A right of even one justice, therefore, can have consequences that would have annulled the framers of the Constitution.

The current debates focus on abortion. But the issue is worsened because of the assumption that the appointment of pro-life justices will be the magic bullet to end the dominance of the abortion culture.

A Supreme Court "overruling" of Roe v. Wade would have limited impact on abortion. The essential holding of Roe is that, whether or not Roe is a human being, the unborn child is not a "person" until birth and therefore has no constitutional right to life. He may be executed at any time in the pregnancy at the practical discretion of his mother. Such depersonalization is the principle that underlay the Dred Scott Case in which the Supreme Court said in 1857 that slaves were property rather than persons, and that underlay the Nazi depersonalization and extermination of Jews and others.

To really "overrule" Roe would be to hold that every human being, from fertilization, is a "person" entitled to the constitutional right to life. That would forbid governments to withhold the protection of homicide laws from the youngest persons, i.e., those in the womb, as if a state were to forbid homicide unless the victim were under eight years of age.

Both political sides define the "overruling" of Roe as returning the issue to the states, allowing them to restrict or permit abortion. The Supreme Court unanimously endorses that approach. As Justice Scalia put it in his dissent, in the 1992 Casey decision: "The states may, if they wish, permit abortion-on-demand, but the Constitution does not require them to do so." That would confirm the nonpersonhood holding of Roe. If your life is subject to restriction without a state legislature so decides, then you are a nonperson in the eyes of "the supreme law of the land," the United States Constitution.

This abandonment of principle contributes to the culture of death by fostering the impression that abortion is the solution to the "life" issues are negotiable, like a highway appropriation. In a just and free society, the only issue is whether innocent human beings can be legally executed. The incremental approach frames the issue in terms, not of whether, but of which innocent human beings may be legally executed. A measure of the bankruptcy of the pro-life movement is the focus on partial-birth abortion, which tackles the issue not in terms of whether, but not even in terms of which innocents may be legally executed, but in terms of how the killing is to be done.

Of most importance, technology is making abortion a private matter beyond the reach of the law. The law treats various pills and devices as contraceptives although they cause abortions by preventing implantation of the embryo in the womb. The law cannot effectively prohibit such abortions.

So the appointment of a Supreme Court Justice is not the magic bullet that can lift the scourge of abortion from our conscience, and therefore anti-life, society. It is important to put good judges on the Supreme Court. But the solution is not in politics or law but primarily in prayer, education and the reconstruction of American people to the conviction that the right to life transcends the power of the state because it is the gift of God.

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Natalie's Senior Scene  

Films, Television and Theatre majors from around the country return to Notre Dame campus for a series of lectures, concerts, a Michigan State tailgate, and many other activities. This is the first time a reunion of FTT majors will occur on campus.

"It was an idea I had about six months before they opened the Performing Arts Center," said Prof. Ted Mandell, who helped organize the event. "With a new building celebrating the arts on campus, it just seemed like the perfect time to reach out to our alumni, to bring together their talents under one roof and to show off this fantastic facility.

Events will include screenings of alumni films like "Keys of Life," "Thirty Old Town," "Trip to Tehuacan" and "Intelligent Life." There will be lectures by individuals such as Bill Carter, who wrote the book "The Late Shift," which detailed the late-night talk show wars that followed Johnny Carson's retirement.

There will also be lectures that focus on the business side of entertainment, including one entitled, "The Business and Art of Film & Television Workshops: The Developers: Who Decides What We See and Why We See It?" Each lecture will feature a panel of alumni who have experience in the particular area.

Other events not involving Notre Dame alumni but dealing with entertainment and including alumni are An Actors From the London Stage performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and a performance by singer Bruce Hornsby. A complete schedule of events can be found at http://www.nd.edu/-ftt/reunionevents.shtml.

Attendees hope the meeting will be a chance for people with careers in the entertainment industry to make connections with each other and with current students. Prof. Ted Mandell feels that: "It'll be a great networking opportunity for everyone attending. There's some real truth to the notion of "It's who you know" in these areas, especially for our undergrads. The opportunity to meet and learn from so many Notre Dame grads in the business at one time is truly unique, and could be career changing.

A few attendees agreed to be interviewed and their experiences reveal the wide range of careers in the entertainment industry that Notre Dame graduates pursue. Bob Souders, class of '72, has worked as a film editor on such successful television shows as "Murphy Brown," "The Wonder Years," "Seinfeld," and "Dallas." He currently resides in Los Angeles and has been nominated for 3 Emmy Awards.

Souders says:

What excites you most about returning to Notre Dame for the FTT reunion?

"Seeing the new performing arts center, which is a big change coming from Washington Hall. Since I don't know too many other people going, I am also looking forward to meeting the other people who will be attending. Can I also say the football game? That is definitely a favorite event of mine.

What did you major in during your time at Notre Dame?

I majored in FTT and theatre and I learned a lot about telling stories and about how stories are put together.

What challenges have you faced as a film editor?

Film editing is much more difficult than people think, especially sitcoms. With television you are always working against time and trying to tell a story in a certain amount of time. People think that because an episode is a half hour that it only requires a half hour of work. Much more effort goes into it. I've worked a lot of 80-hour weeks.

What is the most interesting thing that happened on a show you were working on?

I used to do trailers for television shows, and I was working on the show "Dallas." We did a trailer that showed J.R.'s wife possibly getting blown up in a car, but due to time constraints the scene was cut so it didn't make any sense. We got a lot of letters about that.

What do you consider the greatest success of your career?

While it's not the most important thing, being nominated for 3 Emmys means a lot. Also, being able to do what I love as a career.

Jilanne Klaus, class of '90, has spent 15 years in film and television and has been involved in commercials as Kodak Film.

What about going to Notre Dame do you think helps graduates in the entertainment industry?

A strong sense of faith, community, and family.

In what ways did going to Notre Dame affect your career choices?

We are always challenged with choices, some easy, some not. I've learned to be true to myself and the people whom I love.

What is your best memory about Notre Dame?

There are so many from quiet moments at the groto to the roaring crowds at the stadium ... I could never choose just one.

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SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS
Thursday, September 15
7 p.m.
Screening: ND Alumni Film Fest
Browning Cinema

Keys of Life
(Jeremy Rall, ND '95)

Dirty Old Town
(Justin Mitchell, ND '95)

Trip To Tehuacan
(Gina Vecchione, ND '97)

Intelligent Life
(Jeff Spoonhower, ND '99)

10 p.m.
Film Screening and Talk:
The Late Shift
(Bill Carter, ND '71)
Browning Cinema

Friday, September 16
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
FTT Workshops
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The Business and Art of Film and Television Workshops
Browning Cinema
Theatre and the Actor Workshops
Philbin Studio Theatre

4:45 - 7:00 p.m.
Alumni/Student Reception
featuring Michael McGlenn
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Saturday, September 17
8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Decio Mainstage Variety Show
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Cleveland wins, cuts Chicago’s lead to five
Ortiz hits 42nd homer, Boston defeats Toronto to maintain lead in AL East

Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Ronnie Belliard's three-run homer in the seventh inning on Barry Zito's 122nd and final pitch gave Cleveland a 6-4 win over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night, keeping the Indians ahead of the AL wild-card pacers.

Belliard fell behind 0-2 in the count before pulling a pitch from Zito (13-12) over the wall in the left field for the Indians, who have won nine of 10 and are a major league-best 30-11 since July 31.

Cleveland remained one game up on the New York Yankees in the wild-card chase and extended their lead over the A's to 3 1/2 games. Oakland opens a four-game series on Thursday on the road.

Nick Swisher hit a three-run homer for the A's, who with a win would have moved into a tie with the Los Angeles Angels atop the AL West.

Jake Westbrook (15-14) had other plans. He didn't give up a hit until the sixth and allowed just two in seven innings. The right-hander, who lost his first five starts and opened the season 1-7, is 9-2 in 11 starts since July 21.

Bob Wickman gave up a one-out homer to Mark Kotsay and walked Scott Hatteberg with two outs in the ninth before striking out Dan Johnson for his league-leading 41st save.

On Wednesday night, Wickman knocked Johnson off his feet while trying to cover the plate on Randy Marsh's tight strike zone.

With the score tied at 3, Jonny Peraza opened the seventh with a single and Zito walked Travis Hafner. The lefty recovered by striking out Victor Martinez, and with Belliard due up, manager Ken Macha came out to visit Zito.

Macha decided to stick with Zito, who made Belliard chase the first two pitches out of the zone. But he caught too much of the plate on his next pitch, and Belliard, who had an outstanding series in the field, made a huge contribution with his bat.

In the three games, Belliard had 10 assists, seven putouts and no errors.

Westbrook took a no-hitter into the sixth but Maroo Scutaro singled leading off the seventh and took second on a wild pitch by Westbrook. Swisher followed a leadoff walk to Jay Payton by dropping a soft liner to center. Swisher, who stopped 10 one-hitters before Wednesday, followed his 18th homer to tie it 3-3.

Boston 5, Toronto 3

Boston's three-run ninth inning that led the Boston Red Sox over the Toronto Blue Jays was a breaking point.

Ortiz drove in three runs for the Red Sox, who began the day with a 2 1/2-game lead over the second-place New York Yankees in the AL East.

Boston's Gabe Kapler ruptured his left Achilles' tendon while rounding second base on Tony Graffanino's fifth-inning single.

David Wells (13-7) won for the fourth time in five starts, allowing one run in seven innings. Mike Timlin pitched the ninth for his eighth save in 14 chances.

With the score 3-all, Bill Mueller singled and State Farm's Ortiz homered off Josh Beckett (11-11), the 17th time he has hit a game or pitch in the Red Sox ahead.

Of those nine in the current Red Sox nine, or later.

Ortiz homered for the third straight game and topped his previous high for homers, set last season. He has 39 as a designated hitter, one more than the major league record set by Seattle's Edgar Martinez in 2000.

Kapler reached on third base on Corey Koscie's throwing error in the fifth, and Graffanino followed a home to left that tied the score 3-3. Kapler fell to the ground on a throw from a knee but couldn't continue.

New York 6, Tampa Bay 5

Derek Jeter hit a home run in breaking a tie to drive in the tying run, and Jersey Dye's fielding error allowed New York's Mark Teahen to score the winner as the Kansas City Royals rallied for a victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday night.

Chicago lost for just the fourth time in 17 games against Kansas City this season, and had its AL Central lead cut to five games over the Cleveland Indians, the smallest lead for the White Sox since before play on June 16.

The Royals scored three runs in the ninth against Dustin Hermanson (1-4), who blew his fourth save in 38 chances, to snap a 1-07-game losing streak when trailing after eight innings.

Matt Stairs started the rally with a one-out single. Emil Brown and Teahen followed with consecutive singles to score pinch-runner Chip Ambrose.

Berra then doubled to right to bring in Brown with the tying run, and Teahen scored when Dye had trouble picking up the ball.

Chad Ginter (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up his first career victory.

The Royals jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first on Mike Sweeney's two-run homer and Teahen's RBI single.

The White Sox took the lead with a six-run third.

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Cleveland's Ronnie Belliard, right, celebrates with teammate Travis Hafner after Belliard hit a three-run home run in Wednesday's 6-4 victory over Toronto.

Associated Press

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Bess Clemens died Wednesday morning

Associated Press

HOUSTON - Roger Clemens dug his spikes into the dirt and stared momentarily at the ground before throwing his first pitch. He knew his mother would have wanted him on the mound.

The Houston Astros are made his scheduled start Wednesday night and allowed one run in 6 1-3 innings in a 10-2 win over the Florida Marlins, pitching in honor of his mother after she died early that morning.

Bess Clemens died in Georgetown, Texas, because of complications from emphysema. She was 75.

Just after the final out, a tribute to Clemens' mother was shown on the giant video screen, and Astros players - though Clemens wasn't among the group - stood in the infield and watched. The video included Clemens talking about his mother at previous news conferences, his mother talking about him and video of them together on a baseball field.

The Rocket often shared his affection for his mother, saying her health was an important factor as he weighed retirement the past two offseasons. His stepfather died when he was young, and his mother was an inspiration.

"His mother was a very special person in my life. I can see the two of them together," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said in St. Petersburg, Fla. "She's been fighting this thing for a long period of time. Hopefully she's at peace and Roger is, too."

Clemens has talked about how much he hoped his mother would be able to attend his Hall of Fame induction.

"I don't want to speak to empty chairs," he said after winning the NL Cy Young Award last year.

"I know that was a big thing. He would have loved for her to be able to make it in to see that," Astros pitcher and close friend Andy Pettitte said. "I know that was a big issue for him, but she wanted him to keep playing. So that would be something I don't think he needs to have any regrets about.

Philadelphia 3, New York 4

Reserve infielder Ramon Martinez hit his first career grand slam in the fifth. His 12th center for his 12th.

The Philadelphia Phillies are on the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night.

The Phillies, who came in one game behind Florida in the NL wild-card race, have won three straight against division-leading Atlanta and five of six overall since Houston swept a three-game series in Philadelphia last week.

In the eighth inning, the Mets (52) in the eighth inning. The 28-year-old became the 12th player in major league history to hit 300 home runs before his 30th birthday.

Gavy Little pitched five effective innings and Jimmy Rollins allowed three hits, extending his career-best hitting streak to 20 games. Jason Michaels homered and drove in three runs and David Bell also had three hits for Philadelphia.

Little (11-10) allowed three runs and seven hits to win his second straight start since coming off the disabled list.

Consecutive singles by Bell and Mike Lieberthal loaded the bases with one out in the third inning against Horacio Ramirez (11-9). Martinez followed with a liner into the left-field seats for his first homer this season, giving the Phillies a 7-0 lead.

Washington 6, New York 3

Preston Wilson and Vinny Castilla hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning, leading the Washington Nationals over the New York Mets Wednesday night.

Castilla and Nick Johnson each drove in two runs and Wilson scored twice for the Nationals, who entered four games behind Florida in the NL wild-card race. Washington has won the first two games of a six-game road trip after losing five of six.

Josef Loubia (11-10) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings. Gary Majewski pitched the eighth and Chad Cordero finished for his second save in two nights and 46th of the season.

Carlos Beltran had three hits and two RBIs for the Mets, who lost for the 14th time in 17 games. Kris Benson fell to 0-4 in his last five starts after allowing five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Benson (9-8) retired the first two batters in the fifth, includ­ing a called third strike on Jose Guillen that sparked an equip­ment-tossing tirade from the volatile outfielder. But Wilson hit his 23rd homer to snap a 3-all tie and Castilla drove the next pitch over the 410-foot sign in center for his 12th.
All eyes on rookie Crosby as season begins in Pittsburgh

First-overall pick in NHL draft casting Lemieux-like shadow

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — John LeClair took a break and watched whenever he wasn’t in a drill. So did Mark Recchi. Mario Lemieux, not accustomed to being only the second-most visible player during a Pittsburgh Penguins practice, took an extra peek or two himself.

All eyes were on prospect neophyte Sidney Crosby at the Penguins’ first training camp practice Wednesday, including those of his much older and more accomplished teammates.

For good reason, too. If the Penguins are transform themselves from the NHL’s worst Cup contender, they understand that Crosby must play a major role.

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Gordon's woes continue, Loomis leaves post with crew

Failing to qualify for championship series, driver looks to 2006

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Robbie Loomis stepped down as Jeff Gordon's crew chief Wednesday, four days after the team failed to make NASCAR's Chase for the championship.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. also will finish the season with a different crew chief, after the team announced that Tony Eury Jr. will return to call his cousin's remaining races.

Loomis will finish the season as consultant for Hendrick Motorsports while Gordon's teammate, Jimmie Johnson, will return to call his cousin's remaining races.

Loomis will join Petty Enterprises next season as vice president of race operations, where he will run the day-to-day operations for Jeff Green and Kyle Petty's teams.

Steve Letarte, who has been with Gordon's team for three of his NASCAR titles, will take over for Loomis as crew chief.

"I'm sad to see Robbie leave," said Gordon. "We made a great team and had more wins ahead of us, but the Pettys presented an early jump on next season as vice president of race operations, where he will run the day-to-day operations for Jeff Green and Kyle Petty's teams."

"I've worked for Steve for more than 10 years and we already communicate extremely well, both on and off the truck," Gordon said. "The team has a ton of confidence in his abilities, so we're looking forward to the last 10 races of 2005 and getting an early jump on next year."

Earnhardt Jr. also failed to make the Chase; he and crew chief Eury Jr. will finish the season together to get a head start on 2006.

"This gives them a chance to start working on their chemistry," Richie Gilmore, vice president of Dale Earnhardt Inc., told The Associated Press.

Eury Jr., Earnhardt's cousin, had worked on his car from the beginning of Earnhardt's NASCAR career until last season.

But Earnhardt and teammate Michael Waltrip had their crew swapped last year because the two cousins weren't getting along; Earnhardt said Wednesday that they have since had an attitude adjustment.

The Gordon-Loomis split has been in the works for some time, with both sides indicating recently it was coming.

It's a natural move for Loomis to head back to Petty Enterprises, where he spent 11 seasons before joining Gordon's team.

"Robbie has been a part of our family for a long time, and we're happy to have him come home," Petty said.

Loomis has been eager to step away from the day-to-day grind of being a crew chief. It's part of a reorganization of priorities he's taken since his mother battled a life-threatening illness last year, and after a Hendrick plane crashed last October, killing 10 people.

His new job at Petty will not be as demanding as a crew chief's role.

"Hendrick Motorsports opened my eyes to a whole different level of this industry. The experience has allowed me to see things from a new perspective and learn important lessons about business and life," he said. "I was with the Petty family for 11 years before being blessed to work with Jeff and the No. 24 team."
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**McNabb questionable for home opener**

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PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb threw four touchdowns on a broken ankle. He won’t let a chest injury keep him on the bench.

McNabb didn’t practice Wednesday because of a bruised chest, but the fresh Pro Bowl quarterback said he’ll play in Philadelphia’s home opener against San Francisco on Sunday.

"Nothing will stop me from being on that field," said McNabb, who was injured in the first quarter in the Eagles’ 14-10 season-opening loss at Atlanta on Monday night.

If McNabb can’t play — he’s listed as questionable — long-term backup Koy Detmer isn’t lock to get the start. Detmer shared reps with third-string quarterback Mike McMahon in practice, and coach Andy Reid wouldn’t select a potential starter.

“We’ll see as the week goes on,” Reid said. “I’ll evaluate it and see what we want to do with it. I know both do a nice job.”

Detmer has started eight games in his nine seasons with the Eagles. He led Philadelphia to a 38-17 victory in San Francisco in a Monday night game three years ago, one week after McNabb broke his ankle. Detmer threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns against the 49ers before injuring his elbow and missing the rest of the season.

McMahon started seven games in four seasons with Detroit before signing with the Eagles in the offseason. He isn’t as familiar with Philadelphia’s version of the West Coast offense, but outperformed Detmer in the preseason.

“We’re going to take the reps the way they want us to and see how it shakes out,” said Detmer, who probably has maintained his status as the backup because he’s the holder for Pro Bowl kicker David Akers.

Detmer expects to be on the sideline watching McNabb.

“He’s a warrior,” Detmer said. “We’ve seen him play through all kinds of things, broken ankles, everything. If he can walk, he can go. He will be out there.”

McMahon said he’s comfortable with the Eagles’ complex offense.

“It’s nothing too difficult,” he said. “You just have to prepare and go out and help the offense move the ball. Don’t do anything too fancy and move the chains.”

**In Brief**

Former Indiana prep star transfers to IUPUI

INDIANAPOLIS — Jeremy Holland, a 6-foot-8 Indiana high school All-Star who signed a basketball letter of intent with Bowling Green, has transferred to IUPUI.

The Austin High School graduate left Bowling Green before the start of the fall semester and will have four years of eligibility with IUPUI, beginning in 2006-07, the university said Wednesday.

“Jeremy is an outstanding offensive player,” IUPUI coach Jon Hunter said. “He’s got great range for a kid that’s a high-flier. 6-8 ... He’s become a good rebounder and defender at this level as he matures both physically and mentally.”

Holland averaged 20.8 points and 9.7 rebounds a game, leading Austin to a 20-6 record and a sectional tourney championship last season. He was a high honorable mention All-State selection by The Associated Press and played in the annual Indiana All-Star series against Kentucky in June.

IUPUI also announced freshman forward Ryan Pride, a 6-9 walk-on, has left the team.

Fan sends Ohio State tight end hate mail after loss

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State tight end Ryan Hamby has received a couple of hate letters since dropping a sure touchdown pass during the Buckeyes’ loss to Texas last week.

Couting over the middle into the end zone, Hamby was open when Justin Zach’s pass bounced off his chest and into the air. He had a second chance to grab it but was slammed by a defender just as the ball touched his hands.

A touchdown would have given Ohio State a 10-point lead in the third quarter. The Buckeyes ended up setting a field goal and eventually lost 22-26 to Texas.

“I can’t think about it too much because we still have a lot of football to play,” he said as the ninth-ranked Buckeyes prepared for Saturday’s game with San Diego State. “I’m not going to lie. I think about it some times. But you’ve just got to move on.”

Rams’ executive faces team discipline for phone threat

ST. LOUIS — An executive with the St. Louis Rams will be reprimanded for leaving a threatening phone message on the voice mail of a St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist.

The Titans told the Post-Dispatch that team executive Sam Bailey faces discipline, but declined to say what it would be. A call to the Titans on Wednesday was not returned.

“It’s shocking that he would leave a message like that,” Rams president John Shaw told the Post-Dispatch. “It’s the type of behavior that we don’t condone at any level. He will be reprimanded, and it will be handled internally.”

On Aug. 28, sports columnist Bernie Miklasz wrote that he was disturbed by “insulting and politics” within the Flints organization, and said executives owe any head coach their support.

**around the dial**

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Cardinals at Cubs 7:05 p.m., WGN
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**in the news**

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NEW ORLEANS — Finding a temporary home for the New Orleans Hornets is one of the NBA's last major pieces of unfinished business as the opening of training camps draws near.

After a busier-than-average summer, the past couple of weeks have been relatively calm. Among the few free agents still unsigned are Chicago's Eddy Curry and Minnesota's Latrell Sprewell, and among those looking to quell rumors is Boston boss Danny Ainge, who insists he is not trading Paul Pierce.

"He'll be with us when training camp opens," Ainge said. But until that annual rite of autumn returns Oct. 4, this time including the reunion of Phil Jackson and Kobe Bryant in Los Angeles, the most pressing concern for the NBA is finding a place for its New Orleans franchise to spend the upcoming season.

The New Orleans Arena escaped serious damage from Hurricane Katrina, but the Hornets were told it could take up to six months before the city's ready to accommodate their return. League officials spent Wednesday touring facilities in Baton Rouge, La., after checking out Oklahoma City last week and NBA spokesman Tim Frank said a decision on the Hornets' temporary home is expected toward the end of next week.

After that, the focus will move to the individuals — rather than teams — who spent the summer changing addresses.

Michael Finley will be joining the defending champion San Antonio Spurs. Larry Brown will take over as coach of the New York Knicks. Ron Artest will be welcomed back to the Indiana Pacers and Shaquille O'Neal will get a firsthand look at the changes made to two-fifths of Miami's starting lineup.

Sprewell, after turning down a three-year, $21 million extension last season from Minnesota, is still looking to find a team able to pay him a salary above $5 million. His agent, Robert Gist, said he is trying to facilitate a sign-and-trade deal that would bring the Timberwolves a small forward in return.

"This is not about anyone doing Latrell a favor, it's about the Timberwolves finding a way to get a player they need," Gist said.

Wolves vice president Kevin Mchale did not immediately return a call seeking comment. Garry, a restricted free agent whose future has been clouded by heart problems, has received a one-year qualifying offer from the Bulls which expires Oct. 1. Chicago has the right to match any offer the 22-year-old receives for the upcoming season, but the four-year veteran would become an unrestricted free agent next summer if he accepts the qualifying offer.

There were rumors last week that the Celtics and Denver Nuggets had discussed a swap of Pierce for Andre Miller and Nene, but Ainge said the report was unfounded.

"I have no plans to trade Paul Pierce," Ainge said in a telephone interview.

Speculation surrounding Pierce's future comes after a summer in which nearly all of last season's 16 playoff teams made significant moves aimed at improving in the short term. I think the summer has been proactive, but I don't think it's been all that much different from other summers that have had extensive player movement," said Spurs general manager R.C. Buford.

The Spurs bolstered their bench by adding veteran guard Nick Van Exel and Argentine center Fabricio Oberto, an Olympic teammate of Manu Ginobili. But their biggest coup of the offseason was beating out the Suns, Heat and Pistons for Finley.

Dallas waived the 10-year veteran under a one-time amnesty provision under the new six-year labor agreement agreed to in July. The move will bring Mavericks owner Mark Cuban approximately $90 million in cash savings over the next three years.

"The template for success in the NBA changed from the Portland model of 1999-2000, when I got to the league, to the Detroit, San Antonio, Miami model," Cuban wrote earlier this summer in his Web log. "Although we have succeeded on the court to the point of five straight 50-plus win seasons, we certainly didn't do it 'the best way.' We did it the most expensive way. It cost us flexibility and created lots of bad habits. That was my mistake, and it ended up costing us Mike (Finley)."

The Detroit Pistons, coming off their Game 7 loss to San Antonio in the NBA Finals, hired Flip Saunders to replace Brown and added Dale Davis to an established veteran front line.

Miami lost starters Eddie Jones and Dajon Holmes but added Antoine Walker, Jason Williams and James Posey. Heat coach Stan Van Gundy will open camp with some uncertainty surrounding him, a slow start to the regular season likely to speed up speculation over Pat Riley's possible return to the sidelines.

"I got to the league, to the NBA, to the NBA model," Cuban wrote earlier this summer in his Web log. "I got to the league, to the NBA, to the NBA model, to the NBA business and it ended up costing us Mike (Finley). It cost us a lot."

Although we have succeeded on the court to the point of five straight 50-plus win seasons, we certainly didn't do it 'the best way.' We did it the most expensive way. It cost us flexibility and created lots of bad habits. That was my mistake, and it ended up costing us Mike (Finley)."
Catholic Q&A

Why do Catholics genuflect?

I didn't grow up Catholic. The first time I ever attended a Catholic Mass with some high school friends, I still remember my embarrassment when I had no idea what the bowl of water by door were all about (we'll save that for another edition), and 2) as I was gawking about at the interior of the church, I nearly tripped over my friend and her dad as they genuflected in the aisle before entering the pew. Thus, my first exposure to the Catholic practice of genuflection!

So what is it, why do we do it, and where is it appropriate to do so? The word genuflect comes from the Latin genu ("knee") and facere ("to bend"). Genuflection, more than any more habitual action, is first and foremost an act of worship directed towards the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, whether reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in a monstrance (as in Eucharistic Adoration). Its origins come from medieval times (if not earlier), when folks would go down on one knee to show honor and respect towards a king. The Church modified this custom for her own use, believing that if one is willing to genuflect towards an earthly king, then how much more should one show honor, esteem, and love towards the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, physically present in the Blessed Sacrament.

As for practicality, one should only genuflect on the right knee towards the tabernacle or monstrance, and then only when the Blessed Sacrament is present (as indicated by the lit red sanctuary light next to the tabernacle). Genuflection is reserved for Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist, so whether that might be, that's the direction in which you genuflect.

Normally, one would genuflect by entering the church or chapel, upon leaving your place, and anytime you pass in front of the tabernacle for any reason. A bow is traditionally used to honor the altar, as it is represented as the place of sacrifice and the seat of the Last Supper. If the tabernacle and altar are both in the sanctuary of the church (as in the Basilica), a genuflection towards the tabernacle is in all that is required. If they are separated (as in some hall chapels), one genuflects towards the tabernacle and then bows towards the altar. Though a right knee should not always be used (it is impossible) genuflecting on the left knee, interestingly, is the traditional action when greeting the pope or a bishop, usually accompanied by a kiss of his fisherman's ring.

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you have the respect of the other teams. I just think that we competed, and the confidence that we gained by playing really good teams is one of the best things about last weekend."

Along with the high ranking, the Irish have another reward—a place in the Notre Dame record books.

The Irish became the second-highest ranked Notre Dame volleyball team ever behind the 1995 team which reached No. 7. The 11-spot ascension was the largest by any school in AVCA poll history. No team in the 24-year span of the poll had risen more than 10 spots previously, which Brigham Young did in 1996.

The Irish win against the Trojans and the Gators marked the first time in program history Notre Dame defeated a pair of top-10 teams in the same weekend. "Our coaches had been telling us all week that we could play with these teams, and we could beat these teams," Tarutis said. "We had a small taste of it on Friday, the Irish didn't start out well against the Trojans. They dropped the first game. Brown thought her team might have been trying too hard. After a week of preparation for what was one of the strongest regular-season tournaments in the nation, the Irish came out flat USC took it to them. The experienced Trojans — winners of two of the past three national titles — looked like the powerhouse they always are.

The Rally at the Alamodome, the site of this year's volleyball Final Four, was supposed to have a Final Four atmosphere. Instead, it was quiet. Not many fans came. And the Irish looked lethargic. "Very, very different," Brown said of the atmosphere. "We talked about it a little bit. It was the Alamodome, so it was a really big, huge venue, and there weren't a lot of people. Then, the Irish showed why they are now a top-10 squad. When there wasn't excitement or energy, they created it themselves. "So any energy or momentum had to be created by us," Brown said. "Then throughout the rest of the weekend we won nine in a row. The fact that even if we got down by 3 or 4 points, we could find a way to fight back and get the points back. At the end of the game, I think we finished really strong in terms of executing and keeping composure."

From there Notre Dame was itself again. Once again, Lauren Brewster won a tournament MVP. The Big East player of the week for the second week in a row, Brewster won the Lone Star Rally's MVP award, which was announced Sunday night. She won the same award in The Inn at Saint Mary's Invitational. On Monday, the Irish got a well-earned break but were back to work Tuesday, preparing for a weekend trip to College Station, Texas to take on Tulane (1-0) and LSU (8-1). The two matches were originally scheduled to take place in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl Classic, but because of Hurricane Katrina they have been moved to Tulane's temporary home at Texas A&M.

While this weekend's rendezvous has switched locations, the teams and the goals remain the same, though there is an added sentiment for both the Green Wave and the Tigers. Players on both teams — especially Tulane, whose campus was destroyed by the hurricane — are from New Orleans or the Gulf Coast and have family members missing and homes washed away. These teams have more than a win to play for.

LSU has played several matches since the hurricane, but Tulane has yet to see the court since Aug. 26. The Green Wave has had six matches cancelled. This weekend will serve as a catharsis of sorts for both Louisiana teams. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Irish is to avoid getting caught up in the emotions — to just play.

Before the USC match, Notre Dame took a different approach than usual. Rather than hooting and hollering, they just warmed up. Now, when there's no excitement, the Irish will know what to do. They'll scream, jump up and down, lay out for digs. They are the creators, and it's up to them to keep the momentum going.

They have cracked the top 10 for the first time since 1995, and they plan to keep climbing to stir up some more rankings.

After being told all last week they could compete with the crème de la crème, they finally are the crème.

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The Rally at the Alamodome, so it was a really big, huge venue, and there weren't a lot of people.
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Notre Dame defense shut down the high-flying Michigan offense to the tune of only 10 total points allowed — and silences a Big House crowd of over 110,000 in the process — Weis pointed to Wooden as the most notable defensive player.

"The one guy who I have to single out above all the other players was Ambrose Wooden for those couple of touchdown tackles," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. "He made the one on the 1-yard line which ended up turning into no points, and he also made the one on the 50-yard line, which might have been a touchdown, as well.

After all the talk this fall about the importance of every player on defense flying to the ball, for Wooden, the effort was second nature.

"You've just got to pursue, you never know what can happen," Wooden said. "Everyone thought they were going to score. You've just got to run to the ball. You never know what play will decide a game."

But the player that caught up to and knocked Michigan receiver Jason Avant out of bounds just inches before the goal line, setting the scene for a pivotal Wolverine turnover two plays later, wasn't sure he'd even be on the field — let alone changing down Wolverine receivers to preserve an upset bid — just a few months ago.

Despite missing spring practice, Wooden's work ethic during training camp provided him with the key that ultimately unlocked the door to the starting cornerback job opposite veteran Mike Richardson and the chance to make game-changing plays like those in Ann Arbor.

"He was out there working through some of our individual drills (in spring practice), but he really had no work in our defensive package," Irish defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "But when he came back and we started training camp, he, from the very first minute, was very focused on what he was doing, and he challenged for that starting spot from the very first day. He let everybody see that this guy was coming to work.

"But as much as his own hard work has contributed to both him and the defensive unit's early-season success, Wooden points to the deep coaching staff as instrumental in his quick development.

"I've learned so much just from (Lewis), specifically, but also the whole coaching staff," Wooden said.

"Just little things — each coach has some aspect of knowledge that they can give you, like tackling or playing the deep ball better. Someone is always there trying to make you that much better of a player.

"And in a position where mistakes are magnified, when they do happen, the coaching staff's ability to help the players recognize their flaws can make all the difference.

"When you get beat deep, Coach Lewis and our assistant defensive backs coach (Bill) Polian all are right there to tell you exactly what you did wrong," Wooden said.

"(Lewis) probably wasn't watching, but he could tell you exactly what you did at the line to get yourself in that position, that's how well he's gotta to know us."

As far and as quickly as he has come over the past half-year, Wooden realizes his development has only just begun.

"I'm surprised that I jumped in so fast, but I've got a lot to learn," he said.

"I've got a lot of ways to go, and I'm just going to keep working hard to try to do the best that I can."

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FOOTBALL

No backing out of bet for Brady

Irish coach Charlie Weis talks at his press conference after Notre Dame's 42-21 win over Pittsburgh Sept. 3.

Squad views film of poor plays by Irish in past MSU games

By MATT PUGLISI
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis was informed at Wednesday night's press conference that former Michigan and current Patriot quarterback Tom Brady had, in fact, come through on his agreement to wear a Notre Dame hat in honor of the 17-10 Irish victory over the Wolverines Sunday at the Big House.

While Brady only wore the hat — backwards — for 20 seconds before tossing it to the ground during a Patriot press conference, Weis was anxious to see the visuals.

"Did we get a picture of that?" Weis said. "Is it online yet?"

Get the picture

After watching both high and lowlights from previous Notre Dame-Michigan games prior to battling the Wolverines, Weis used a different approach for Saturday's home opener against Michigan State. The Spartans have won four consecutive games at Notre Dame Stadium and 11 overall — the most by any Irish opponent.

"We watched a 15-minute tape yesterday that I had made from NBC broadcasts from the last four times here," Weis said.

"It was four games worth of all had. I didn't have to say too much to them, because after 15 minutes of watching that tape, pictures tell better than words. There were a number of reasons that Michigan State has won the last four games here. It was ugly."

Home field advantage

-After opening the season with a pair of road games, the Irish finally return home for the first time in 2005. After a mediocre 3-3 home record last year, Weis hopes the Irish can return to the days when a game at Notre Dame Stadium almost always meant a victory.

-You need to, as a team, develop a temperament," Weis said. "I don't get into that "This is our house" and all those commercials, but you need to develop a temperament that you're not going to lose when you're playing at home. I don't think that temperament exists at this point until we start playing games.

-I'm hoping when this is all said and done, we have established a 'I'm Irish when this happens' that you're going to have to be awkwardly good to beat us at our place."

Practice makes perfect

-While all coaches emphasize the importance of practice, Weis takes it to a new level. "Practice! has a very big correlation to how you play," Weis said. "That's one of the things that's different than people understand — the way the staff coaches, it's very important that you take it from the practice field to the game field.

"I don't believe that you just show up on game day and play. You know that saying, 'He's a practice player,' he's a 'better at practice.' I don't believe that philosophically. I believe that you practice hard and you prepare to play and practice has a direct correlation to actually playing in the game."

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Olivet finished No. 8 in the nine-team MIAA in 2004, and the team has compiled a 2-5 record so far this year. The struggling Cougars still man-
aged to beat the Belles in five games.
"We were disappointed, but more at ourselves for not play-
ing up to what we know we can do," Schroeder-Biek said of the defeat.
Schroeder-Biek said she saw several problems in the Olivet match that need to be addressed before taking on Concordia. Poor service reception has plagued the Belles all season long, and it killed the team Tuesday. Something perhaps less visibly lacking in Saint Mary's performance bothered the coach even more
"Inconsistent intensity." "We have the ability and that's the frustrating part," Schroeder-Biek said. "The ability is there. It's just strengthening ourselves, strengthening our drive to win, and just coming out mentally prepared to do so."
Despite the team's recent troubles and the lack of famil-
arily with Concordia, Schroeder-Biek feels good about the Belles' chances Thursday. The coach has the team focusing solely on what it must to do secure a win.
"I do feel confident," Schroeder-Biek said. "I believe in my player's abilities. I really strongly do. Whoever our opponent is – good, bad, ugly, whatever – I really just want us to focus on how we step onto that court."

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SMC Golf
Olivet can't keep up with Belles

By JUSTIN BELTZ
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's may have been wondering what to expect from itself, after two disappointing fin-
lishes against powerful Division I
competition.
Its performance on Wednesday at the Thornapple Pointe Golf Club might have erased some of the doubt they may have had.
The Belles carded a 332 compos-
ite score and a seven-stroke victo-
ry over rival Olivet in the Calvin
College Invitational. Hope, Albion and Kalamazoo rounded out the tournament's top-five.
Megan Mattia led the way for the Belles, as she has done all season. She fired a 79, good enough for co-medalist honors with Elizabeth Kreger of Albion. The 79 was Mattia's best round of the year, topping the 81 she shot in the final round of Ferris State's Bulldog Invitational two weeks ago.
"Individually I just want to play really well," Mattia said. "One of my goals this year is to make first-team all-conference, and to do that I just have to keep improving and score well."
If Mattia continues to play this well, her goal of making the all-
MIAA squad could be realized. And she could be joined by several other Belles.
Co-captain Kirsten Fantom carded an 82, good enough for a tie for third, right behind Mattia and her fellow co-medalist Kreger.
Sophomore Katie O'Brien also ended up on the final leader board, shooting an 84, putting her in a tie for 10th. The Belles strong performance yesterday will give them a leg up on the rest of the conference as the teams jockey for position on the MIAA champi-
onship. The champion is determined by the three jamborees — out-
ings hosted by the individual col-
leges, and then the two-day con-
ference tournament. Obtaining a large lead, such as the seven-
stroke advantage that the Belles now possess, will prove im-
portant down the stretch.
The Belles will be traveling to Normal, Ill. this weekend for the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational, a non-sanctioned event.
The team returns to MIAA action next Tuesday as it heads to Olivet for the second MIAA outing.
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"One of my goals this year is to make first-team all conference." Megan Mattia Belles golfer

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have too many choices, but that's OK as long as you try to do your very best. Follow your heart and intution. You can make a strong statement that will make people take notice. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Money and health concerns should be when you put your efforts today. The more you can do to resolve such matters, the more likely you will benefit from them. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be resourceful if you want to stay in front of the competition. Someone from your past may have knowledge that will help you. You are likely to be deceived by a partner. ****

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is likely to be a rather emotional day for you. You've neglected the people most important in your life. It will be OK to share aalmongst friends. An investment opportunity will be enticing. ****

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SPORTS

Thursday, September 15, 2005

FOOTBALL

'Unknown' Unveiled

Cornerback pleasant surprise as defense flourishes for Irish

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

During spring football last April, Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden was forced to watch as his teammates strapped on the pads and took the field. He missed the opportunity to leave an impression on the coaching staff.

Now, as the Irish prepare for their third game of the season against Michigan State, Wooden is himself a very pleasant surprise.

Wooden never had the opportunity to strap on the pads and off the field. He was sidelined for the entire 2004 season while recovering from injury. The Michigan native and former athlete at York Catholic High School in Altoona, Iowa, missed 10 of Notre Dame’s 11 games. He was limited to playing in the team’s first two scrimmages this spring, but had barely practiced with the second team before being sidelined with a meniscus tear.

While Wooden had a quick recovery from the injury, he was not ready to return to the field until August.

In a contest that saw the Irish cornerbacks rank second on the team with 15 solo tackles.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Confidence slow to show for squad

Schroeder-Biek eager for team to play up to potential on road trip

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Julie Schroeder-Biek wishes her players could see what she can see.

The coach’s Saint Mary’s volleyball team has been struggling. Tuesday’s home loss to Olivet dropped the Belles’ record to 4-7, but Schroeder-Biek said she knows her team can turn things around. The coach just needs her players to start thinking the same way.

“I believe that they can do it,” Schroeder-Biek said. “I am very confident in them. I just wish they had the same confidence in themselves that I have in them.”

Saint Mary’s will have its first opportunity to right the ship Thursday, as the team travels to River Forest, Ill. to take on Concordia. Concordia is off to an even slower start than the Belles are this season, crawling to a record of 2-7.

Schroeder-Biek does not know what to expect from the Cougars. Saint Mary’s has not played the school in recent years, and the coaches have not yet seen Concordia play.

The Belles are not worried about the uncertainty surrounding their opponent heading into the match, though.

“We don’t really know a whole lot about them, and that’s fine with me,” Schroeder-Biek said. “I’m ready to go into this with us setting the standard and us playing our best game. And not being concerned about what our opponent is like.”

Tuesday’s loss was particularly worrying for Saint Mary’s because they were fully aware of the quality of their opponents.

SMC GOLF

Saint Mary’s sprints away with Calvin College Invite by seven-stroke margin.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish stock soaring after tourney

Marquee wins propel Notre Dame up polls, give team confidence

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

After telling themselves all week they could hang with the crème de la crème of the volleyball world, the Irish (6-0) found out they could do more than just hang — they could win.

They became part of the nation’s cream of the crop at the University of Texas-San Antonio’s Dome Rally, whipping up such an impressive weekend, they shot up the rankings — faster than any team in the history of the poll.

Notre Dame jumped 11 spots in the American Volleyball Coaches’ Association Top 25, from No. 19 to No. 8, with weekend victories over then No. 8 Southern Cal, Oklahoma and then No. 6 Florida. After the three matches, the Irish were the sole unbeaten squad at the rally.

“It’s amazing,” sophomore setter Ashley Tatulis said. “This weekend was the first time we’ve all played really well together, and it was really exciting to be rewarded with a No. 8 ranking after finally combining all of our skills.”

Coach Debbie Brown said she was pleased to get the recognition but acknowledged there are more important things that came from last weekend.

“I’m actually more proud of the way that we played,” she said. “I think the rankings aren’t anything that we really have control over. We do want to be a top 10 program, so I’m not going to say that doesn’t mean anything.

“It’s a good feeling to know that,” Brown said.

SMC SOCCER

Britons blanked by Belles

Hinton’s goal keys home-opening shutout of Albion

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The win could not have come at a better time for the Saint Mary’s soccer team as the Belles kicked off their home opener with a 2-0 defeat of the Albion Britons Wednesday.

After completing a four-game road trip on which the Belles finished 1-3, the Belles pressured the Albion defense consistently throughout the first half, but Albion held strong. The breakthrough finally came with 16:29 remaining in the game.

The Belles finished 1-3, the Albion Britons 0-4.

“With the win we have our confidence going into conference play,” said Britons head coach, Ted Hinton.

Hinton said the Belles have a lot of work to do to improve on the road, and that the game was a good test to get ready for conference play.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC GOLF

Saint Mary’s sprints away with Calvin College Invite by seven-stroke margin.

FOOTBALL

Patriots’ quarterback Tom Brady makes good on bet with ex-coach Charlie Weis.

NBA

New Orleans Hornets search for a temporary arena in wake of Hurricane Katrina.

NHL

Star Penguins’ rookie Sidney Crosby raises a stir as practice begins in Pittsburgh.

MLB — NL

Houston 10
Florida 2
Roger Clemens gets 12th win after death of mother in morning.

MLB — AL

Cleveland 6
Oakland 4
Indians maintain 2 1/2 game wild-card lead over Yankees.