Football parking options reduced

Summer construction eliminates 1,700 spots for tailgaters; shuttles will transport

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The tens of thousands of football fans expected for Saturday's game will be greeted by 1,700 fewer parking spaces for their vehicles than in past years. After a summer of campus construction, a major four-lane roadway — Edison Road — now runs through Blue Field south, a favorite spot for tailgaters that held about 1,700 vehicles. Blue Field south, also home to soccer fields, was located just south of Edison Road. As a result, fans hoping to park there on Saturday will be encouraged to park in White Field north, located north of Douglas Road and west of Juniper Road.

"We're providing plenty of parking areas in White Field north," said Phil Johnson, see PARKING/page 4

ND, SMC seek money to grow

ND eager to build new residence halls

By MADIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The recent trends of forced freshman triples and crowded converted study lounges will likely soon become a chapter in Notre Dame's residence hall history, as a capital campaign will begin in 2006 to raise money for building new dorms, University officials said. Construction on the four proposed halls, to be located east of Knott and Pasquerilla East after the closing of Juniper Road, will depend on how quickly the University finds a benefactor willing to underwrite the project, Vice President of Student Affairs Patriciann Poemans said.

"It's difficult to predict when hall construction will start," Poemans said. "Given the current overcrowding, it is my hope that we will begin con-

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Construction at SMC will wait for funding

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Following a nearly eight-year period of development that saw Saint Mary's build a new dining hall, student center, on-campus apartments and other improvements, the College has halted all remaining construction on its Master Plan until it can raise more funding, officials said.

"Saint Mary's will not break ground on new projects — which range from a new classroom building and multipurpose center to a second on-campus apartment complex — until 100 percent of costs are pledged and 75 percent are held in cash," said Laurie Stickelmaier, vice president for finance and administration.

"While we are happy with the results of the Master Plan, we will not break ground on projects until costs are committed and funds are available," Stickelmaier said. (see PLAN/page 9)

The Shirt provokes controversy

Students, alumni debate importance

By MADIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

A big question that has provoked anticipation, suspense and speculation will be answered Saturday — and it's not about the football team's performance.

It's about what students will be wearing in the stands at the Irish home opener. Although this year's Shirt sales are stronger than the charity, named after the Weis' daughter Hannah, who was born with global development delays. While LiveStrong guarantees 100 percent of its proceeds will benefit cancer research, the package of the Hannah and Friends wristband indicates that only a portion of the $2 purchase will benefit the Hannah and Friends Foundation.

Hannah and Friends executive director Kevin Kaplan said that about 2,000 wristbands had been sold. The group has raised $20,000 for cancer research. (see BANDS/page 9)

Weis fund wristbands popular, help unsure

By JACK THORNTON
New Writer

Following a trend first popularized by Lance Armstrong's LiveStrong Campaign, the gold wristbands created to raise money and awareness for Hannah and Friends — the nonprofit foundation formed by football coach Charlie Weis and his wife Maura — are rising in campus exposure.

But ambiguity remains about just how much of the wristbands' cost goes directly to the

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INSIDE COLUMN

College: a box of...

Brace yourself for another freshman writing about his/ her first few weeks of college. Don't worry — I promise it won't be boring. I'll admit it's a bizarre column. However, if you may find it uplifting...

Back in the 70s, when my dad roamed the great campus of ears, there existed a few twisted individuals. You see, these two guys really didn't like a kid down the hall from them. To imagine the amount of animosity that must have existed between these people would be like sympathizing with Jesus' pain on the cross — it's impossible.

Christmas break rolls around, and what do these chaps send their enemy on the day Jesus was born? A box of fecal smells. Have you guessed what this magnificent gift is?

It's a bizarre column. However, you may find it uplifting. Peter Ninneman

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are you doing to get ready for Saturday's game?

RICK LOESING
sophomore
Stanford

"Looking for this Mike Hopkins character"

MATT SMITH
sophomore
St. Ed's

"Looking for a shirt that isn't the color (yellow)."

CLAIRE MURPHY
sophomore
PE

"Avoiding the power-tripping SPDP.

MOSER JAMES POPPER
sophomore
Keenan

"Crossing my fingers and practicing with the marching band.

BRIAN CAMUS
sophomore
Stanford

"Working at Burger King."

IN BRIEF

The football pep rally will be held today at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Doors will open at 5:15.

Fiddler's Hearth is hosting a "halway to St. Patrick's Day" Irish Fest today through Sept. 23 to raise money for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Irish bands The Springs, The Bardic Apostles, The Fenians, Traída, Brock McCallan and local band Kennedy's Kitchen will perform. Fiddler's Hearth is located in downtown South Bend at 127 N. Main. For tickets and information, call 232-2853.

The fifth annual Saturday Scholar Series will begin at 3:30 p.m. this Saturday in the Hesburgh Center. History professor Linda Przybylskowska will give a lecture entitled "Catholics, Consciences and the Constitution."

Flipside will be showing the movie "Rudy" at 9 p.m. today on North Quad.

"The Longest Yard" will be shown in 101 DeBartolo Hall on Saturday at 4:20 p.m. and 7:30. Admission is $3.

Hammes Mowry Hall, the new home of Notre Dame Security/Police and the Notre Dame Post Office, will be dedicated at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will offer a blessing, just as he did at the dedication decades ago of the bookstore that was located on the South Quad from 1955 to 1999.

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

OFFBEAT

Sheep star in online reality show

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) - Croatia has launched a new reality show on the Internet, starring sheep instead of people.

The winner of the 10-day Stado (herd) show, which closes on Sept. 17, will receive poetry in honor instead of money.

Those voted out of the seven-member herd might be eaten, the Vecernji List reported Wednesday.

The show can be followed 24 hours a day on a website www.stado.org, where visitors can see how the sheep feed and interact with each other. They can then choose which sheep to vote out.

The show drew anger from human rights groups who reported animal abuse to local veterinary inspectors.

Principal chaquee streaker in gorilla mask

UNION SPRINGS, N.Y. — A 17-year-old student was arrested for streaking through his high school's store that was located on the South Quad from 1955 to 1999.

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FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Dillion representative "Crackhead" smashes a plate over his head at the dorm's annual pep rally Thursday. The event, which ended early due to inclement weather, featured original skits and appearances by football coach Charlie Weis and quarterback Brady Quinn.

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY      TONIGHT      SATURDAY      SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY

HIGH 77     HIGH 61     HIGH 78     HIGH 80     HIGH 84     HIGH 83
LOW 55      LOW 54     LOW 57      LOW 60      LOW 64      LOW 60

Atlanta 89 / 65 Boston 76 / 60 Chicago 76 / 54 Denver 80 / 50 Houston 92 / 76 Los Angeles 75 / 60 Minneapolis 78 / 58 New York 78 / 64 Philadelphia 80 / 64 Phoenix 101 / 79 Seattle 64 / 50 St. Louis 78 / 58 Tampa 90 / 76 Washington 80 / 64
Stadium will host relief effort
Students prepare to collect Katrina donations during football game

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame’s largest Hurricane Katrina relief effort will take place Saturday during the highly anticipated first home football game of the season.

Between the first and second quarters of the Michigan State game, student volunteers will dispense throughout the stadium, pass around buckets and collect donations from the more than 80,000 fans, said Aly Baumgartner, student coordinator of the Stadium Collection.

Since Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, the Notre Dame community has come together to aid relief efforts. In the days following the tragedy, the Center for Social Concerns hosted various aid events, a student government-run table in Lafortune collected donations and individual dorms collected money from student residents.

“The willingness of the Notre Dame student body to come to the aid of those in need is readily apparent,” student body president Dave Baron said.

The Stadium Collection is the most sizable Katrina event organized by the University, reaching beyond Notre Dame’s staff and students and extending to alumni and other fans.

Discussion for the Stadium Collection began in the University’s administrative circles, but it became apparent that the student body had the numbers to execute such an event. Student Government took over the collection, calling for and training student volunteers to partake in the massive effort, Baumgartner said.

Baumgartner said the response from students has been tremendous. Approximately 350 student volunteers were needed to successfully collect from the stadium, and nearly 475 offered their help.

Volunteers attended a short informational session earlier this week to learn details of their job, Baumgartner said. On Saturday, volunteers will wear bright red T-shirts and proceed to their assigned rows shortly before the end of the first quarter. The collection will proceed only between the first and second quarters, and the money will then be taken to the Notre Dame Security/Police Building to be sorted and counted.

Organizers hope the total will be announced before the end of the game.

Baumgartner said a similar Stadium Collection took place after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and raised nearly $275,000. Student government hopes the crowd at Saturday’s game gives as generously as it did four years ago.

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A student volunteer collected aid for hurricane victims Tuesday. The largest relief effort will take place Saturday’s game.

Saint Mary’s reduces spending, cuts deficit

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

After facing a budget deficit of $1.5 million at the beginning of the 2004-05 school year, Saint Mary’s has reduced expenditures to cut the deficit to less than $750,000.

Through a reduction in spending and the implementation of a four percent tuition increase between the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years, the College has managed to decrease its deficit by more than 50 percent.

Laurie Stickelmaier, vice president of finance and administration, said two issues could be targeted as sources of the budget deficit. The College’s troubles began when the actual enrollment in the class of 2008 fell 51 students short of their projected goal — which resulted in a $1 million loss. The second problem for the College was the general increase in the operating costs.

“The College’s financial foundation is very sound. This is a revenue expense problem, it is not a foundational problem,” Stickelmaier said.

By carefully monitoring expenses, it was estimated that the College could be back on track financially within two years.

Stickelmaier said new initiatives, positions, equipment purchases and smaller less critical repairs and renovations have been postponed until funding is more sufficient.

“The College has generous employee benefits and some of these have been decreased, but great care has been taken to maintain academic programs,” Stickelmaier said.

The College hopes to minimize the debt to $500,000 for the 2006 school year and, barring any costly surprises, is anticipating a balanced budget by the 2007 fiscal year.

This year’s freshman class of 375 students met the target enrollment goal, and the College hopes to enroll 400 students at the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

“It will take several years for the smaller classes to work their way through the enrollment cycle to be replaced by larger classes,” Stickelmaier said. “Saint Mary’s still anticipates tight budgets for the next two to three years.”

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Fremantle, Australia

Information Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005
5:30-7:00 PM
Room 141 DeBartolo

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Apply On-line: wwww.nd.edu/~intlstdt
Parking

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assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Policing. "And we will run a shuttle from there to the library. We have adequate room for anyone who wants to park on campus." Student tailgating areas have also been relocated. This year tailgaters will be in Blue Field north, located north of Edison Road and east of the fish bowl baseball stadium.

Despite predictions that there would be 1500 vehicles on campus this weekend, Johnson said the campus would still be able to accommodate everyone.

"They have always had excess capacity in [White Field north]," Johnson said. "We're confident we can provide all the replacement parking spaces that we lost on the south side of campus." Johnson hopes some fans will park at off-campus hotels.

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With Dan Meyer filling the new administrative position of vice president for enrollment — that improvements in admissions would continue in the coming years.

"Mr. Meyer only joined our community a few months ago, however, so he has already made his presence on campus and his desire for student input known by coming to introduce himself to our Board of Governance and asking for suggestions to help him refine his position," Mitros said.

One of her main campaign platform issues is a new safety plan competitions slated to take place later this fall.

Sponsored by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, the hour-long panel discussion featured entrepreneurs and venture capitalists — two primary groups involved in business deal-making — debating back-and-forth on the topics of perseverance it takes to push a new idea past skeptical investors, and that hard work is the only recipe for substantive results.

If people are telling you your business plan is a good idea, it's probably too late," he said.

"I think the best advice that I can give people is to start thinking about what is the business that we are in," Mendoza said.

Tim Connors
US Venture Partners

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Milošević’s wife misses trial

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A judge ordered the arrest Thursday of the wife of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milošević for failing to attend her corruption trial in Belgrade.

Mirjana Marković, who was often accused of being the power behind the scenes during her husband’s autocratic rule in the 1990s, has been in self-imposed exile in Russia since 2003.

A previous arrest warrant was revoked in June after her lawyer, Zdenko Tomić, promised she would attend the hearing.

"Since Mirjana Marković failed to appear in court, this chamber has no choice but to issue an order for an arrest warrant against her," Judge Sinisa Sofronевич said.

Iran’s president willing to give info

NEW ORLEANS — Faced with the nation’s costliest natural disaster, President Bush on Thursday assembled a unprecedented package of housing, health care, job assistance and education for hundreds of thousands of Gulf Coast residents thrown into misery by Hurricane Katrina.

To try making up for a flawed response to the hurricane that embarrassed his administration, Bush was to announce a recovery plan in a nationally broadcast speech from Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter. Therein, in the famed city, workers were still pumping out flooded neighborhoods and collecting bodies left behind in the frantic evacuation.

Bush was not expected to put a price tag on the disaster but costs are said to remain high to climb to $200 billion or beyond in the near term. The final tab could approach the more than $500 billion spent thus far on U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress already has agreed to $62 billion for the disaster, but that is expected to run out next month.

Bush faced the nation at a vulnerable point in his presidency. Most Americans disagree of his handling of Katrina, and his job approval rating has dropped into the 30s. He faces the lowest point of his presidency also because of dissatisfaction with the Iraq war and rising gas prices. The struggle to demonstrate the same take-charge leadership displayed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks four years ago, but Republicans fret that he waited too long to address the nation with reassurance.

After denying charges that blacks and poor people were forgotten in the search and recovery efforts, Bush planned to promise that needy people would get special attention in the reconstruction, officials said.

Black Americans have been particularly angered by the government response to the disaster, with an overwhelming majority telling pollsters they believe help would have come quicker if so many of the people stranded were not poor and black.

President Bush is pledging to build "a stronger and better New Orleans, and stronger and better communities throughout the Gulf Coast" and talking about the need to act boldly to address "a long history of injustice that has led to poverty and inequality," said press secretary Scott McClellan.

"It’s a long history and it’s not something we’re going to overcome instantly," the administration has promised to reimburse states for the costs incurred in housing hurricane evacuees. Texas alone has taken in an estimated 250,000 refugees from the flooding, an overwhelming majority of whom are believed to qualify for Medicaid.

Bush was expected to call for legislation that would provide job training, education, housing, small business help and health care, McClellan said. The president also announced an agency’s relief efforts to encourage businesses to stay in the devastated region, said a Republican official who was consulted but wanted to remain anonymous because Bush had yet to deliver the speech.

Polls show Americans are willing to pay to rebuild New Orleans. Conservatives, worried about the soaring budget deficit, are pressuring the White House to limit federal spending to real emergency needs and to offset the costs elsewhere in the budget.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Bush assembles assistance package

U.S. Navy Seabees tear through a plywood floor as they take part in the restoration of Hope Haven, a children’s abuse shelter in Waveland, Miss., destroyed by the hurricane.

**FOREIGN MINISTERS HOLD RARE PUBLIC MEETING**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Israel's withdrawal from Gaza yields immediate returns on the world stage Thursday: praise from Qatar and an unusual meeting between the Arab emirate's foreign minister and his Israeli counterpart.

The meeting, on the sidelines of the U.N. summit, was described as a first step in efforts to narrow the gap between the two nations.

There was the expected diplomatic reward for Israel's ending its 38-year occupation of the Gaza Strip — the Jewish state's first-ever evacuation of territory the Palestinians claim for a future state. The Israeli foreign minister has already met with his counterparts from two major Muslim countries, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Arab countries like Qatar are encouraging efforts toward a new peace process as a way to ease the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and blunt the influence of Islamic militants, who are using discontent about the Palestinians and war in Iraq to stir up unrest.

There will be limits, however, to the diplomatic payoff. Muslim nations expect major strides from Israel on the peacemaking front — if not the establishment of a Palestinian state — before committing to warmer ties.

Qatar is a close U.S. ally in the Persian Gulf and home to the U.S. Central Command's forward operations in the Middle East.

The emirate's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Hamad bin Jasim bin Jaber Al Thani, said it was possible to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel before the formation of an independent Palestinian state.

"It could happen," he told reporters before heading into the closed meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom. "But we need to see a timetable — how we will start the peace process and how we will end."
New professors adjust to teaching students

Special to The Observer

On Aug. 23, Notre Dame freshmen stepped into their first classes at the University, symbolically marking the right of passage from high school to college that has been in the making for years.

But another group new to campus experienced different first day of school rites — they just got you when you’re the one going in the direction of the halls.

After unpacking boxes to constructing courses, new faculty at Notre Dame face the same number of adjustments as the students they teach.

“It’s been a huge relief to have all the planning process,” Firth said. “I think that’s something people who have been involved in campus planning have really taken to heart.”

Firth said the “ladder” approach as opposed to senior-only housing would not detract from the intermingling of classes within the halls.

Both Poorman and Firth also mentioned the desire to renovate LaFortune Student Center and the Stupan Center. These plans are even less definite than the ones for the new halls, although Poorman described the two buildings as “priorities” in the upcoming capital campaign.

With the surge of construction on and around the University, the campus road project, Notre Dame Avenue entrance, Guglielmo Family Athletics Center, and Student Health Services will be a part of the project.

Poorman echoed Firth’s sentiment on the number of seniors living off-campus.

“I am a complete believer in our residential system,” Poorman said. “With that said, I understand that on-campus living is not for everyone.”

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Along with the addition of new residence halls for the upcoming fall term, Notre Dame Housing and Residence Life is working at Notre Dame really well,” Firth said.

Poorman noted that the process would be neutralized in the least disruptive manner possible.

“Not all the dorms will be destroyed all at once,” Firth said. “We’re hoping we can do most of what we need to do over the course of a summer. There might be some continuation of the renovation during the academic year — but we’re hoping we can do all of this without having to ask anyone to evacuate, move somewhere else and move back.”

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**IN BRIEF**

**STOCKS nearly still as investors wait**

NEW YORK — Stocks barely moved Thursday as investors wondered whether a waff of weak economic data would end the Federal Reserve's year-long streak of interest rate hikes.

Investors were disheartened with the Philadelphia Federal Reserve's report of a decline in almost every broadly indicator it uses to measure the health of its region's manufacturing.

The readings "suggest little to no growth this month," the report said.

The Labor Department reported lower-than-expected inflation data, but gasoline prices jumped by the largest amount in 2 1/2 years and unemployment filings spiked. Roughly 60,000 Americans filed for unemployment last week due to Hurricane Katrina, the largest increase in recent memory.

Traders huge signs of a weakening economy will cause the Federal Reserve to curb its year-plus streak of interest rate hikes when the central bank's Open Market Committee meets next Tuesday.

"A lot of investors are in a wait-and-see mode until we get the fed behind us next Tuesday," said Arthur Logan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

**Crude in New York ends lower**

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures in New York edged lower Thursday, as concerns about shrinking petroleum demand rivaled the market.

Gold futures surged to their highest levels of the year, fueled by fund buying, traders and analysts said.

The losses crept into the petroleum market as traders shifted their focus to signs of weakening fuel demand and a slowing economy due to high energy prices.

"The market has been on a collision course with the economy, and it's only a matter of time before high prices start to affect it," said Steve Beotal, an analyst for energy consultancy Cameron Hanover in New Canaan, Conn.

Benchmark light, sweet crude oil futures for October settled down 34 cents at $64.75 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

**Merck lawyer reprimanded in case**

Judge in second Vioxx case claims lead attorney violated pretrial instructions

**INVESTIGATORS找到**

Attorney Diane Sullivan looks detected in the courtroom after Judge Carol E. Higbee declined her motion for a mistrial Thursday.

The Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., lawyer Thursday, as he wondered whether "a lot of people who have lost their health care have made a mistake when it found out about the drug cost for the drug".

"We're not going to allow that," the report said.

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**Merck lawyer reprimanded in case**

Judge in second Vioxx case claims lead attorney violated pretrial instructions

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Attorney Diane Sullivan looks detected in the courtroom after Judge Carol E. Higbee declined her motion for a mistrial Thursday.

The Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., lawyer Thursday, as he wondered whether "a lot of people who have lost their health care have made a mistake when it found out about the drug cost for the drug".

"We're not going to allow that," the report said.

The Labor Department reported lower-than-expected inflation data, but gasoline prices jumped by the largest amount in 2 1/2 years and unemployment filings spiked. Roughly 60,000 Americans filed for unemployment last week due to Hurricane Katrina, the largest increase in recent memory.

Traders huge signs of a weakening economy will cause the Federal Reserve to curb its year-plus streak of interest rate hikes when the central bank's Open Market Committee meets next Tuesday.

"A lot of investors are in a wait-and-see mode until we get the fed behind us next Tuesday," said Arthur Logan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

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director of retail operations
Sally Wiatrowski said more
than 54,000 Shirts have been
sold so far — the new gold
color and design has some
fans up in arms.
Following three years of
kelly green Shirts, this year's
model is gold and bears the
words "The Spirit of Notre
dame." The color and design
immediately sparked debate
after The Shirt's unveiling last
spring, and sizeable groups of
students have rebelled by
pledging to continue wearing
green or by creating their own
original gold designs.
"I was absolutely appalled
and dismayed. (The Shirt) was
just bad. We expected some­
thing that would reflect the
students much better," said one
of the two sopho­
omores who has been selling
the "Charlie's Army" T-shirts
doting the campus. He
spoke on the condition of
anonymity because he feared repercus­sions of selling alternative
t-shirts. His shirts, which are gold
and read "Irish Football 2005:
We're Putting the Nasty Back
in Dynasty," are just one
example of the many student-produced alternatives to The Shirt circulating around cam­pus.

The sophomore, who has
dsold about 150 shirts so far by
word of mouth, said alumni
associations have been con­tacting him and requesting
batches of 25 shirts at a time
since he was spotted wearing it on
ESPN's College
gameday at the Notre
Dame-Pittsburgh game. With
Sophomore Taryn
Lewis will also be
selling an alterna­tive
shirt to Saturday's game —
"the one that has
head Irish coach
Charlie Weis' year-
book picture on the back."
Although Lewis has bought
The Shirt — "I don't mind it," she
said — has fallen head
over heels for her new pur­
chase.
"I might wear [The Shirt] to
a couple of games," Lewis
said. "But the 'Bring on the
Nasty' shirt is just too
tempting."
When asked what she would
wear Saturday, senior Katherine
Graziano laughed and said emphati­
cally, "Not The Shirt!"
"I'm just going to
stick to wearing something
green," she said. "I don't really
like the color, and I've
never really been a proponent of
golden shirts."
Sophomore John Lentz saw
The Shirt for the first time at
the Bookstore on Wednesday.
His initial reaction?
"It's not very emascu­
larizing," he said slowly. "Football's a
masculine sport. This ... this
text is too flowery."
Although he will don
a "Charlie's Army" shirt Saturday,
Lentz said he would buy a
Shirt "out of respect for
the school."
For his part, Weis said the
power of the student sec­tion
comes from enthusi­
asm, not
apparel.
"I just want it to be loud. Load is what I'm going to
encourage here in the next 24
hours."
Despite the negative reac­tions, The Shirt — along with the
"Attitude" shirt, a black
tee featuring the eyes of a football player on front and
the words "SMART, DISCI­
PLINED, TOUGH, NASTY" on
back — has been selling very
well, Wiatrowski said.
"With the last two wins, our
Web site has seen a lot of
traffic. We're hoping to exceed
this year's increased sales
and positive feed­
back," Fox said.
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it certainly has taken more
time than planned in the
study to raise the money
needed for the projects," Stickelmaier said.

Approximately $20 million
was raised and spent to
build the student clubhouse,
the welcome center, the
Noble Family dining hall, the
student center and to reno­
vate Regina and McCandless
residence halls, Stickelmaier
said.

"The Master Plan process
began in 1998 and involved
input from all sectors of the
campus community," Stickelmaier said. "Needs for
Saint Mary's College were
determined and means to
meet those needs were pro­
posed. Budgets were estab­
lished and a final plan was
written in late 1999."

Stickelmaier said the goal
of the improvements is to
attract more prospective stu­
dents and to bring Saint
Mary's into the 21st century.
"While we don't have any
empirical data that statisti­
cally proves new facilities
have a positive impact on
recruitment, there is general
acceptance that these types
of changes are an indication
that the institution is moving
forward as it strives for con­
tinual improvements," Stickelmaier said. "We
always felt that these facili­
ties would support the
administration process."

A pamphlet distributed by
the College highlights pro­
posed changes, which range
from a new classroom build­
ing and multi-purpose cen­
ter to refurbishment of the
residence halls. Other planned
changes include the renova­
tion and expansion of Angela
Athletic Facility, an upgrade
of the science hall and the
eventual construction of a
second on-campus
apartment complex. The next
project tackled under the
Master Plan will be construc­
tion of the new
academic building slated
to replace previous plans to
renovate Madeleva Hall, the
College's current academic
building.

"The work on the new aca­
demic building is currently
in the design phase," Stickelmaier said. "We hope
to open the building for
classes in fall of 2008."

Stickelmaier said faculty,
staff and students have been
pleased with the changes
that have taken place in campus.
"I believe the campus com­
miunity has been very sup­
portive of the plan," she
said.

Students like junior Eileen
Boyce appreciate the many
benefits of the new buildings
on campus.

"I love having the student
center to do homework in," Boyce said. "I'm also looking forward to Opus apar­
tment for next year. It will be ex­
iting to see what else is changed in the future."

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be wasn't entirely sure what
portion of the money made from
each wristband directly
supports the charity.

"It really depends because it's
different," Kaplan said. "We
don't actually produce the wrist­
bands, so we don't know how
much they're sold at. A separate
company handles that for us,
but it's different prices based on
how many they buy, that kind of
thing."-

The Hannah and Friends
bracelets are produced by
Forever Collectibles, a sports and
entertainment memorabilia
company based in New
Brunswick, N.J.

"We'll sell [the wristbands] to
the distributor at anywhere
from a dollar to $1.50," said
Carl Bassowitz, a representative for
Forever Collectibles. "Obviously, the higher we can
sell to the distributor, the higher
we can give to the foundation."

According to Bassowitz,
Forever Collectibles does not
profit from the sale.

"We're giving almost all of the
proceeds to charity. What retail­
ers do with [the rest of the
money], I don't know," he said.

Officials at the Hammes Notre
Dame Bookstore, the primary
campus retailer for the wrist­
bands, were unclear as to how
much wristbands sold there
benefit the foundation.

Bookstore manager Sally
Wiatrowski was unable to give
an exact figure.

"You know, I don't know how
much goes to charity," said
Wiatrowski. "It comes to me at a
set price with the proceeds
already built in, so I don't
know."-

The Hannah and Friends
wristbands were started to help
create awareness as well as
generate money for the founda­
tion and South Bend's Logan
Center, which offers programs
and activities for people with
disabilities. Kaplan said.

The Hannah and Friends
organization is "dedicated to
providing a better quality of life
for children and young adults
affected by Autism and global
delays," according to the group's
website.

Freshman Pete Checki bought a
wristband at Meijer the first
day it came out.

"I know it cost $2 [to buy],
but I don't know much of that
goes to charity — maybe 50 per­
cent," he said.

More than 50 percent of a
total sale going to a charity is
valuable, said Jim Paladino,
an assistant director at the Center
for Social Concerns.

"For something like a wrist­
band, that's not bad at all," Paladino said. "Any
direct donation
is going to be better, but the
trade-off is, 'Can you get some­
one to give you $2 and take the
full profit or can you take 75
cents from somebody off the
wristband?'"

As for the Relay For Life pro­
duced LiveStrong wristbands,
whose entire proceeds are
donated to charity, Paladino
explains the best way to mak­
ing up the difference.

"It probably means that the
Relay For Life had the costs for
making the band donated, so the
cost is coming out of one person
or corporation who's making the
wristbands, and not the cus­
tomer," he said.

Kaplan said this was not the
case for the Hannah and Friends
wristbands.

"When somebody buys a
wristband some of the cost goes
to pay for production and the
rest goes to Hannah and Friends," he said.

In fact, many wristbands sold
online only guarantee a 10 per­
cent donation to charity.

Freshman Scott Ogren, who
owns a blue cystic fibrosis
wristband, said wristbands do
more than just raise money.

"The charities are getting
money plus recognition," Ogren said. "People come up to me and
ask what it is and I say cystic
fibrosis and it's good for aware­
ness, because [cystic fibrosis] is not overly well-known."

Ogren had not heard of the
Hannah and Friends program
until his friend told him about them.

"My parents bought a bunch
of them," Ogren said.

Other students aren't so sure
about the recent wristband
fad.

"You've got people who have
different colors just to match
what they're wearing," senior
Chris Kepner said. "Are you
really thinking about the cause
or are you just into fashion?"

Paladino said the wristbands
have a positive effect despite
their status as a trend.

"My gut is that it's still best to
make the direct contribution,
but if this purpose is not just
to make a cause but also to raise
awareness then it's not a bad
deal," Paladino said.

Direct donations can be made
by Autism and global

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Father Streit's work in the program to eliminate elephantiasis from Haiti
has been assisted by a 5.2 million dollar grant to Notre Dame from

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
Bush says U.S. to handle most of Katrina cost

President outlines post-hurricane plans, says 'city will rise again' in national address Thursday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS -- President Bush promised Thursday night the federal government would shoulder the costs of rebuilding the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast in one of the largest reconstruction projects the world has ever seen.

"There is no way to imagine America without New Orleans, and this great city will rise again," the president said. Standing in Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter, Bush acknowledged his administration was not adequately prepared to handle Hurricane Katrina, which killed hundreds of people across five states. The government's costs for rebuilding could reach $200 billion or beyond.

Four years after the frightening experience of Sept. 11, Americans have every right to expect immediate, immediate, immediate response in a time of emergency," the president said. When the government fails to meet such an obligation, Bush said, "I as president am responsible for finding the solution.

Bush ended his Cabinet secretaries to join in a comprehensive review of the government's failure in response. In addition, he told the Department of Homeland Security to immediately review emergency plans in every major city in the country.

He also said a disaster on the scale of Katrina requires greater federal authority and a broader role for the armed forces.

Unusual for a prime-time address, Bush stood telegenic in a blue suit and tie and the famous palm tree-framed St. Louis Cathedral was brightly lit. Elsewhere in the famed city, workers were still pumping out floodwaters from the streets and rescuing bodies left behind in the frantic evacuation.

Bush proposed establishment of worker compensation accounts providing up to $5,000 for job waiting, child care during victims' search for employment. He also urged legislation to provide education, small business help and health care. He proposed creation of a Gulf Opportunity Zone in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama that would tax breaks to encourage businesses to stay in the devastated region and new businesses to open.

In the speech, which lasted a little over 17 minutes, a television image of Katrina victims calling out for food and water, criminals who had no mercy, and bodies of the dead lying uncovered in the street. He said the survival of victims was tempered by acts of courage and kindness. To the hundreds of thousands of people forced from their homes, Bush said, "You stand to let us know that our whole nation cares about you — and in the journey ahead you are not alone.

Promising better days ahead, Bush said: "The streets of Biloxi and Gulfport will again be filled with lovely homes and the sound of children playing. The churches of Alabama will have their broken steeple mended and their congregations whole.

"And here in New Orleans, the street cars will once again rumble down St. Charles, and the passionate soul of a great city will return."

Bush faced the nation at a vulnerable point in his presidency. Most Americans disapprove of his handling of Katrina, and his job-approval rating has been dragged down to the lowest point of his presidency also because of dissatisfaction with the Iraq war and rising gas prices. He has struggled to demonstrate the same take-charge leadership he displayed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks four years ago.

In the speech, Bush ordered his Cabinet secretaries to submit a joint report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the nation about their late teens and 20s were experimenting with bisexuality or at least feel more comfortable in same-sex encounters, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Iran ready to share nuclear secrets

**Nation's president threatens to give technology to other Islamic states**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iran is willing to provide nuclear technology to other Muslim states, Iran's hard-line president said Thursday. Hours later, European nations renewed an offer of economic incentives and said their midpoint nation would halt its uranium enrichment.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made the comment after meeting with Turkey's prime minister during a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations.

"Ahmadinejad repeated promises that Iran will not develop nuclear weapons, the report said.

Then he added: "Iran is ready to transfer nuclear know-how to the Islamic countries due to their colonial past.

At the United Nations, for- eign ministers of Iran, France and Germany — the three European countries negotiating with Iran on behalf of the European Union — emerged from a meeting with Iran's former foreign minis- ter, Manouchehr Mottaki, and its top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, to say that the offer they had made earlier was still on the table.

"We put forth proposals. They are still on the table," British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said after the 80-minute meeting. "They have to be properly considered by the other side."

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said the EU is waiting for the new Iranian government to put forth joint proposals.

"I just underlined that our position is on the table, our position is unchanged and we are waiting now for the announcement of the new proposals of the Iranians," he said.

Straw said the EU ministers would hold a meeting later Thursday with the Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"We put forth proposals. They are still on the table." — Jack Straw, British Foreign Secretary

**Body called to lead fight against terror**

**There is a need to adjust this organization to the new historical reality.**

Rus sian President Vladimir Putin said. "Who else will take the role of coordinating and organizing this work but the United Nations?"

He was echoed by Chinese President Hu Jintao, who called for a new global security concept that puts the United Nations at "the core" of efforts to fight terrorism and settle disputes and conflicts.

While those views may help deflect from the future of the United Nations, events on the summit's sidelines and from some of the world's most colorful and controversial leaders added attention away from the meeting's central point.

Among the biggest headlines, Iran's president said his country was "willing to provide nuclear technology to other Muslim states.

The foreign ministers of Israel and Qatar met, in a sign that Middle East nations with the Arab world may be improving since its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

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Hundreds of Palestinians pour into Egypt from Gaza Strip

Troops can’t stop those fleeing; Israeli officials fear militants and al-Qaida terrorists may infiltrate security breach

Associated Press

RAFAH — Palestinians blasted holes in an Israeli-built wall and overwhelmed border guards in the Gaza Strip to flow by the hundreds into Egypt on Thursday, fulfilling attempts to impose control after days of unhindered cross-border movement.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders expressed fears that militants with al-Qaida links will infiltrate Gaza and Israel through the breach, which has been open since Israeli troops withdrew from the Palestinian territory.

Egypt had promised to reimpose border controls by Thursday evening, and in the morning several hundred police were deployed at the main crossing points — more than the few dozen seen over the past days. They allowed Palestinians to return to Gaza and managed to slow the number entering Egypt to 200 or so a day.

But after hours of pushing and shoving at the Saladin border crossing in Rafah, the police line broke and hundreds of Palestinians crossed the border. Faced with the large crowds, many policemen gave up and the crossing became almost as open as it was in the past days.

The so-called Canada crossing was closed by police — but less than a mile away, hundreds of Palestinians passed through an olive grove and crossed freely through a break in the wall at the border.

Egypt has yet to deploy the bulk of the 750 border guards it promised to station on the frontier under a deal with Israel. A local official said it could be another three days before the guards, who are more heavily armed than the policemen, are in place.

To avert friction, Egypt wants the flow of people to subside before it brings in the soldiers, said the official, who is part of the Rafah government and spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Palestinian security forces also were struggling to control the number of Gazans crossing, especially with the many breaches opening up in the high wall Israel had built along the border.

The militant Palestinian group Hamas blasted a hole in the wall north of Rafah before dawn Thursday to help people get through. In the afternoon, a second explosion blasted a hole about a mile away, but less than a mile away, hundreds of Palestinians passed through an olive grove and crossed freely through a break in the wall at the border.

Israel, which withdrew its last troops from Gaza on Monday, is also concerned that Palestinian militants might slip into Egypt, then infiltrate Israel across the long, lightly guarded Israel-Gaza border — bypassing the fence between Gaza and Israel.

Radia Hussein, the top aide to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, said the Palestinian leadership is "even more worried than Israel about al-Qaida coming here because al-Qaida will harm us more than Israel. Such a presence, he said, would hurt prospects for peace and renewed negotiations with Israel.

There have been a string of attacks in Egypt's Sinai peninsula over the past year, including deadly al-Qaida-style bombings in the Egyptian resorts of Tabah and Ras Shitan last October and in Sharm el-Sheik in July.

Groups claiming links to al-Qaida took responsibility for those attacks, and Egyptian authorities say new Islamic militant groups have arisen in the peninsula — but they are still trying to determine if they have any real connection to al-Qaida or other international terrorists.

Gazans, meanwhile, revealed for another day in their new freedom after years of Israeli travel restrictions. Many store shelves in the Egyptian side of Rafah were cleaned out as Palestinians continued their shopping spree.

Prices in Egypt are far lower than in Gaza — or at least were until the flood of new demand hit Rafah.
Notre Dame vs Michigan State Book Signings

Friday, September 16

**Future Domers**
Sharon Bui
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**The Phantom Letters**
The Phantom Letters
Tom Pagna
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Notre Dame Baseball Greats**
Cappy Gagnon
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**The Illustrated American Tourist Guide to English**
J. Eric Smithburn
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**The Spirit of Notre Dame**
Jim & Jeremy Langford
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, September 17

**Echoes of Notre Dame Football**
John Heisler
9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Tales From the Notre Dame Hardwood**
Digger Phelps
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Go Irish**
Connie McNamara
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Tales From the Notre Dame Sideline**
Gerry Faust
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches**
Ara Parseghian
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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The Shirt.

Any student at Notre Dame knows what those two words refer to. The Shirt is a symbol of unity in the student body, pride in the University and most of all, what Notre Dame stands for—helping people.

Proceeds from the sale of The Shirt help benefit student groups and students in need of financial assistance. The money raised goes to a worthy cause. The Shirt’s admirable underlying mission is not something to debate. But two football games into the 2003 season, another debate about The Shirt has surfaced. While this year’s gold model has reportedly flown off the shelves at the Bookstore, a significant number of students have expressed more disgust than enthusiasm—and are faced with a decision to make about what color to wear to the first home game Saturday.

Green or gold?

At the season’s first two away games, the student body has been divided into pockets of each. Despite many Notre Dame students travelling to both Pittsburgh and Michigan, it was difficult to scan the crowds and identify a strong, unified student front. On Saturday, there’s no question that the student body must unite. It must show one color to the thousands of fans who flock to the Jordan Schnitzer Family Stadium.

That color is green.

For the past three years, the Notre Dame student section has been identified with the color green. Whether it be football or basketball, green has been the Notre Dame spirit. It’s often hard to figure out which corner of the northwestern stadium belongs to Notre Dame lions of people out there looking for the student section. Let’s sure they find it—the green mass in the northwest corner of the end zone belonged to Notre Dame students.

There shouldn’t be doubt now.

The Shirt Project should consider so that the Notre Dame student body can be united once again. As its primary purchasers, the student body at Notre Dame is a symbol of unity in the student body, pride in the University and most of all, what Notre Dame stands for—helping people.

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New pope, new coach, new era

There is buzz around campus. No, I'm not talking about this week's re-opening of our hollowed-out, CJs. The excitement around here is for Charlie Weis and Notre Dame Fighting Irish, who will be playing on Notre Dame Stadium tomorrow for the first time this season. As those of you who don't have a stake in the Notre Dame-Syracuse game or are Irish, you may not be aware that Notre Dame Fighting Irish have climbed into the Top 10 after impressive wins at both Pittsburgh and Michigan State.

There are currently shirts being worn around campus that read "New Pope, New Coach, New Era." I hope that this is not the case, but I'm not sure what these shirts mean. Perhaps, they are just in honor of our President, as the only thing that he cares about is Notre Dame. I'm sure he will go to great lengths to see Notre Dame win. I hope that he will be successful.

Molly Acker

No body Likes a Dumb Blonde

I'm responding to the Viewpoint column from Sept. 13, "The New Bigotry" by lan Rondeles. I attended the public hearing for the smoking ban on Sept. 6, and I listened to everyone speaking and opposing argument presented in the hearing. As an aspiring lawyer, I concentrated as hard as possible to see who could make a case for either side. I concluded that I couldn't because this is how the fact is: smoking has a ripple effect. No, not everyone who walks into a smoking environment comes out with cancer or the like. But one has to consider the fact that some unfortunate individuals indeed do come out sick. And what about those who acquire a disease and die? Smoking was the cause of their death. For those of you who are thinking "smoking doesn't affect me," you are correct. But it does affect the people around you. So, I urge everyone to stop smoking and help others to quit. Let's all work together to create a smoke-free environment.

Support smoking ban

The power of prayer

I write to applaud those senators who decided to admonish Sarah Liu for writing negatively on the Notre Dame television advertisement. I was quite impressed with their action. I think that the government would authorize such a letter on its behalf, and I think that there are few important points that Liu took for granted. Now, I believe that Liu had good intentions, but being a non-Catholic she fails to recognize the power of the Catholic faith. But it also infers that the religious mind is made up of good people, the great majority of whom are kind and tolerant. I believe that the people in the nontreated minority student should know exactly what they are getting into, and as such, choose to attend this University through or her own unbiased decision.

Sean Huang

S. Edwards Hall

Sep. 15
**CD Reviews**

McCartney creates ‘chaos’ with latest effort

By BOB COSTA  
Scene Critic

As an ironic young superstar with the Beatles in the 1960s, Paul McCartney penned a breezy pop tune called “When I’m 64,” where he sang that he’d probably be “Doing the garden/Digging the weeds” once he became an old man. Now in 2005, at the age of 63, McCartney seems to be doing just that — yet his predictions were a bit off, since he’s not rummaging around a grassy patio back in Liverpool but redefining his musical career with a vital new studio album entitled "Chaos & Creation In The Backyard.”

The album, which sprinkles new seeds of melodic genius in with his classic style, showcases McCartney’s talents as an elder statesman tending to his own cerebral garden. He evokes touches of “The White Album” on tracks like the upbeat and piano-driven single “Chaos & Creation In The Backyard,” while also creating a more organic and atmospheric acoustic element not heard on many previous efforts with the heartfelt songs “Jenny Wren” and “Anyway.”

“Chaos & Creation In The Backyard” is the 20th release in a long and storied solo career that began with "McCartney” in 1970. His career has since seen the famed performer and songwriter win numerous Grammy awards, while also earning the ire of critics and some fans for being too cheesy and “un-Beatle” like at times, from duets with Michael Jackson to the bloated sugary confessions on his 80s singles. The last time Paul McCartney had a Top 10 hit was during Father Edward “Monk” Malloy’s first year as president of Notre Dame back in 1987. Even though he’s not as relevant to the Top 40 crowd any more, McCartney doesn’t have an agenda on this new album to be a hit, “but seemingly only to be himself — which was enough.”

McCartney worked with Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich on “Chaos & Creation In The Backyard,” the same producer who sculpted Radiohead’s landmark “OK Computer” album with Thom Yorke — and it shows. Godrich’s fingerprints are all over the record, giving McCartney’s signature vocals a deeper resonance than the one seen on his cluttered hand endevoured “Driving Rain” in 2001. Godrich also gives the record an interesting mix of underlying instruments, most notably prickly string flutes that create an eerie cadence on “Riding To Vanity Fair.”

Although he is no George Martin, Godrich’s studio work mostly leaves some chaos into the sometimes formulaic McCartney pop standards that enable “Chaos & Creation In The Backyard” to be the closest thing McCartney has had to a master-piece since 1996’s “Tug Of War.”

The most compelling track lyrically is “At the Mercy,” where McCartney delves into his own dark thoughts and thankfully leaves the non sequiturs on the studio floor. It’s a song that could have been a depressing and muddled interlude, but Godrich and McCartney rein in its chorus, keeping the track sparse and focused — literally taking a sad song and making it better.

The hook laden melodies of “English Tea,” which sounds like it should be in Disney’s “Fantasia” with its whimsical gaiety and friendly vocals, has McCartney making observations about his mother country that are sweetly unpretentious. Yes, it’s a silly and catchy tune, but it also gives the isoreric (at least in McCartney standard) album a nice breather from the otherwise contemplative pop songs on the record. The song leads into the album’s stand-out track of “Promise To You Girl,” which balances indelible harmonies, soaring guitars that bounce of jazz piano riff, and achingly personal lyrics.

“Chaos & Creation In The Backyard” is reminiscent of Brian Wilson’s 2004 album “Smile” in that it balances classic pop vocal style with modern studio wizardry that give the recordings a simple gloss and ecstatic aural structure. As McCartney sang in “When I’m 64” — “I could be handy/ mending a fuse/ when your lights have gone.”

On his new studio album, Sir Paul provides old and new fans alike with a refreshing take on life and love that proves that that rocker can still blend melodies with the best of them. With his raucous performance at Live 8 this summer, this new album and his sold-out upcoming tour, old man McCartney is finding new ways to create a little chaos in the 21st century.

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**Chapman’s latest album supports her strong credentials**

By TAE ANDREWS  Scene Critic

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Focus on storytelling for Mann

Aimee Mann has released her newest album, "The Forgotten Arm," on her own record label, Superego Records. It tells the dramatic story of John and Caroline.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Boxing tends to be the inspiration for men making movies, as films like "Hanging Bull," "Rocky" and "Cinderella Man" reveal. It takes an iconoclast like singer Aimee Mann to take the thoroughly masculine sport of boxing and transform it not only into a meditation on love, addiction and redemption but also into something as unusual as a concept album that interrelates its 12 songs to tell a story.

The liner notes for "The Forgotten Arm" are set up so that the lyrics for each song are presented as a chapter in a book, and this comparison is actually quite apt. Mann's album has more in common with a novel than it does with many other records on the market. It features two main characters, John and Caroline, and the songs are set up to give the impression of an introduction, conflict and finally a resolution. Few artists could pull off such an ambitious project, but the literary and reflective nature of Mann's lyrics allow her to pull off the concept with ease.

The idea of a concept album seems to be gaining favor among artists due to the massive problem of illegal downloading. By interrelating all of the songs on an album, the artist makes it more appealing and necessary to buy the whole item rather than just having one stand-out track that can easily be downloaded.

"I Wear John," a blues-tinged ballad, opens the album and sets up the relationship between John, a boxer, and later a Vietnam vet and drug addict, and Caroline, a small town girl longing to get away from home.

"Going Through the Motions" and "I Just Can't Get My Head Around It" are two songs that show the cracks that emerge in the relationship due to John's drug use.

Songs like "Little Bombs" and "I Was Thinking I Could Clean Up for Christmas" reveal the depths to which the relationship has sunk, but the final song on the album, "Beautiful" reveals the silver of hope that remains in spite of it all.

While there really aren't any "skip-pable" songs on "The Forgotten Arm," there are several stand-out tracks. "Goodbye Caroline" an up-tempo song whose melody covers its melancholy lyrics about leaving. The pounding drum and piano beat of "Video" builds to its soaring chorus. "Little Bombs" eloquently expresses how life rarely falls apart in one grand event, but is instead "...less a deluge than a drought." The piano and Mann's soaring voice drives "That's How I Knew This Story Would Break My Heart," a beautiful song about learning a secret about a loved one.

Mann produced "The Forgotten Arm" on her own record label, Superego Records, which she founded in response to having clashes with a recording company in the past over how they promoted her album. She has developed a grassroots approach to marketing and gaining fans, and has thus far been very successful.

Mann's career has followed an interesting path to success. She began with stints in a variety of bands, including the '80s band, 'Til Tuesday, who had a hit with "Voices Carry." Her music was the inspiration behind the P.T. Anderson film, "Magnolia." In the movie, characters speak her lyrics as lines. She also had a small part in "The Big Lebowski" as a German nihilist.

Overall, "The Forgotten Arm" is a meditation on a dark subject, but in Mann's hands, it becomes pensive and beautiful while still musically entertaining.

The album gets better upon subsequent listenings, and, while each song is good individually, they benefit from being listened to as a whole.

Thanks to Mann's willingness to take the risk of making a concept album and her willingness to spend as much time making well-crafted songs, "The Forgotten Arm" is an almost flawless effort.

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Pettitte throws gems to lead Astros to win over Marlins

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pettitte beats Mets in extras; Brewers win big over D-backs

HOUSTON — Andy Pettitte allowed one hit over eight innings to win his sixth straight start, a 4–1 victory over the Florida Marlins on Thursday night that put the Houston Astros back in the NL wild-card race.

The Astros (78–68) took a lead when he discovered the Marlin's home for a playoff spot.

The Nationals know they aren't always baseball's prettiest team, and this is the way Washington has fashioned itself into a playoff contender.

The Nationals, with three hits and two walks in the sixth inning, won 6–5.

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After Brad Ausmus led off the second inning with a deep fly ball, Ryan Howard, his third for the Nationals in the sixth inning to make it 5–4.

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Pettitte followed with a deep fly ball off the wall.

An inning later, Florida intentionally walked A. J. Ellis to load the bases. He hit another fly ball to center, shaking his arms in frustration as he jogged toward first base.

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE
Royals keep White Sox from running away with Central

Cleveland closing gap as Chicago lead slims to just 4 1/2 games

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — John Buck hit a two-run double to key four-run seventh inning, and the Royals beat the White Sox 7-5 on Thursday to cut Chicago's lead in the AL Central to 4 1/2 games.

Chicago's second straight loss to Kansas City, the team with the worst record in the majors, has given idle Cleveland a sliver of hope for catching the White Sox for the division crown. The White Sox's magic number to clinch the Central is 13 with 17 games left.

Ambiorix Burgos (2-5) got the victory in relief of starter Zack Greinke, going 1 1/3 innings and giving up two runs. Mike MacDougal got the final four outs for his 19th save in 22 chances.

Athletics 6, Red Sox 2

Curt Schilling had a setback as the pennant race is heating up. Joe Blanton is hitting his stride.

Both of them have some work to do to get there.

Blanton gave Oakland another strong outing, holding Boston to two runs over 6 1/3 innings Thursday night and the Athletics took advantage of Schilling's early troubles to beat the Red Sox and tighten two pennant races at one time.

"If we don't play well, we're not going to get to the playoffs and we won't play deep into October," Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon said. "It's ours to lose. There's a lot of teams fighting for spots."

One of them is Oakland, which pulled into a tie for first in the AL West with Los Angeles — an 8-6 loss to Detroit. East-leading Boston fell 1 1/2 games in front of the Yankees, who beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays; New York had not been that close since Aug. 29.

"We're still on top," said Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, who had his major league-leading 131st RBI with a sacrifice fly in the sixth. "The problem is when you go under."

Rangers 4, Mariners 3

Although the Texas Rangers faded from playoff contention after the All-Star break, that hasn't slowed down Michael Young.

The Rangers' shortstop reached 200 hits for the third straight season and Gary Matthews Jr. had a tiebreaking sacrifice fly to beat Texas over the Seattle Mariners Thursday night.

Young's RBI single in the third inning made him the 22nd player in major league history with three consecutive 200-hit seasons.

The last to accomplish the feat was Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who is trying to stretch his run to five straight years.

Young went 1-for-4 and leads the AL with a .328 batting average.

Yankees 9, Devil Rays 5

With ground to make up in their division race, the New York Yankees refused to lose.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 42nd home run and Robinson Cano erased a four-run deficit with a grand slam Thursday night, helping Aaron Small and the seven-time defending division winners rally to beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"The team is playing with a lot of urgency right now. We realize how important each game is, and we're taking this as our playoff," Rodriguez said.
**ND WOMEN'S ROWING**

Rowers getting anxious to kick off competition

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

They’ve practiced together, studied together and even eaten dinner together. Finally, the two-time defending Big East women’s rowing team gets to race together.

“From Sunday team dinner at South Dining Hall to study breaks at the student center, the team has a great sense of unity,” senior rower Pamela Jefson said, according to und.edu. “Not only are we improving on the water, but there is great team chemistry off the water, too.”

Sunday the Irish will face rivals Michigan and Michigan State in Ann Arbor, Mich. After weeks of practice, they’re ready to face some real competition.

“Looking at the bigger picture, we want to set a standard of excellence this fall that we will continue into the spring,” said Jefson, who was a second varsity eight bow rower from last season.

“We are well on our way to achieving this goal. For Jefson and her teammates, this Sunday’s fall season regatta is anything but an off-season, informal poochover. It’s a chance to get to know your teammates better, to get to know them as people.”

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Sunday’s regatta will likely include three 2000-meter races, which should last about 12 minutes each, with three equal boats. Rather than separating the rowers into A, B and C boats as usual, Notre Dame will spread out the rowing, allowing the experienced rowers and some of the newcomers to mix.

The Irish will race in three other regattas this fall, with their ultimate goal in the big picture of qualifying for the NCAA championships.

Castro-Larsen agreed with her senior teammate.

“I’m really excited for the season,” she said. “We’ve jumped into it really strong.”

Simple put, the Irish have their minds — the spring NCAA’s. They’ll push themselves that much harder.

“Just be on the water,” she said.

Jefson said. “I know I’m excited. The team is off to a great start this fall.”

**SMC CROSS COUNTRY**

Belles set to participate in the Catholic Championships

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Belles look at today’s National Catholic Cross Country Championships at the Burke Memorial Golf Course on the campus of Notre Dame as a race with little impact on the overall success of the season, Saint Mary’s coach Jackie Bauters said Thursday.

Bauters said that her team hopes to run strong, but views the meet as a fun experience rather than a crucial competition.

“This is a real fun race for us, because it has such higher competition than the other meets on the Belles’ schedule,” Bauters said. “It’s kind of like a home meet for us in a lot of ways — we have a lot of families come out for it. We look for that (tight) competition, but we don’t stress it.”

The meet will feature teams in two categories — Division I and the College Division. Saint Mary’s, a Division-III in regular NCAA competition, will participate in the College Division.

Bauters said that the multi-divi­ sion field is good competition for the team, but also has its drawbacks.

“They’ve restricted the number you can enter to 15, when we usually carry 24 runners,” she said.

“And historically, we don’t have our best times on this course because we are just so much farther in the pack because it’s so crowded.”

Despite the problems, though, several Belles have an opportuni­ ty to make an impact in the race.

Junior Sara Otto led the team in last week’s Aquinas College invitational, and should once again be one of the Belles’ top finishers, Bauters said.

“Sara had a tremendous race for the beginning of the season, she said. “She, along with a couple of our upperclassmen, will have a great season.”

Hopes are also high for sopho­ more Elizabeth Johnson, a sopho­ more who joined the team only this season.

Johnson was fifth among the Belles in the Aquinas meet with a time of 21:25, just 1:09 off Otto’s leading 20.16.

Saint Mary’s will be the only team in the MIAA competing, and that has Bauters less concerned about the outcome of the race than with league meets.

“It’s not something I look for as a true indication as a team,” she said. “Last week was a really big meet for us because we had MIAA competition in the meet and we did really well.”

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Zahm hopes to upset favored Carroll in showdown

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

When covering Monday Night Football, legendary broadcaster Al Michaels likes to say that the first game of each season doesn’t really matter. Zahm team captain Pat Gourley will tell you that in interhall football, that kind of breathing room doesn’t exist.

“We won 2-2 last year, but were kept out of the playoffs on points,” Gourley said. “(The first game) is very important because we only play four games, and two losses and you could be out of the playoffs.”

Zahm will try to get closer to the three wins needed to guarantee a playoff spot when the Blue Hens play the Vermins from Carroll Sunday at 3 p.m. at Rolfe.

Carroll went 3-1 during last year’s regular season but lost in the playoffs to Knott. Team captain and starting quarterback Kory Wilmot believes his squad is now ready for the big prize.

“Carroll’s goal this year is nothing less than playing in the stadium,” Wilmot said. Carroll will have plenty of experience on its sideline — or rather, on its side of the scrimmage line — when it takes the field Sunday, as the Vermin return 20 of 22 starters. In particular, Wilmot is stooped about the returning offense and addition of sophomores transfer running back Mark Bennett.

“The offense is definitely our strongest suit,” Wilmot said. “We’re returning 10 of 11 starters, and the lone starter we lost is being replaced by our transfer (student). And we’ve still got our two big receivers: Paul Tassinari and Mike Johnson.”

One factor no longer in Carroll’s favor is the element of surprise.

“My first two years here — I don’t know how to say this being nice — Carroll wasn’t good, but last year they were 3-1, and they beat some good teams,” Gourley said. “I’m worried that if we blow this game off like it’s going to be an easy win, they’ll come out and surprise us like they did to a lot of teams last year.”

If Zahm hopes to be successful this year, it will need to fill holes left by graduating seniors and pre-season injuries.

The last few years our whole defense has been dominant, but we lost a few good seniors, so we’ll see how our freshmen step up,” Gourley said.

In the Zahm spirit, though, Gourley is undaunted.

“This year, so far, we’ve been working real hard, and we’ve been getting our solid guys every time coming out,” Gourley said. “We have a lot of confidence and spirit, and I think we’re going to be more in shape than anybody we play.”

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Farley and Pasquerilla West set for big Sunday shootout

By BEN VINCENT and TOM DORWART
Sports Writers

A pair of squads hopes to start the season on the right foot Sunday when Pasquerilla West meets Farley on West Quad at 4 p.m.

The game promises to be a shootout, with both captains touting their receivers as among their greatest strengths.

While those dorms aren’t exactly the biggest rivals on campus, it looks like they will match up well against each other, and this game could have a big impact on their hopes of making the playoffs.

Farley’s captain Katie Popik says that her team is replete with returning coaches will try to blow this game out of the water.

She said that her team is strong in every aspect, and should have its best season in recent memory.

Farley returns quarterback Kory Wilmot believes his squad is new and strengthened by the returnees.

Meanwhile, Pasquerilla West looks to build on a successful season last year.

“Having returning coaches will be a big plus, they know us and the intense game that is girls’ football,” Farley captain Julie Putnam said.

She added she and her defensive line will pressure Farley’s passing game all day.

“We are all-around strong,” receiver Maureen Johnson said. “We’ve made improvements in offense and defense and have a lot of junior girls returning.”

This could prove to be one of the greatest matchups of the season, as both teams have something to prove and nothing to lose.

Breen-Phillips vs. Welsh Family

Another great Notre Dame season kicks off Sunday. It’s no surprise, but it’s still tradition, still intense and still fun.

Sunday at 3 p.m. at the McGlinn fields the Welsh Family Whirlwinds clash with the Breen-Phillips Babes in the opening Gold League match-up.

In 2004, in a semifinal thriller, the Whirlwinds lost to the Welsh Wild Women. It was the third straight loss in a row for the Whirlwinds.

Now, the returnees are back with a vengeance.

The Babes started out the 2004 campaign 3-0 but lost early in the playoffs.

They, too, hope to rid themselves of the bitter taste from last season.

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SFC SOCCER

Belles lock horns with Alma in MIAA match

Team outscored Scots by 6-1 ratio last year

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles soccer team will head into the hostile confines of Michigan on Saturday afternoon to take on the Alma College Scots in a key MIAA matchup.

Saint Mary's looks to capitalize on the momentum gained from Wednesday's home-opening 2-0 victory over Albion College.

The game was dominated by the Belles on both ends of the field, a good sign considering the close play usually associated with playing Albion.

In the Albion game the Belles were also able to reverse a three-game scoring drought, a trend they hope to continue.

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Last year in two games against the Scots, Saint Mary's netted six goals, while giving up only one.

But this year they will be facing a tough Alma defense — Pam McCarthy of the Scots was named the MIAA defensive player of week one of conference play.

The two games did not end in two victories, however. The first meeting ended in a 1-1 draw, the second game, a home tilt ended in a 3-0 Belles win.

The Saint Mary's offense is not the only aspect of the team's game that has been improving. The defense showed up to play on Wednesday and dominated a previously competent Albion attack.

Every loose ball had a blue and white Belles penalty and every free shots forward was countered by a superior defensive strategy.

Alma once again brings another aspect the Belles must contain — Scots forward Kim Hoeltzel was nominated for MIAA offensive player of last week, finishing second in voting.

"I have confidence in our talent," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "It is only a matter of us believing in ourselves and playing hard for the whole 90 minutes."

And believe they did against Albion, and in their first win of the season against SUNY-Brockport.

Alma is currently 2-1 in MIAA play (3-1 overall) with wins over Adrian College and Tri-State University. The Scots lone loss came at Kalamazoo College.

"Every game we have played, we have seen some really good stuff," midfielder Carrie Orr said.

"We have played some of the best teams around. We know that, and we think we can play with anyone."

Play will begin at 2 p.m. on Alma's field Saturday afternoon.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad defeats Concordia

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Lost somewhere in Illinois, the Saint Mary's volleyball team may have finally found itself.

The Belles ran into some trouble Thursday morning to find Concordia University in River Forest, Ill.

Saint Mary's was forced to dress for the match on the bus and was unable to warm up at all before the start of the first game.

Despite these obstacles, Saint Mary's bounced out of its recent slump with a five game defeat of Concordia 30-24, 27-30, 30-18, 25-30, 15-11. The victory boosted the Belles' record on the season to 5-7.

Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek loved the way her team set the tone for the opening of the match.

"We jumped on that court and we took the lead right off the bat," Schroeder-Biek said.

Saint Mary's corrected the two main problems which it felt it fell to Tuesday's disappointing home loss to traditional conference basement-dweller Olivet.

The Belles played with a much greater intensity Thursday, Schroeder-Biek said.

In addition, the Belles were no longer plagued by poor service returns. Concordia recorded only nine service aces in the five games, while the Belles had 10 aces in the match.

Schroeder-Biek particularly liked the balance displayed by Saint Mary's Thursday, as several different players significantly contributed to the victory.

Outside attackers Kristen Playko and Michelle Turley had 22 and 14 kills apiece, while middle hitter Julie Bender put up 14 kills and three aces.

Junior Anne Cusack put forth a superb defensive effort with a team-high 29 digs.

Amanda David, in her first year playing setter, had a match-high 57 assists. Schroeder-Biek was impressed with David's performance.

"I think Amanda David did a really nice job of her accuracy on running the quick offense," she said. "For her being so new to this, she really did a nice job of setting the transition offense off the dig."

Concordia entered the game with a poor 2-7 record, but Saint Mary's was impressed by the Cougars level of play and resiliency.

"This team didn't have a good record, but they weren't a bad team," Schroeder-Biek said. "We had to work."

The Belles still have some problems that need to be worked out, though.

Saint Mary's has made a habit this season of getting ahead in games and allowing the opposing team to claw its way back.

The trend continued Thursday, as the Belles struggled to put the Cougars away in several games.

"We definitely had our humps again where we would let them back in," Schroeder-Biek said.

Saint Mary's also must start playing better at home. Thursday marked another strong road performance for the team, but the Belles have yet to win a match at the Angelic Athletic Center this season.

"It's like I have two different teams," Schroeder-Biek said. "We have our home game and our away team, and the away team seems to pick it up a bit more. We need to show our home crowds what we can do."

The Belles will get a chance to do just that in their next game.

MIAA rival Kalamazoo College will visit South Bend Tuesday, as the Belles try to carry momentum from the win over Concordia into conference play.

"The women looked confident, and they felt confident," Schroeder-Biek said. "The whole mood is very strong right now. I'm glad to be going into the conference again like this."

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FRIDAY

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Oakland at Boston 6 p.m., ESPN

PGA
84 Lumber Classic 3 p.m., ESPN

NCAA FOOTBALL
Houston at UTEP 7 p.m., ESPN2

SATURDAY

NCAA FOOTBALL
Michigan St. at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m., NBC
Wisconsin at North Carolina 6 p.m., ESPN2
Florida St. at Boston College 6:45 p.m., ESPN
Tennessee at Florida 7 p.m., CBS

David Toms tees off on the first hole of his match with Chris DiMarco at the World Match Play Championship Feb. 27. Toms was airlifted to a local hospital Thursday after falling ill at the 84 Lumber Classic.

David Toms collapses at golf tournament

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Pa. — Shaun Micheel could be forgiven as a potentially great round turned into a very good one at the 84 Lumber Classic. Once playing partner David Toms was rushed to a hospital.

The Associated Press

Top 25

Big East Men's Soccer

Blue Division Overall Standings

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IN BRIEF

New Orleans Bowl set to play in Lafayette, La.

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Bowl may have a bit more Cajun flavor this year.

With the Superdome awaiting mas- 

sive repairs and New Orleans pro- 

jected to be cleaned up from 

Hurricane Katrina for months, the 

December bowl game may move to 

Lafayette, La., said Billy Ferrante, 

executive director of the Greater 

New Orleans Sports Foundation.

"We have had some very prelimi- 

nary talks with the folks at 

Louisiana-Lafayette and our first 

choice is to keep the game in 

Lafayette," he said. "Hopefully, we 

will have a decision wrapped up in 

a couple of weeks."

The 6-year-old bowl game matches 

the champion of the New Orleans- 

based Sun Belt Conference with a 

team from Conference USA. 

Louisiana-Lafayette is a Sun Belt 

member. This year's game is sched- 

duled for Dec. 20.

Sun Belt commissioner Wright 

Wailes said his office and C-USA had 

been prepared to take over operating 

the game this year if the Sports 

Foundation proved unable to, but 

applauded Ferrante's decision.

Senate committee calls for 

more steroid hearings

WASHINGTON — The commissioner- 

ers of Major League Baseball, the 

National Football League, the 

National Basketball Association and 

the National Hockey League have 

been called to testify about their 

leagues' steroids policies before the 

Senate Commerce Committee on 

Sept. 28.

Two proposed bills that would 

mandate drug-testing standards for 

major pro sports have been intro- 

duced by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., 

and Jim Bunning, R-Ky.

Witnesses are expected to include 

baseball commissioner Bud Selig, 

football players' union head 

Donald Fehr, NFL commissioner Paul 

Tagliabue, NHL players' union head 

Gene Upshaw, NBA commissioner 

David Stern, NCAA players' union 

head Billy Hunter and NHL commis- 

sioner Gary Bettman.

Forward helps Connecticut 

draw even with Sacramento

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Taj 

McWilliams-Franklin can't remember the last time she jumped as high.

And it seemed just about every time the Connecticut forward went up, she came down with a rebound.

McWilliams-Franklin grabbed five boards in overtime and hit the go-ahead jumper, helping the Sun beat the Sacramento Monarchs 77-76 Thursday night to tie the WNBA Finals at 1-all.

She finished with 24 points and 16 rebounds.

"Our post coach always says, 'Get to every rebound.' I just wanted to make sure I got my hand on a few," she said.

"I missed a couple of good shots there in regulation, so I wanted to do something else to help them."
Team gearing up for the Gopher Invitational

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Four hundred fifty-two-yard par four. Driver, 8-iron, putter. Little downhill, right to left.


"I feel really comfortable with the way the guys are playing. I think it will give us a great shot," Jim Kubinski said. In the week leading into the event, Kubinski spoke about how the course would play and the keys to being successful.

The Irish coach has never seen the new golf course that will be used for the Invitational. However, he expects it to play long, despite Kubinski and Isban's participation in the U.S. Amateur event in August.

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The season kicked off with the MIAA match certainly ahead of second place finisher Mary's. "The MIAA match certainly has paid off for the Belles," Kirsten Fantom said. "It is the first official match of the season on Wednesday night, the Saint Mary's had competed in a pair of Division-I schools who will be at the event."

The Irish have been prepared for the past two weekends,combining with their successful match two days ago, should give them exactly what they need in order to give a strong showing this weekend.

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So what will it take for Saint Mary's to continue its momentum and defeat regional rivals DePauw University, one of the schools who will be at the event? "It's going to be short-game based, but that's the way ironwood is," Fantom said.

The course is not particularly challenging, but it is likely to come down to a chipping and putting contest. "If your short game is solid you're going to do well," Fantom said.

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SMC Golf

Belles hit road, head to Normal for two-day tournament

By ANNA FRICANO

After a strong showing in their first MIAA appearance of the season on Wednesday night, the Saint Mary's golf team will take a break from conference opponents and take to the road this weekend to compete in the Illinois Wesleyan University Invitational.

The Belles will depart for Normal, Ill. with six golfers today for the two-day tournament, which will conclude tomorrow afternoon. Prior to Wednesday's conference competition, Saint Mary's had competed in a pair of difficult matches.

The season kicked off with an appearance at the Ferris State Invitational, where the Belles were pitted against a combination of Division-I, II and III teams. Shortly after that, the team accepted an invitation to compete at the Notre Dame Invitational, where it faced an entire group of Division-I schools.

All of the effort that they put into performing well at those two meets seems to have paid off for the Belles. On Wednesday night, Saint Mary's finished 17 strokes ahead of second place finishers Olivet, the same team who defeated the Belles less than two weeks ago at the Bulldog Invitational. Their team score of 332 was enough to not only set a course record at the Thornapple Pointe Golf Club, but also to once again put Saint Mary's at the top of the MIAA rankings.

The Belles' hard work over the past two weekends, combined with their successful match two days ago, should give them exactly what they need in order to give a strong showing this weekend.

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By TIM KAISER and CATHERINE KANE
Sports Writers

Inauguring interhall football champions Keenan will open up their new season against Keough on Sunday, their first game since an exciting one-point victory over Knott in last fall’s championship.

Needless to say, the Knights have high expectations for the coming season.

"We're looking very good," Keenan captain Vince Lyzinski said.

"We're looking forward to a good game, and we're excited to be back on the field again." The team has a good balance of leadership and young blood, with six or seven seniors returning, as well as lots of new freshman who will be playing their first game wearing navy and white.

This year's squad looks to have a similar strategy to last year's, with a balanced offense incorporating both the pass and run, and hard-nosed defense looking to make big plays. The team is hoping that these familiar schemes will bring familiar results, and a repeat of last season's exploits.

On the other side of the ball, Keough also has high hopes for the season, looking to rebound from last year's disappointing campaign in which they failed to make the playoffs. "The team is looking real good, but we need a little work," junior outside linebacker Chaz Arnold said. "Keough is tough, but we're going to come out prepared. The defense looks great, we can definitely run with them.

Keough players say their defense will be solid against both the run and the pass, as the strong points of the team. "We're working hard in at practice," sophomore captain and linebacker Zachary Brown said. "We're trying to put a solid offense together—that's always been our weakness. We're trying to put some points on the board this year."

The team is looking for strong performances from many members, including Arnold on defense, as well as seniors "Big" Rub Holman and Brian Bylycea on both the offensive and defensive lines, freshman Mike Anello and Brown.

But in whatever part of their game plan the Kangaroos may be lacking, they certainly more make up for in personality. The team's defense looks to strike fear into the hearts of coming opponents. Whatever Keough's record may be come season's end, they will have definitely had a good time, as well as those who come out to see this exciting opening day.

The two teams will play on Sunday at 3 p.m. on Nields Fields with Keenan acting as the home team.

Siegfried vs. Knott

Looking one another on the squad, Knott and Siegfried have ample opportunity to investigate what the other team has in store for them this Sunday in the interhall gridiron games.

"We're pretty well prepared," Siegfried defensive end and offensive guard Tom Martin said. "The whole team is coming together pretty well.

Siegfried has brought in some new coaches this season, and Martin feels that they have really aided in the betterment of the team.

"Strange to say, but everyone is pretty confident about our returning starters and excited for our incoming freshmen."

As for key players to look for, don't bother.

"We go as a team," Martin said. "Not one person is the superstar. No one player is going to run the team. We really have a great team chemistry."

Siegfried seems well-equipped for the game on this Sunday, but Knott is eager to match up against a confident opponent.

Knott should, however, be warned that Siegfried has some extra incentive to win the championship this season.

Siegfried assistant receiver and assistant football coach Pete Livel, has promised the team that if it wins the championship, he will wear women's underwear for a week.

Representatives from Knott could not be reached for comment.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Intrigue and intensity sure to mark first games

Knights and Kangaroos set to square off; Siegfried and Knott will lock horns

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Catholic schools set to run at Burke Memorial

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Catholic college cross country supremacy will be on the line this afternoon when the Notre Dame women's cross country team hosts the National Catholic Championships at Burke Memorial golf course.

The Irish, who are ranked third in the nation by Finishlyns/WICAA, have dominated the Catholic Championships, winning 13 of the last 13 races, including each of the last three.

Notre Dame will enter nine runners in the race, which begins at 4:15 p.m.

After running a number of underclassmen last weekend at Valparaiso, the Irish will add more experience to this afternoon's lineup.

Coach Tim Connelly's goal is much the same as last weekend's. He hopes to get his younger runners more experience and build his team's depth for later in the season.

Heading the lineup will be sophomore Sunny Olding, who earned All-America honors by finishing 32nd at the NCAA championship meet last fall.

Connelly explained his decision to enter his top runners in this afternoon's meet.

"They looked good in practice, a confidence booster," Connelly said. "She ended the track season injured so she's had a little bit of catching up. It will be good for the rest of kids to have Sunny running with them."

Olding will be joined by veterans Elizabeth Webster, Jean Marinangeli and Loryn King.

Webster contributed to a third place finish at Valparaiso last weekend.

Ann Mazur, last weekend's top finisher for the Irish, will be joined by Becca Bauman, Amy Kohlmeier, Katie Delfusso and Julie Opet in rounding out the squad.

Last year's individual champion at the Catholic Championships, Stephanie Madia, will not compete in the race this year.

She will continue training for later in the season with the rest of her Irish teammates.

Notre Dame's success in the meet is a considerable accomplishment considering the large number of schools competing.

Thirty-five schools are expected to field teams this afternoon.

Connelly thought the large field may present some problems for his team at the race's outset.

"The start could be a little hairy," Connelly said. "It's going to be tight getting to the first turn. They need to get out well to put themselves in good position. It should spread out quickly once the race gets going."

Race strategy will be Connelly's focus this afternoon.

Connelly said he is more concerned with how the Irish run today than with how fast they run.

He stressed the importance of getting out well together and staying together through the early part of the race.

Conditions are expected to be ideal for racing this afternoon, with the forecasted high in low 70s, a far cry from the 85-degree heat the Irish bat­tled last weekend.

Connelly felt the weather, combined with his team's familiarity with the surroundings, would give them an excellent opportunity to succeed today.

"It should be a lot more comfortable this weekend," Connelly said. "The girls get to race at home in a low-key environment. When you are relaxed, often times you run well."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish travel back to Texas

Team slated to play the Tigers and Wave

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

After a few days of being unsure of their weekend plans, the No. 8 Irish (6-0) have headed to Texas — and Notre Dame will play Tulane (1-0) at 2 p.m. today and LSU (8-1) at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Sugar Bowl Classic, which was originally slated to take place in New Orleans but has been moved to the campus of Texas A&M.

The Irish are off to one of the best starts in school history — in fact, their best since 1991. Currently No. 33 in the American Volleyball Coaches' Association rankings, the Tigers are receiving votes for the first time in head coach Fran Fray's eight-year career. Their lone loss came to then-No. 13 Texas A&M 28-30, 30-17, 29-28, 29-21, 15-13.

Tulane has played only one match this season. Since the Green Wave's Aug. 26 season-opener against Nicholls State — which they won 3-0 — they have had six matches cancelled because of Hurricane Katrina's destruction to their campus and consequent relocation. A newfound pride will likely carry the Wave in their first match in three weeks.

Notre Dame knows it's in for a dogfight this weekend, but a visit to Texas did wonders for the Irish last weekend.

Now, they can only hope to have the same kind of experience.

Last weekend Notre Dame swept through the University of Texas San Antonio's Dome Rally at the Alamodome, beating two top-10 teams in Southern California and Florida as well as Oklahoma.

"The thing that was really good to see on numerous occasions was that there were times when it was pretty easy for the team to fall apart," coach Debbie Brown said. "But we didn't, we remained competitive and composed."

The Irish lost the first Friday game to the Trojans, but fought back to win the next three. That comeback just might be the epitome of the Notre Dame season thus far, Brown said.

"The second game against USC was huge," she said. "For us to come back and win that one may set the tone for the rest of the weekend. That was pretty exciting."

This weekend the Irish travel to College Station to face a hot Tiger squad and a fired-up Green Wave. The Irish are just glad to be playing rather than having to wait until Sept. 25 to play Big East foe Seton Hall.

And, while at the time Brown said the USC match might have set the tone for last weekend, it just might have set the tone for the entire season.

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**Women's Interhall Football**

**Runner-up Chaos start new season vs. Chicks**

Lyons battles Howard in other league action

By JAMES FEGAN, JASON GALVAN and GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

The opening game of the 2005 women's interhall football season pits an up-and-coming Lewis team with last year's runner-up, Cavanaugh.

The two halls will meet Sunday for the first time in three years. Cavanaugh, which stormed through the 2004 regular season undefeated, appears to be strong once again with six returning starters on both offense and defense.

With the core of last year's team intact, Cavanaugh has legitimate ambitions of returning to the title game in Notre Dame Stadium.

Not to be overlooked is Lewis, which is coming off a promising 2-2-2 season when they fell just short of a playoff berth. Lewis returns much of last year's offense, and despite a slew of losses on defense, the team is very confident about the quality of this year's freshman class.

Returning a majority of its starters, Lewis is going to rely on its defense to take the pressure off of its younger defense. The Chick's strong receiving core is headlined by co-captain Keri Bailey, and it should see the transition of a new quarterback.

Cavanaugh will depend on stalwart quarterback Lisa Fluffer to lead its offense again this season. The Hawks also possess several impact players on a tough defense, including senior Mattie Sekeres and middle linebacker Kori Bergon.

Despite the high expectations, the first game will serve as an opportunity for both teams to get a feel for how their teams will compete this year.

"It's the first game of the season, so we really want to just see how our offense and defense work," Lewis co-captain Julia Berke said.

While this game will be a bit of a trial run for both teams, Cavanaugh captain Rachael Byrne wants her team to remain focused.

"We really just need to focus on executing the game plan, and not really pay too much attention to what the other team tries to do," she said. Cavanaugh looks to begin its Kari Bailey and should offset their championship game Sunday, and is supremely confident.

"We have the athletes and the discipline, so that if we just execute our game plan, we don't have anything to worry about," Byrne said.

However, Lewis counters with a capable offense and young talent on defense, and will provide Cavanaugh with a significant challenge Sunday.

Lewis vs. Howard

Two teams look to start the season on good footing as the Lyons Hall Lions square off against the Howard Ducks this weekend.

The Ducks and Lions, both fresh off the pre-season training, will face each other at 2 p.m. Sunday at West Quad.

The importance of this game is enormous for the two hall- clubs, with each team seeking to gain momentum going into the regular season.

The Lions, led by co-captains Kallie Mackin and Megan Hassell, are confident going into their first test.

"We are really excited... everyone is really pumped for Sunday," Mackin said. They have players that could not return starters at quarterback, Mackin said.

Despite some key losses on offense from last season and will have newners at several key positions. However, they are confident their new players will step up to the challenge.

Despite some key losses on offense from last year's starters, the Lions' quarterback expresses a great deal of confidence in her players.

"We have some girls with some really good hands," Mackin said.

Despite some uneven areas for each team, there are still several positions with veteran players. These leaders will prove to be crucial in this competitive contest and as the year progresses.

Mackin is especially confident about the strength of the Lions' defensive unit, which sports several returning starters.

"We're very quick and nasty," Mackin said of her defense.

The Lions will be coached by newcoaches John Harrington, Chase Gunner and Pat Reidy. This new staff has been implementing a new offense, and they are hopeful that the girls will be ready for the upcoming contest.

"We have a strong program this year with a lot of returning talent," Harrington said.

Despite a strong regimen of workouts during the off-season leading up to this weekend's game, the true test for the teams will come at game time. I think we will be successful once we come together as a team," Mackin said. "We have a lot of talent, we just need to come together.

Howard Ducks representatives could not be reached for comment Thursday.

McGillon vs. Pasquerilla East

The 2005 women's interhall football season begins Sunday evening fresh with new hope for the McGillon Shamrocks and the Pasquerilla East Pyros, when the squads face off at 5 p.m. on West Quad.

Both teams are looking to rebound from subpar years. While neither team made the playoffs a season ago, the new season is full of hope for either team as both McGillon and PE return starters at key positions.

For McGillon, quarterback and now-captain Bridget Mearham returns to direct the Shamrock offense along with the assistance of senior running back Raquel Perre. These two should provide a balanced offensive offense throughout the season, not allowing defenses to concentrate solely on the run or pass.

For PE, the potent combination of quarterback Laura Adams and wide receiver Caroline Nally returns to again provide the bulk of the offense.

With a year of experience, these two should only improve their performances in a year ago.

The real question for the Pyros in this game is defense. Susspensive to the big play a year ago, the Pyros will have to improve in this area if they plan on a trip to the playoffs.

With both teams having experience at such key positions, expect some points to be put on the board this Sunday night, and the winner will likely be determined by which team's defense plays better.

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ranked No. 16 and hold a 3-1 record.

The team has seen contributions from veterans and new- enners, and goalkeeper Chris Cabill has been a pleasant surprise for a rebuilding defense.

"All the boys that we take, from the starting guys to the backup guys, have got to be ready to add whatever they can add to the team on this trip," Clark said.

Although the focus is on St. John's, the road trip will end with a journey to Syracuse.

"We also travel to Syracuse on Sunday so two very, very (key games)," Clark said. "Syracuse has started off. I think, 4-0, so that has been their best start for a lot of years."

The Irish kick off conference play with two of the toughest opponents they'll face all year, but the team is ready for the challenge.

"This is not an easy trip for Notre Dame soccer, but it's a trip I think we have got the ability to take something positive out of it," Clark said.

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"It's a problem," McGgettigan said.

"We've won 10 games," O'Neill added. "The reason for that is we have a lot of consistency from the players."

O'Neill, on the other hand, is looking to win its opening game for the first time in half a decade, and O'Neill captain Matt Cushing recognizes the challenge ahead.

"Alumni, they're going to be a tough test," he said. "They're known to be tough. This is a pivotal game. It's going to dictate which way the season will go.

"Last year, O'Neill's record was 1-2-1, the best record in the half's history. I think we have a great chance to improve," Hughey said. "We have a lot of commitment from the players." O'Neill has only about five seniors, while freshmen compose nearly a third of the team. Hughey feels that everyone has been working very hard to prepare.

As far as practices go, we've really had some great practices," he said. "I think we've got as ready as we can be."

In terms of equipment, Alumni was in the middle of the pack for pad selection, and McGgettigan said that all his players are fairly satisfied.

O'Neill was third for pad selection, though Hughey feels as though Notre Dame could improve in terms of getting pads for the players.

"I think we could do a little better than the 70s hand-me-downs," he said.

When it comes down to game time, looking like players from 30 years ago won't be on any minds.

That all matters for these teams is coming away with a victory. Hughey says there's no Vintage for a rebuilding team to add to.

"Obviously, our goal is to make it to the championship," he said.

Stanford vs. Dillon

Although they take the field as enemies on Sunday, both Dillon and Stanford have the same goal — victory.

This prize remains from last year’s game when the score ended in a 0-0 tie.

"Shutout," Dillon captain Kenny Gushing said, referring to Dillon’s goal this weekend.

"Shutout victory!"

Stanford captain Phil McNicholas had the same game plan.

"We played Dillon last year and didn’t give up a point," McNicholas said. "Our offense didn’t score in the game, but that should change this time."

Yet, both squads claim that defense is the strength of their respective teams.

"Our strength has got to be our defense," McNicholas said. "For the season last year, the defense gave up a total of nine points in four games. Most of our starters are back from last year, but we also added even more talent, so I’m really excited to see how our defense plays this year."

Dillon captain Romeo Acosta pointed to his defensive line as the Big Red’s strongest aspect.

And, fittingly, both Dillon and Stanford agree that offense is their main weakness. Although this weakness, they say, is due to lack of experience in interhall football, not lack of skill in the game itself.

"Inexperience is definitely one of our weaknesses, because we have a lot of freshman and upperclassmen on the team," Acosta said.

McNicholas has similar thoughts about his offense.

"One weakness might be a lack of experience on offense," McNicholas said. "We have mostly a new cast of characters, including quarterback Brian Reddy and running back Joe Benitez, both freshmen. They may be freshmen, but they have a lot of talent and will do just fine.

"Sunday’s game seems to be in the hands of the new offense and its capability to rise to the captains’ expectations of scoring. It seems that the teams have been evenly matched, and the game could swing either way. Some players crucial to that swing include Dillon’s Lennie Giannone and Dan Avants and Stanford’s Eddie Medrick."

Sohn vs. St. Ed’s

In a highly anticipated opening weekend of interhall football, St. Ed’s and Sorin face off Sunday at Riehle Field North at 1 p.m. in a battle for God Quad bragging rights.

The Stedsmen, led by captain Dan Ward, are trying to improve on last year’s team that failed to make the playoffs. To make sure his team is ready for Sorin, Ward has been working his players hard as of late, including six practices in the last two weeks.

"The teams are really excited," Ward said.

For St Ed’s, part of turning its football team around is also building team unity. The Stedsmen had a team dinner playday night in order to get everyone ready to win on Sunday.

St. Ed’s hopes to upset the Sorin Otters in a game that Ward feels confident his team will do well.

Facing off against St. Ed’s will be the Sorin Otters. Hoping to build on last year’s semifinal team, Sorin captain Pete Lavorini built a solid team with a tough defense led by sophomores Ryon Bove and junior Mike Gandino.

To go along with the strong defense, Sorin promises a high-powered offense, led by sophomores Stu Mora and juniors Chris Paley and Kevin Tooko.

"We’ve got a good talented team like every year," Lavorini said. "We’re just going to go out and play as hard as we can. It’ll be a hard fought game between us and St. Ed’s."

In what promises to be a David and Goliath rematch, St. Ed’s and Sorin will be a quality game to see. The Otters are focused on getting back to the championship this season, while the Stedsmen will be looking to achieve the title.

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that his squad could play to its maximum potential, but many of the problems that loomed large when the Irish lost to Santa Clara a week ago still plague the team.

He said that freshman forward Brittiny Bock is making progress on a knee injury, and several other players have missed practice time this week.

"I haven't gotten the update on Jill [Krevicek] on what her status will be for the weekend when the Irish lost to Santa

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game to hang with Notre Dame.

Waldrum said that the Irish

will have to focus on executing their plays properly, rather than outnumbering specific tendencies of the opponent.

"With DePaul being a new team into the conference ... what we're going to focus on for Friday is trying to get the Irish more and more organized," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said that the DePaul game wasn't the only one the Irish have to pre­pare for this week, though.

They host Michigan (2-1-2) at 1 p.m. Sunday in another Midwest battle.

The game against Michigan is one of historical importance, as the Wolverines were the last team to defeat Notre Dame at Alumni Field.

In fact, Michigan repre­sents Notre Dame's last two home losses.

The Irish, 1-0-1 at 3:30 p.m. today, followed

by the women's race at 4:15 and

three weeks after falling 3-2 to them in the team's final regular­season game.

The Wolverines are not as strong as they were two years ago, but have proven difficult for good teams this year.

They tied No. 23 Kansas 1-1 in

their season opener, and matched No. 6 Texas A&M with the same score Sept. 4.

The Irish offense, however, is more potent than any of those that Michigan has played thus far this year.

Waldrum said that the Irish will try to continue their aggres­sive offensive play this weekend.

"The one thing that continues to be good is the attacking part of our game," he said.

Senior forward Katie Thorlakson moves the ball uphill against Maryland Sept. 4. Thorlakson and the Irish face DePaul at home tonight in the team's conference opener.

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Kaleb Van Orti and Kurt Benninger will all sit out Friday's meet.

Please said he wanted to see his younger runners gain meet experience, and he also wanted
to rest his top runners for late­season competitions.

Racing this week for the Irish will be sophomores Zach Einterz, Brett Adams, James Millar; Mark Moore; Dan Bradley and Mike Popejoy.

Rodriguez, Adams, Bradley and Moore also finished in the top 10.

Veselik, Smyth and Barany are all running in their first colle­giate race. Division 1 schools competing in Friday's meet include Canisius, Dayton, DePaul, Duquesne, Detroit­Mercy, Holy Cross (MA), Loyola (MD), St. Louis, San Diego, Siena, St. Bonaventure, Xavier and Notre Dame.

The Irish are the highest ranked team in the field. No other team is ranked in the top 30 by the USCAA.

Notre Dame has won the last 10 National Catholic Championships and has 17 total wins in the meets 26-year histo­ry.

The meet will begin with a JV race at 3:30 p.m. today, followed by the women's race at 4:15 and the men's race at 5. Admission is free to all races.

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10. Volunteer’s response
15. Some comic sections
16. The Gene Kopp Story title role Portorico 1959
17. Certifies
18. Watch of Friends
19. Gab
21. It has many decision points
22. They make your business plans
23. Mark of prestige
27. Some shelter dwellers
29. Part of a stage: 40 bits
Answer to previous puzzle

Across
29. Prefix with professional
31. ‘Rugrats’ dad
34. Whipped
36. Course setting: Abbr.
39. Driller’s group?
40. Campbell Soup Co.
41. Some mouths
44. Daylight
47. Effort
49. “...my way”
52. Bugbear
53. Common survey option
56. Ditched
58. Approquahotes
59. Aport

Down
1. Ems and others
2. A shot
3. Not pizzicato
4. Tropical tuber
5. Help in holding up
6. Signals
7. Flush
8. Bat spinner
9. De base (provisionally)
10. Turkish hostel
11. Increases in capacity
12. Sound
13. Gibbons of TV
14. Like some old monitors, for short
20. How some things are played
25. Semi-detachable parts?
26. Makes like
28. Sticking point
29. In, for now
32. Talk in the service, perhaps
34. Extra
36. Latin word in police work
37. Modern link, for short
40. Annual event with 7-down
43. Museum person

38. 44 Response to Mehmet in Besiktas
41. Water park feature
42. Kind of yoga
44. With 7-down
46. Like some

47. French musician’s phrase
48. Web-footed bird
50. Impudent person’s annoyance
51. Main character

Across
2. Waterfall
3. Board game
6. Outback Harp
7. Ceramic art
32. Fantasy craft
35. Iron-listed

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Gemini (May 21-June 21): Popularity will be an issue today. An opportunity to be good may be good in an even if it does infringe on your time spent with someone who depends on you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Don’t let someone hinder an investment you should be taking care of yourself. Contracts, agreements, settlements, and collecting old debts can be done successfully today.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The smallest personal sins will get you off easy. Try not to get involved in a disruptive discussion. Spend time刷新ing what means most to you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A chance to do something different will result in some fabulous ideas regarding future prospects. A chance to connect with others with similar interests will guide you to new professional levels.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything is going your way, so don’t be lazy. Take on more and you will impress someone who has a plan you want to be a part of. Love is in a high cycle.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Torn between the emotional and the practical, you aren’t likely to move in either direction. Look at your options and choose the route that will lead to publishing, travel, art or music.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is all about working alongside others. It’s about cooperation, ingenuity and forming alliances that will stand the test of time. A team player is what is required.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on the here and now. It’s what you do today that counts. You have passion and drive, so drive to raise your profile and increase your popularity. Business tips will pay off.

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**Battle in the Big Apple**

Irish visit St. John's in early-season Big East competition

By KATE GALES

Starting with a free pick to win the conference isn't exactly a cakewalk beginning to the season. But the Irish are ready for a challenge as they take on No. 10 St. John's.

Notre Dame has already knocked off a top-10 opponent this season with a win over then-No. 7 Southern Methodist. But in the history of the programs, the Irish have never won at St. John's.

"We couldn't open with a harder one," coach Robin Clark said. "I think you can count on one hand the number of games that St. John's will have lost in the Big East this year in the last 10 years." In the all-time series, the Red Storm leads the Irish 2-3, with last year's decision a 1-1 tie between the two top-10 teams. In 2003, Notre Dame won the Big East tournament title after defeating No. 4 St. John's. In 2004, it took the regular-season title.

This year is crucial for the Notre Dame program, and this road trip is critical for starting the season off right. "This is a game that I think could really make this team be of age," Clark said. "I think this is a great opportunity for us, and I think it's one where I think we're capable of — I know we're capable. I don't just think we're capable; this is a wonderful opportunity for this team."

The Irish have already traveled, playing in the adidas/IAA Credit Union tournament in Bloomington. After last weekend's Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament at Alumni Field, the Irish are

Freshman forward Bright Dike moves past a St. Louis defender Sunday in the Irish's 1-0, double-overtime victory. The Irish face St. John's in Jamaica, Queens tonight.

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Irish will face tests at Alumni Notre Dame kicks off Big East schedule with game against DePaul

By KEN FOWLER

After a weekend of "sloppy play," the Irish (5-1-0) kick off their Big East schedule tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field against conference newcomer DePaul (1-3-1). The game will be Notre Dame's first since returning with a split from the NLI, Adidas Classic in Santa Clara, Calif., last weekend. The Irish lost the opener 2-1 to the host Broncos but bounced back with a 4-1 victory over Gonzaga Sunday, despite what Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum called a mediocre performance. "I wasn't real pleased with the performance against Gonzaga," he said. "I mean, you've got to be happy that we turned around after the loss and got a win, but I don't think it was nearly as sharp as it should be. We didn't have the mindset that we would come out and kill Gonzaga." But this weekend presents an opportunity for the Irish to regain the sharpness with which they played in the first two games of the season. The Irish scored 27 goals in the first two weekends of the schedule en route to four wins, including wins over then-No. 24 Maryland and then-No. 13 Florida at the Inn at Saint Mary's Notre Dame Classic. Waldrum said that he wishes

Irish forward Kerri Hanks maneuvers around a Maryland defender Sept. 4. Hanks leads the nation in goals with 11.

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Notre Dame hosts major meet and hopes to replicate past Irish success

**NO VOLLEYBALL**

The Irish travel to Texas to face Katrina, LSU, and TCU in weekend action.

**GOLF**

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**SMC SOCCER**

Saint Mary's vs. Santa Clara

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Saint Mary's 3, Concordia 2

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TOM ZBIKOWSKI HELPED NOTRE DAME KNOCK OUT MICHIGAN LAST WEEK. THE IRISH SAFETY IS READY FOR ROUND THREE AS MICHIGAN STATE COMES TO TOWN
Irish need to avoid early letdown

The letdown. Known throughout the sports world for its ability to turn last week’s Dr. Jekyll into this week’s Mr. Hyde, the letdown has the potential to devastate teams and ruin seasons. Like the unsightly barnacle stuck on the cruise liner of victory, the letdown quietly attaches itself to the end of any big win, waiting for the opportunity to rear its ugly head the following week.

And Saturday’s win over rival and then-No. 3 Michigan in the Big House — a location where the Irish hadn’t won since Lou Holtz was at the helm in 1993 — certainly qualifies as a big victory. The Irish earned their second-straight road victory over a defending conference champion.

But as big as the 42-21 throttling of Pittsburgh at Heinz Field was in establishing the Irish as a remarkably different football team than years past — at least in terms of transforming a solid game plan into results on the field — the upset of the hated Wolverines in the Big House provides the ideal fuel for the following week’s letdown fire.

Indeed, while playing at home in front of 80,000 screaming Irish faithful can provide that extra spark that helps the players dig just a little deeper and carries the team to victory — all the type surrounding the Notre Dame home opener can be distracting.

Add the unexpected road victories by a new coach in Charlie Weis — the first one to open the season with two road victories since Knute Rockne in 1918 — and the accompanying vault from unranked to No. 10 in the Associated Press poll, and the potential for distraction grows to unprecedented heights, a fact that wasn’t lost on Web.

“First of all, Michigan State is good to start off with,” Weis said during Sunday’s press conference. “And if that isn’t enough, then we have a problem. Then on top of it, now you don’t have that ‘Let’s get on the bus and get out of here where we can be by ourselves’ New York City hotel. Now you have all of your family and friends coming into the game. It could be a distraction.”

And with the distraction-factor building, Weis knew Sunday was the time to tackle the topic.

“I won’t wait until Tuesday to bring it up, because Tuesday I want to be talking about game plan,” Weis said. “I want to be talking about Michigan State’s personnel. I want to be all football.”

Heading into Saturday’s contest, the Spartans have won four straight games at Notre Dame Stadium and 11 overall — the highest total of any opponent.

“First thing I did when I got on the bus on the way home was started doing some research to make sure I had the exact numbers (of the Notre Dame-Michigan State series),” Weis said. “Because I, like anyone else who knows the psychology of football, would realize that this would be a perfect opportunity for the guys to feel so good about themselves, they forgot to show up to play a team that’s been beating them regularly that they have come here.”

Recognizing the mental impact of the sobering stats, Weis wasted little time presenting the numbers to the team, choosing to do so at the beginning of Sunday’s meeting before any talk of Notre Dame’s big win in the Big House.

“I think by giving them the cold, hard facts, ‘Feudas, this is the way it is,’ kind of slap them back to reality, and I think that’s the most important thing that I could be doing this week more than X’s and O’s,” Weis said. “Make them understand the fact that we need to play our best game if we’re going to beat Michigan State.”

If Weis can achieve the same level of success in keeping the Irish focused on the current week as he’s had not only convincing players of their potential, but then translating that confidence into success on the field, Notre Dame should have little difficulty scrapping the letdown parasite off the hull of the ship and continuing the smooth sailing of the 2005 campaign.

But, in the end, if the Irish don’t come ready to play, they can’t expect the hometown crowd to pull it out for them.

“There’s no more obvious, evident case than [the Michigan game] for our players that if you don’t go out and play well enough, it won’t make a difference how many players we have on the field,” Weis said. “Whether it’s 80,000 or eight, you can still end up losing the game if you didn’t play well.”

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Strong safety Tom Zbikowski leads Irish defense with attitude and experience

By PAT LEONARD

The offensive player in him just wouldn't shut up. Tom Zbikowski needed the ball, and he needed it now.

It had been since high school that Zbikowski had run an offense, when he played quarterback, safely and returned kicks at Buffalo High School and Buffalo Grove, Ill. But one touch of the ball was all he wanted.

Never mind that he had already intercepted Michigan State in the first half when heaves to set up the first Irish touchdown on Sept. 16, 2004. On a routine Michigan State running play to tailback Jason Truog, with the score tied 7-7, Zbikowski zipped through the line, tore the ball from Truog's hands, and bolted 75 yards for one of the end zone before even Truog saw him. "Who's that?"

Everyone knows now.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound strong safety has made nine tackles and intercepted Michigan quarterback Steve Beuerlein three times. He is one of the most experienced defensive backs in a secondary that has been early in the season, seems to have made huge strides from a rough campaign last year.

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But as Weis has observed through spring practice, fall practice and the early season, the coach believes Zbikowski has had an obvious positive influence on less experienced players like Ndakwe.

"Somebody who's been out there and seen things happen at full speed — changing every week — is different than the guy who just goes through it in training camp," Weis said. "I think when you have that old soul, you're more prepared for the pressure."

Zbikowski has been the only starter on Notre Dame's defense to see action since the first two games of the season.

He has a good football mind. "I think as we go down the road, every week I'm going to raise the bar on Tommy and expect more of him," Lewis said, "because I think he's got that kind of ability.

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski has made 17 tackles in Notre Dame's first two games this season.
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- Nov. 12 NAVY
- Nov. 19 SYRACUSE
- Nov. 26 at Stanford

Michigan State Defense

- Final score: Notre Dame 24
- Michigan State 21

Irish experts

Pat Leonard
Managing Editor

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AME

Michigan State wants to know how good it is. Notre Dame wants to show how good it will be at home. The Irish defense will step up for the second straight week and the offense will play better than last week. For the first time this season, Notre Dame will pull it all together for one game.

Drew Stanton can throw and so can Brady Quinn. We know this. What we don’t know is how Michigan State runs the ball against a team like the Irish, and we don’t know if the Spartans can stop Notre Dame’s run game. On Saturday, the Irish win the ground and the contest.

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Irish

Charlie Weis has the best record of any coach in college football. So far. So with each week that goes by, he’s eating a lot more of what he was told was not possible. The Irish offense has been flawless. The Irish have shown them right in two games, but the Michigan State motto railed his last week and led to several poor passes.

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Spartans Rushing

The Spartans are off to a 2-0 start, but they will face their biggest test yet against Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is coming off a convincing win over Hawaii, but the Irish will be in for a tough game against Michigan State.

Spartans Passing

Kyle Love has been a key for the Spartans, completing 65.7% of his passes with 4 touchdowns and 0 interceptions.

Special Teams

Michigan State's punt returner is averaging 14.5 yards per return, while the kickoff return team is averaging 21.2 yards per return.

Intangibles

Michigan State's defense has allowed only 12.5 points per game, while Notre Dame has allowed 24.5 points per game.

Michigan State versus Notre Dame

The Big Ten and the Big Ten are likely to face each other in a Group 1 match-up.

Michigan State Analyses

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Sizing up the Irish and the Spartans

**Average Per Game**

**Notre Dame's Offense vs Michigan State's Defense**
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- Total yards allowed: 674 vs 527
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- Rushing yards allowed: 137 vs 217
- Passing yards gained: 367 vs 432
- Passing yards allowed: 537 vs 443
- Kick return yards gained: 59 vs 48
- Kick return yards allowed: 172 vs 152
- Punt return yards gained: 19 vs 31
- Punt return yards allowed: 42 vs 77
- Yards per punt: 42.3 vs 44.4
- Punts blocked: 0 vs 0
- Turnovers lost: 2 vs 3
- Turnovers recovered: 2 vs 4
- Total points scored: 28 vs 31
- Total points allowed: 59 vs 91

**Notre Dame's Defense vs Michigan State's Offense**
- Notre Dame yards penalized: 115
- Michigan yards penalized: 109

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Crum living up to name, Irish expectations

By HEATHER VAN HOGARDEN
Sports Writer

Irish linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. is a first-year starter, but the way he plays rarely reflects his youth.

"When I look over at him, it's just trust that he's going to make the play," senior linebacker Corey Mayo said. "It's not that he's young or anything like that. We really don't look at him like that. He has to step up." And step up he has. Crum has made ten tackles in two games at the new Apache linebacker spot and forced a fumble against Michigan last week. The 6-foot sophomore, despite having played only two games in his college career, doesn't get flustered easily.

I went through the first game jitters, playing in the Michigan game, so now it's time to play," Crum said. "I know my role, I know my responsibility. I just have to step up and fulfill it. I'm playing alongside two fifth-year seniors — Mays and Brandon Hoyte. Mays said that for Crum, stepping into the spotlight after redshirthing as a freshman was not a big deal.

"There's not much of a transition because it's so comfortable with it," Mays said. "It's not nervous about it. He's not forget­ting his checks or anything. Usually it's rather easy. Some people can come into college football and fit right in and never miss a beat.

Crum grew up with football. The son of Miami All-American linebacker Maurice Crum Sr. said being raised with football around him has helped him become the player he is today. Crum and his father would watch game tapes of him in high school, analyzing the tape and crit­i­quing his play.

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And surrounded by Boyle and Crum, Mays. Crum is between two expe­rienced players who look out for him, all while expecting him to step up on the field.

"Everybody's accepted me," Crum said. "They all look after you, that's expected of me. I know my role, I know my responsibility. I just have to step up and fulfill it."

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And surrounded by Boyle and Crum, Mays. Crum is between two expe­rienced players who look out for him, all while expecting him to step up on the field.

"Everybody's accepted me," Crum said. "They all look after you, that's expected of me. I know my role, I know my responsibility. I just have to step up and fulfill it."

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