Freshmen adjust to honor code, challenges

By JOE PIAULLI

First year students often overlook Honor Code

Mary's student. "It's something that I did a lot of. It was pretty comforting," she said.

They seem like the typical Notre Dame couple. She's a sophomore; he's a graduate student. They go to Student Unionboard movies on Friday nights, study at the library together and cheer with the rest of them at Notre Dame football games.

"The vast majority of students found responsible for Honor Code violations at Notre Dame are first-year students or sophomores," she said.

By MARY KATE MAIONE

Married students find University experience fulfilling

Notre Dame junior spins to success on popular game show

Lisa Fetta won $11,060 on Wheel of Fortune as part of the game show's College Road Trip series.

By JOE PIAULLI

It may have been the luck of the Irish that landed Badin Hall junior Lisa Fetta a spot on Wheel of Fortune, but her ensuing $11,060 in winnings had more to do with skill.

The wheel itself wasn't exactly a lucky charm for the political science and engineering major. She spun five lose-a-turns or bankrupts but took second place against students from Indiana and Kansas as part of Wheel of Fortune's College Road Trip. The show was filmed in Los Angeles on Sept. 15 and will air Oct. 25. The day of filming started at 6 a.m. for Fetta. She and about 25 other college students went through make-up and hair sessions and hours of practice.

They also filmed several commercials, including promotions for local channels and a commercial for Ford.

Fetta's father, brother and two younger sisters met her in Los Angeles to cheer her on.

"My family all thought I would win a lot of money," Fetta said. "My brother missed school and flew from Dayton [Ohio]. They knew I was pretty confident."

Unlike some other contestants, Fetta was not at all nervous before going on stage.

"I was just anxious. They try to touch you up every two seconds. I just wanted to play the game," she said. "Some girls were shaking, one girl threw up. I was more nervous during the audition."

Fetta said she was pleasantly surprised this past summer when she received an e-mail granting her a private audition in Chicago. She was in Philadelphia at the time for a
INSIDE COLUMN

Greatest hits

When Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler first saw the Stanley Cup in person, he couldn’t help but be amazed at its pedigree, quipping, “This is the only thing that has seen more parties than me.”

The National Hockey League’s glorified drinking cup, first awarded by Canada’s governor-general Lord Stanley in 1892 to the country’s top hockey team, has been handed out all but two years in its lifetime. The first absence came in 1919 when the Spanish flu epidemic made it impossible for the top two NHL teams to field an entire team, the flu even killed the contending Montreal Canadiens’ captain “Bad” Joe Hall. The second, regrettably, came about from less than defensible conditions in 2004-05 with an owner-induced lockout.

Many supposed pundits labeled the eventual season-long lockout the demise of what had been a league already in decline. They threw the NHL and its iconic trophy onto the dirty jersey pile in the corner of the national sports scans locker room.

Hockey was soon forgotten in the national consciousness, the Cup left dry of ice shavings and champagne. The memory of national unity forged by Canada’s governing class in the late 1910’s to face the same problem over a decade ago was all but obliterated.

While the analysts were busy bashing the owners, the images of Bobby Orr’s Cup-winning goal, stretched in a Supercross post, teeth beaming, were filed away in a cabinet few bothered to check.

Wayne Gretzky’s 92 goals in 1981-82, a single season record comparable only with Chamberlain’s 50.4 average points per game for the 1962 season, DiMaggio’s 56-game hit streak and Greetzky’s own 215 point season in 1985-86, is incredible when a 50 goal scorer is labeled one of the best in the league, but is rarely noted in the blizzard of complaints anymore.

And who could forget Super Mario Lemieux’s performance in the 1995-96 season that led to his capture of the Hart Trophy, the hardware awarded to the season MVP, less than a year after he underwent the crippling effects of Hodgkin’s Disease? Well, evidently the majority of the sports world could, no problem.

Now with the NHL’s return, many cannot help but wunder where the League is headed and what will turn in. It’s not an uncommon pattern, the sports world suffering with the same problem over a decade ago as it faced in 2004-05.

The NHL is primed to embark on a rise back to international acclaim. It looks to rookie Sidney Crosby, the most highly touted prospect since Gretzky, and a laundry list of rules changes meant to open the game back up to the mix of offense, speed and no-holds barred fighting characteristic of the Old-Tyme hobby favored by the Hanson Brothers.

But until the game can re-ice itself back into the national sports lucid, let the puck drop, the gloves fly and the Cup ride high over a hoard of playoff boards and Barry Melrose mullets.

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IN BRIEF

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD COMPETE ON A GAME SHOW, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE?

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Jeff Hausfeld sophomore O’Neill
Joe Garlock junior off-campus
Matt Plaska junior Krouth
Andrea Lee senior off-campus
Marcus Jackson senior Fisher

“Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, no pain ... except at Farley!”
“American Gladiators, so I can get in shape for O’Neill broomball.”
“Legends of the Hidden Temple, because Kirk Fogg is my hero.”
“The Price is Right, because Bob Barker rocks my world.”
“Blind Date ... unless I get set up with a guy like this.”
“What is Jeopardy? No, really!”

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Pair of Irish dancers perform at restaurant

By EMILY LAVELLE
New Writer

Saint Mary's juniors Erin Kotelnicki and Jessi Crogan reeled and slid jigged their way to applause and cheers Thursday night at Fiddler's Hearth.

Kotelnicki and Crogan, who are both seasoned Irish step dancers, were invited to perform at the Half St. Patrick's Day Festival. The girls danced to live music provided by the Irish band, Teuda, whose members said the dancing was some of the best they had ever seen.

"The girls were both top class. They were light on their feet and they had great timing," said Tristan Rosenstock, who plays the bodhran for the band.

Kotelnicki and Crogan performed four different types of Irish step dances, including the reel, slip jig, tap reel and two hard reel. Kotelnicki said those dances are some of her favorites.

"It's exhilarating to be doing something so difficult and at the same time feeling like you've nailed it in the midst of your performance," she said.

Crogan agreed, saying, "It's a lot harder than it looks. Doing one set of dances is equivalent to running 800 meters. But it gives you a rush, especially when you're in front of a crowd."

The crowd included Saint Mary's juniors Shannon McManus and St. Mary's senior Lauren Condon, who said the dancing was "absolutely incredible."

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A lack of academic integrity is a growing national problem to which Notre Dame is not immune, Jacobs said, noting that first-year students are perhaps the ones who need the most attention.

"National surveys show that seven out of eight college-bound students admit to cheating in high school," Jacobs said. "When students enroll at Notre Dame, they need to recognize that academic dishonesty is not tolerated here.

Faculty Honor Code Officer Thomas Flint, who has been teaching philosophy at Notre Dame for 23 years, said about 150 students over the past three years were caught for violating the Honor Code, with less than half of these students found guilty of a major violation.

"If Notre Dame were typical of American universities, we would have somewhere in the neighborhood of 25,000 cases of cheating every year," Flint said. "Fortunately, our situation is not that bad, but it's still bad enough...Far, far too many of our students simply don't live up to the ideals for which the University stands."

Consequences for infringements of the Academic Code of Honor can be unforgiving.

"Violating the Honor Code comes with serious penalties at this University," said senior Kristin Graham, the University Code of Honor Committee's other co-chair. "Whereas a violation in high school may have resulted in a minor penalty, Honor Code violations at Notre Dame range from zero credit on an assignment to flunking a course to suspension or dismissal from the University."

Right now, roughly half of all cases of violation at Notre Dame involve plagiarism.

"Copying off the Internet without proper citation is the most rapidly growing offense," Jacobs said. "We must teach first-year students the rules of citation so that there are no misunderstandings about how to avoid plagiarism."

"To put it bluntly," Flint said, "some students cheated their way into Notre Dame, and are trying to cheat their way through Notre Dame."

A number of steps are taken to ensure that incoming freshmen are made aware of the Honor Code, but Graham said students must make the guidelines work.

The "Honor Code itself is not successful or unsuccessful," she said. "Students are successful or unsuccessful insofar as they fulfill its challenge to responsible, respectful scholarship.

Before freshmen arrive on campus, they receive a copy of the Honor Code in the mail and must sign a pledge to abide by it. Although the pertinent information is also presented to them during orientation weekend, Graham said more could be done.

"The Code of Honor Committee hopes to improve its outreach to freshmen, possibly beginning with next year's class," Graham said. "We are currently in the process of developing an online tutorial about the Honor Code."

Freshman Michael Lamme said he felt while most students are aware of and respect the Honor Code, they could stand to know more.

"I think freshmen understand the reasons that the Honor Code is there, but I doubt most of them know the details of it," he said.

Lamme said Notre Dame's Code did not require a great deal of adjusting on his part.

"There are no real big differences, other than that it seems like more aggressive learning is encouraged more here than it was in high school, where it was more of an individual thing," Lamme said.

For some freshmen, understanding the Honor Code is one thing, while agreeing with it is another.

"The Honor Code is there to make sure that students aren't taking any shortcuts in their education. It is also there to protect the work of other people," Lamme said. "I'm not sure if any part of it is being unfair."

Fellow freshman Frank DiRocco did not fully agree. He learned about the Honor Code over the summer, when he signed the pledge along with incoming students stating that he would not participate in or condone academic dishonesty.

"Although he intends to follow this pledge, he said the latter part of the agreement was somewhat unfair.

"The fact that we must report violations of the Honor Code or we're subject to the consequences for breaking the Honor Code is unreasonable," he said.

DiRocco said this area of the Code is probably violated more frequently than others, because "people do not want to turn in friends."

Flint said DiRocco may be on to something.

"We completely turn over other students in, when even when they have ample evidence that cheating is taking place," he said.

"Of the 150 or so cases I've read over the past three years, I believe that only one involved a student's self-reporting a violation of the Code."

Many freshmen, including DiRocco and Lamme, said they felt the administration and professors must shoulder much of the responsibility in making certain that freshmen know the Honor Code.

"Professors touched on the Honor Code at the beginning of the semester, but they never talked about anything in-depth," Lamme said.

Bill Jenista, a student representative on the Honor Committee for the College of Engineering, said he thought Notre Dame could improve in this area.

"At a basic level I think freshmen and professors follow the Honor Code, but I think most people forget some of the finer points and consequently slip up on those," he said. "Professors could be somewhat more explicit in the Honor Codes for their specific classes and then enforce them."

The issue of explanation is compounded by the Honor Code's ever-changing nature, as it is a document subject to revisions based on experience. Such revisions necessitate consistent education and awareness with regard to the Honor Code.

"In April 2005, the Academic Council approved a set of amendments to the Honor Code," Jacobs said. "This fall we are trying to educate faculty and students about the revised Honor Code, and we are working to deepen students' commitment to academic integrity."

Every party involved must take some responsibility in maintaining academic honesty at Notre Dame, Graham said.

"Individual students and professors...need to realize how important their role is in promoting and upholding academic standards," she said. "We have got to strive toward a united front on academic integrity because dishonesty unfairly affects other students' efforts, seriously disrespects professors, and tarnishes this University's reputation as an academic institution. We need to be firm in refusing to tolerate cheating of any kind in any of our academic endeavors."

Goals of high awareness and harsh penalties are clear, but difficult to meet, she said.

"The challenge is to create a culture where academic dishonesty is simply unacceptable. Students and faculty alike need to reinforce the University's commitment to responsible, honest scholarship," Graham said. "If we can achieve that sort of atmosphere, then we will make significant progress towards academic integrity."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

School children victims of violence

RAGUILLA, California - Classes had just ended, children were milling outside, and the elementary school's five male teachers had just gotten into a white school van when two men pulled up, full of men wearing Iraqi police uniforms.

But they weren't police. The ninegunmen apparently Sooni insurgents pulled the drivers and their driver from the van, while the school's few women teachers fled. They dragged the men into an empty classroom, lined them against the wall and mowed them down with automatic weapons.

The dead in Monday's attack were all Shite Muslims, the latest victims of the mounting sectarian killings in Iraq ahead of a crucial referendum on a new constitution that has sharply divided Sunnis and Shites.

Pope meets with critical theological

VALENTINO CITY - Pope Benedict XVI is expected to meet this weekend with one of his fiercest critics, Hans Koenig, and the two had a "friendly" discussion, the Vatican and the dissident Swiss theologian said Monday.

The meeting occurred Saturday, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement. Koenig, a member of the Essen disciplinary, had been repeatedly involved in the decision in the case of an archbishop of Munich and Freising.

Ratzinger has publicly criticized Koenig's writings, and Koenig called his old colleague's election "an enormous disappointment for all those who hoped for a reformist and pastoral pope," although he gave him 100 days to "learn.

In an interview with The Associated Press from his home in Turlingen on Monday, Koenig said the audience lasted several hours and was "very constructive and even a friendly conversation."

NATIONAL NEWS

Sheehan arrested with protesters

WASHINGTON - Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who became a leader of the anti-war movement after her son died in Iraq, was arrested Monday along with hundreds of others protesting outside the White House.

Sheehan, carrying a photo of her son in his Army uniform, rallied with other protesters in a park across the street from the White House and then marched to the gate of the executive mansion to request a meeting with President Bush.

The protesters later sat down on the pedestrian walkway in front of the White House, which is normally just inches away from Bush, and were arrested - and began singing and chanting "Stop the war now."

Police detained them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move along, then began making arrests. One man climbed over the White House fence and was arrested after four and a half hours.

Brown admits to Katrina mistakes

INDIANAPOLIS - Former FEMA Director Michael Brown said Monday he should have sought faster help from the Pentagon after Hurricane Katrina hit, and blamed state and local officials for failing to order an immediate evacuation of New Orleans, congressional aides of both parties said.

LOCAL NEWS

New clinics treat patients quickly

INDIANAPOLIS - New clinics designed to treat common ailments in 15 minutes with no appointment were set to open Monday in Indianapolis.

The idea goes for $30. Treating visiting ath­letes' foot or ear infection will run $49.

Seven clinics were to open at local CVS stores. Owned and operated by MinuteClinic, the clinics have no doctors on site but are staffed by nurse practi­tioners trained to diagnose and treat com­mon ailments and provide basic services, such as vaccinations.

Evolution in schools before court

HARRISBURG, Pa. - "Intelligent design" is a religious theory that was inserted in a school district's curricu­ lum with the argument that it has scientific underpinnings, a lawyer told a federal judge Monday as he opened a trial to determine whether it is allowed under the First Amendment.

"They did everything you would do if you wanted to give a proportionate and serious point of view in science class and caved nothing about its scientific validity," said Jonathan Crisp, an attorney representing eight families who are challenging the decision of the Dover Area School District.

But in his opening statement, the school district's attorney defended Dover's policy of requiring ninth­grade students to hear a brief state­ment about intelligent design before biology classes on evolution.

"This case is about free inquiry in education, not about a religious agenda," argued Patrick Gillen of the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. "We're just looking for a modest cur­riculum change embodies the essence of liberal education." The center, which lobbies for what it sees as the religious freedom of Christians, is defending the school district.

Eighty years after the Scopes "Monkey Trial," the opening of the trial in federal court marked the latest legal battle in the debate over the teaching of evolution in public schools.

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Judge convicts Pfc. England

FORT HOOD, Texas – Army Pfc. Lynndie England, the latest defendant in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, was found guilty of a count of conspiring to maltreat detainees and one count of committing an indecent act.

England, 22, was found guilty of one count of conspiring to maltreat detainees and one count of committing an indecent act. She was acquitted on a second conspiracy count.

The trial of five Army officers took about two weeks to reach verdicts.

England's trial began Monday and is expected to reach a conclusion by Tuesday.

England, wearing her dark green dress uniform, stood at attention Monday as the verdict was read by the judge foreman. She showed no obvious emo­tion afterward.

Her trial began two weeks after a U.S. appeals court largely upheld the conviction of her former co-defendants.

Asked for comment after the verdict, defense lawyer Capt. Jonathan Crisp said, "The only reaction I can say is, 'Thank you.'"

England's trial is the last of nine Army officers who are under investigation for possible abuse at Abu Ghraib in Iraq, a prison near Baghdad where a soldier, Staff Sgt. Lynndie England, was found guilty of a count of conspiring to maltreat detainees and one count of committing an indecent act.

England, who gave her latest victim a signed picture, is one of four male guards, including Charles Graner, who will be sentenced Friday.

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Married

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Road Apartments are meant for married students without children.

"Obviously the needs of students with families are very different from single students," Brenner said. "A very small percentage of Notre Dame's students are married, so on the whole, students with families are not the primary focus for the University. The University Village is very unique in that our entire focus is on student families. At the University Village, we make every effort to make sure that both the student and his or her family have a strong support network.

The University's policy states that no student can live in the dorm and be married. Married couples without children can find housing at the Cripe Road Complex, or, like the Freyfusses, live together off campus.

Jessica Guo, a China native and the wife of a physics graduate student, lives in University Village with her husband and their one-year-old son Theodore.

She said the University does an excellent job taking care of married students.

"I think Notre Dame is a really good place that allows people from other countries to come here," Guo said. "For a foreigner like me, I am happy to live here and raise my child."

University Village was built in 1962 and modeled after "Vetville," an apartment complex for returning World War II soldiers and their families. Vetville was located behind the Hesburgh Library now stands.

Unlike married students, students who become engaged during their last year at Notre Dame don't need to change their living arrangements. But other habits often change.

Senior Mary Elizabeth Steffan who is currently planning a summer wedding with her fiancé who lives in Maine, said her plans after college changed the way she socialized at Notre Dame.

"I have a different perspective on social life and activities," Steffan said. "I don't have the added stress of the dating scene. I feel a whole lot more lonely since my fiancé lives in Maine."

While her friends are busy plotting their future careers, Steffan is content with the domestic life that awaits her.

"Being engaged sets me apart in a way, as far as out of the crowd of super-achievers or those that have huge ambitions for service, self-made careers or travel," Steffan said. "There's a concrete future for me, namely a husband, and for many of my peers, they just haven't figured out anything concrete yet."

For Andrea Dreyfuss, life since her wedding day has been blissful, despite the reactions from shocked peers who spotted her wedding ring.

"I tell people my name and they're like 'Oh, you're the girl who got married,'" Andrea Dreyfuss said. "It doesn't come out in class. Sometimes I prefer not to say (that I'm married), I'm afraid people will say that I'm immature, but hey it's my life. I should be able to make my own decisions. They don't know who I am."

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**Businesses rebuild after Katrina**

Small business owners remain in New Orleans despite devastating losses

**Associated Press**

New Orleans — Clay Lacy doesn’t know yet if she’ll be able to get her small business up and running again in New Orleans, but she’s anxious to get back to the city and try.

"Absolutely New Orleans is my home," said Lacy. "I own a Drama Kids franchise in the city’s Garden District. Having evacuated, the outside of the Garden District was destroyed, but now she’s currently in Houston, evaluating if she can come back. She's now in charge of the company, which runs drama programs for school-age children.

A handful of small business owners interviewed by The Associated Press said all they wanted to return to New Orleans and restart their companies. How certain they are of their chances for success depends largely on the nature of their enterprises, not on how much damage the businesses suffered.

For Ryan, the question is whether the children of her company will come back to the area, or whether her teacher and family will relocate elsewhere.

"All of my children have been to the Garden District," she said, and noted that her teachers have also left the city. "I don’t know what I’m going back to."

Ryan and business are in the city’s Garden District, and she believes her house was heavily damaged by a fallen tree. She expects to be in Houston for several months while she decides what to do.

Adam Vodanovich and his brothers and sisters were forced to flee.

"We feel like we have a clean slate. We know what mistakes we have to avoid," said Vodanovich, who was staying with friends in Tallahassee, Fla.

A New Orleans store owner, Robert Thompson, considers himself lucky. He has seen changes that the flood damage at his coffee house, Fair Grinds, near City Park, and "we fared much better than a lot of my fellow shop owners. The building is reasonably intact, but flooded. I have to pull out shelving and cabinets... but by and large I’m not facing the kind of damage that so many are."

"Still, while he says, "I fully intend to rebuild and get going again," like Ryan, he’s worried about the customers he lost, and very concerned about finding workers his staff was large enough to make up for the college students, and many have temporarily returned to schools around the country. His home barely appears to have escaped damage."

What helps Thompson’s optimism is the fact that his store is a magnet for people they’re looking for the social atmosphere of a coffeehouse as well as a cup of joe and so a reopened Fair Grinds can help rebuild a neighborhood. In the meantime, as he stays in Houston, he’s been in touch with and gotten together with some of his displaced customers.

Connie Zibibek Melanson was helping to tear down her decimated home when a reporter called for an interview, but the owner of a Children’s Orchard Franchise said she had heard about the rebuilding effort and wanted to be part of it. The store in Old Metairie, which sells lightly used children’s clothing, furniture and toys, suffered no damage, and Zibibek Melanson expects there to be a market for her discontinued merchandise when parents start picking up their children’s possessions lost to Katrina.

**Sony plans to cut jobs and plants**

**Associated Press**

Tokyo — Sony Corp. Chairman Howard Stringer, the first foreigner to head the Japanese electronics and entertainment company, promised a decisive turnaround Thursday centered on trimming consumer electronics operations and shedding unprofitable businesses.

But many analysts said his plan lacked credibility and vision for a world in which consumer electronics companies are being forced to not only shift information and entertainment content but to develop new products to keep up with the Internet and wireless revolutions.

Those analysts did not say what those businesses were.

Stringer, a British-American dual citizen, acknowledged that times have changed. Unlike the old days when Sony ruled electronics and music industries, it now faces tough competition and cheaper prices that are turning Sony products into mere "commodities," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel.

"Staying ahead of this curve by affecting the consumer truthfully and fairly is a fundamental strategic imperative," Stringer said. "We need to focus aggressively and on being the No. 1 consumer electronics and entertainment company on the planet."

Sony said it would focus now on so-called "champion products" including the PlayStation3 next-generation videogame console, Bravia liquid crystal display televisions and Walkman MP3 music players whose sales are miserably far behind those of Apple Computer Inc.’s iPod.

Analysis were not impressed by Stringer’s game plan.

Instead of deciding on spin-offs or outlining a clearer way of relating electronics with entertainment, Sony’s proposal sounded much like other plans to streamline the corporate structure to eliminate redundancies, they said.

"If I had to give a grade to Howard Stringer, I’d give him a C-plus," said John Yang, analyst with Standard & Poor’s in Tokyo. "Sony still wants to be the master of the universe. They want to conquer entertainment; they want to conquer consumer electronics; they want to conquer games."
NEW YORK — May and December marry today. Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore, who reportedly wed Saturday, are the latest epicome of the May-December romance — a classic, glossy, loving match of young and old. Us Weekly and People magazine reported that Kutcher, 27, and Moore, 42, tied the knot in Beverly Hills, Calif., after dating for two years. At first, many wondered how Kutcher, 27, and Moore, 42, might make it as a couple and why Bruce Willis, Moore’s ex-husband and the father of her three daughters, hadn’t punted that kid from “That 70s Show.”

Although extremely private, the couple offered glimpses of their connection, said in an interview in the September issue of Harper’s Bazaar magazine that Kutcher was her “soul mate.”

Willis, meanwhile, has been involved about liking Kutcher. Eventually, it was clear this wasn’t an episode of Kutcher’s MTV prank show. Instead, it was another story of love conquering age.

“The younger man is attracted to an older woman most likely because of her poise, her social graces, her contacts. She has a polish he hasn’t yet acquired,” Dr. Joyce Brothers says of the younger man-older woman dynamic.

“She, on the other hand, could be attracted to his promise in their mutual endeavor — in this case Hollywood. Or his exuberance, his fresh way of looking at the world,” Brothers told The Associated Press on Monday.

Brothers added that a woman’s sexual peak is at a later age. The May-December match is happening more, she said, because “we’re remaining vigorous, active and healthier longer — men and women. The younger person doesn’t have to worry about spending long years nursing the older one.”

Always a pairing ripe for fiction — the films “Harold and Maude,” “The Graduate,” “Something’s Gotta Give” and “How Stella Got Her Groove Back” are examples — the allure of the older woman is also a Hollywood reality.

Tim Robbins, 12 years younger than his companion, Susan Sarandon, has shown for almost two decades that the power of love (and liberal ideals) is beyond number.

Guy Ritchie is 10 years younger than Madonna. Sheryn Crow is nine years older than her fiancé, Lance Armstrong. Justin Timberlake, 24, and 33-year-old Cameron Diaz have been an item for over a year, while Julianne Moore, 44, is married to Bart Freundlich, 45.

Gena Davis, television’s new “Commander-in-Chief,” is married to 24-year-old ex-con, Rob Camilletti, 23 when she was 40. Mary Tyler Moore’s husband, Dr. Robert Levine, is 18 years younger.

When comedian singer Marta Raye married her seventh husband, Mark Harris, in 1991, she was 75 and he was 42.

Older men who have married younger women include Woody Allen (35 years older than Soon-Yi), Clint Eastwood (25 years older than Dina), Michael Douglas (25 years older than Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Jerry Seinfeld (18 years older than Jessica).

For non-Hollywood couples, there are online dating services designed to bring together singles seeking an “age-gap relationship.” The site of www.maydecember.net is “years apart, coming together.”


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service project and wasn't sure if she could make the trip. “My parents flew me out for one day to do the audition,” she said. “There were about 300 people and only 10 people made it. It all happened really fast.” Fetta filled out an application online several years ago and forgot about it. But all along she felt she had a knock for games like Wheel of Fortune.

Fetta said the most difficult parts of her experience were knowing that so much was on the line in such a short amount of time, and feeling like she had no control. But Fetta said there were a lot of tricks to make it look bigger. “You have to hold the wheel a certain way. The lawyers standing on the side make sure you do it right.”

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organized.
The LRC also provides assistance in improving English language skills of non-native speakers.

Sandra Harrnaxis, one of two LIC directors who pre­

sents workshops and provides individual instruction, pre­

dicted that this year’s fresh­

man class will use the LRC more than the previous five years’ classes by the end of the fall semester.

“In the past five years, the average number of participants in Learning Strategies Programs has averaged 225,” Harrnaxis said. “As of the end of the fourth week of classes, the participation is already at 110 — more than double the same period for 2004.”

In addition to providing students with the LRC, FYS gives students access to peer advisors, upperclassmen who provide informal help in matters of adjusting to campus and dorm life as well as study habits.

Some freshmen still don’t realize that they have access to peer advisors.

When asked if she had visited a peer advisor yet, Kristina Merz said, “No. Do we have one of those?”

However, most freshmen said they knew and had met with their peer advisor.

“It was helpful to meet my peer advisor because she is really knowledgeable about the resources available to first year students,” freshman Alessandra Bouchard said. “I know that if I have any problems in the future she will be a good person to go to.”

Not all freshmen, however, found the experience beneficial.

“Actually, I would have rather stayed home to do homework,” freshman Matt Kerman said. “I didn’t really help much.”

Through FYS, freshmen also have individual meetings with their academic advisors to discuss subjects like required classes and potential majors. Assistant FYS dean Holly Martin said each full-time first year advisor has an average of 488 individual meetings with first year students during the fall semester.

“It’s probably impossible to get to know every student,” Holly Martin said. “It depends on the needs of the student.”

The students may only have one or two meetings with their advisor, others have many more, Martin said. “It depends on the needs of the student.”

“These needs may be minimal, in the freshman’s eyes. Although the FYS keeps pestering him to set up an appointment, freshman Nathan Bernardi said, “I don’t think it’s fair to make him have appointments twice a week for five weeks a year.”

But freshman Devin Fee found his meeting with his academic advisor useful. “It helped me put things in perspective,” Fee said. “She organized my priorities and promised support if I needed it.”

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Notre Dame’s refusal to recognize the Gay/Straight Alliance is a wretched dis­
grace that is based upon a gross distor­
tion of the actual message of Jesus. The fundamentalists alleges that homosexual­
ity is a perversion, even if they try to
cover it up with non­
sensical rhetoric.
attempting to draw a false division between
the state of being human and the act
itself.
The nature of an event is found within
the occurrence of the action. It is within
the homosexual act that the internal nature of
the homosexual is expressed. If one was to be born such that they lived forever, then
past, or he she could not be said to be a past unordered that observes absol­
ute from existing past. It is just as
ludicrous to claim that one can have
a certain sexual orientation and not
express it. The two are inexorably
linked.
The proponents of expanding full rights
gay to students often appeal to Catholic
dogma and moral. Biblical passages, or
religions are human attempts to inter­
pret the divine’s attempt to communi­
cate, and mistakes are always going to
be made so long as we try to use human
logic and languages to express the lan­
guage of the divine. Desperately claspin­
g a few phrases from the gospels and
failing to acknowledge that these were
written in the moral tradition of the
Jews of the first century. (E.G.,
the fundamentalists fail to separate the divine
from the human within the gospels.
Notre Dame is indeed a Catholic
school and should not shed her roots
within that faith, yet she also should not
attempt to force her morality upon
the student body. A moral code propagated
under compulsion is one that exists only
in the minds of the enforcers.
The University should promote an open, lib­
eral intellectual environment. By fail­
ing to acknowledge the rights of a cer­
tain group, the enforcers harm everyone
by defacing the spirit of academic free­
dom that should pervade any such place
that intends to promote a flowering
of the human soul and intellect.
This school’s policy is one that con­
forms to the general ignorance and hate that sup­
plies America’s intoler­
ance of her significant homosexual minority.
Every citizen deserves the
exact equal rights as another under
the laws of our land. The refusal to grant
precise equality is a sickening example of
a certain fundamentalist view claiming its
way into the state.
The essential reason that gay mar­
rriage is illegal is that the idea threatens the
evangelical right that pours vast
sums of cash and votes into the
Republican party. Fraidy to lose the sup­
port or gain the vote from critical demo­
political, both Republicans and moderate
Democrats refuse to take up the issue
and hide their cowardice behind
a translucent veil of deceptive phrases like
“the sanctity of marriage,”
and “traditional definition of marriage.”
The very term “civil union” smacks of
inherent discrimination. I will get
to marry my wife, and a gay person will
have a civil union. This logic sounds
very similar to the “separate but equal”
language of the civil rights struggle.
The existence of marriages and civil unions is
similar to having “white” and “col­
dor” water fountains. The dictionary
of speech attempts to rationalize and
euphemize the fact that the religious
right has no real logical reason why gay
people should not share equal rights of marriage;
and there view is based upon
dogged puritanism, a fear of change,
and a blinding love of tradition.
The argument that activist judges are
overturning the will of the majority
by granting equal rights to homosexuals is
as fallacious as it is dangerous.
A democracy is not a tyranny of the
majority, nor was it intended to be one by our
founders. If one should doubt this, or she should read the
Federalist Papers of Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison.
The French political thinker Alexis de
Toqueville was most apt when said “if ever
the free institutions of America are destroyed, that event will arise from
the unlimited tyranny of the majority.”
Pray we are not now planting the very seeds
of the fall of the American Republic.
If anyone should be surprised that a
heterosexual, former president of the
College Republicans should write this,
column, he should not. It is the
sacred duty for every American to safe­
guard the freedoms of their fellow citi­
zens. Citizenship is not merely a legal
status, it is privilege that comes with
the rights and responsibilities. One
such obligation is to possess a fierce zeal
for protecting the rights of all Americans.
The body politic must prevent any
minority from being trampled.
Nations do not guarantee the precious
tyranny overnight, but only after the rock of
lib­
erty has been slowly chipped away one
group or right at a time.

Ian Ronderos
The Right View

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Quote of the Day

“We could never learn to be brave
and patient if there were only joy
in the world.”

Helen Keller
activist
Pride in Weis' character

As a Saint Mary's graduate, I have felt honor and pride when watching Notre Dame football, especially this year. Growing up, my family was from South Bend and Notre Dame was all I knew. However, I have never felt so much pride to be a part of the Notre Dame community as I did after reading the story on Charlie Weis that appeared in this morning's Tribune. I live in Indianapolis, and although you will find Notre Dame fans, it is not like the atmosphere of South Bend where the majority live and breathe Notre Dame. On a local radio station this morning, they were talking about the story of Weis and Montana, the child with a brain tumor. I was so moved I looked up the story online and forwarded it to everyone I knew.

Not much needs to be said about Weis. We all expected that he would come into this community and help our football team. I don't think we all counted on his improving the community as well. This is not the first kind story I have heard about this man. But I can honestly say that I am so proud to have a coach such as himself, and think that Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and even the city of South Bend should be honored to have him as part of the community.

There again, Weis and the Irish have proved why Notre Dame's football will continue to be as great a tradition as it has been. It doesn't always have to do with how many games you win [although they are off to a great start]. It is about how much class and character a team shows. With that said, I don't think there is a team that can compare to our Irish. Thank you for proving another reason why Notre Dame and its community excels above the rest.

Libby Springer
Associate Editor

Gold*? Fine by me

After this weekend's thrilling victory over Washington, I would like to encourage everyone traveling to Purdue this weekend to wear gold*. Let's end the controversy over the shirt and show our opponents how Irish fans stood out in their gold* once again. It seemed as if the entire Michigan student section was rooting for the Irish, as they too were clad in gold*. This Saturday is another opportunity to show our colors and cover Ross Ade stadium in a golden* shower. Go Irish, Beat Boilermakers!

* gold = yellow

John Anderson
Columnist

U-WIRE

Bayh votes against Roberts

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh announced Friday he would vote against the nomination of John Roberts to be the next chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. We attendants are not because he opposed the nominee, but because "we simply do not know enough about his views on critical issues to make a considered judgment. And that is the standard that must be met for a lifetime appointment to our nation's highest court."

We understand Bayh's concern. In many instances we believe that Roberts artfully dodged vital questions from the senators questioning him. But what else was Roberts to do? Run his necessary impartiality as a judge by running on detailed cases.

Let there be no mistake: Our support for Roberts is not unified or solid. If Roberts lives as long as his predecessor, the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, he might very well be chief justice until people who have taken issue with him are in their mid-50s or even 60s. As a result, the possibility of his nomination provides a great opportunity for influence and passage over the Court for so long.

We have strong concerns about women's rights, civil rights, privacy and a reparation of government powers. All issues the Court will surely address in the future and issues we hope Roberts will examine closely.

After his televised confirmation hearings and the way he jiggled the Senate Judiciary Committee, we find Roberts to be an intelligent and sensible jurist, seemingly responsive of precedent and, therefore, a clearly qualified choice. But have we given him the option?"
’Geist’ a spooky, albeit mediocre time

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

For further proof that the first-person shooter is starting to run out of ideas, look no further than “Geist,” a truly bizarre action/adventure game exclusively for Nintendo Gamecube. The game’s premise involves a disembodied scientist who has the ability to inhabit other people, animals and objects.

The player takes control of John Izard, a spirit ripped from his body by the evil Volks corporation. Aside from taking control of Volks soldiers during which time the game devolves into a simple first-person shooter, there are also several puzzles in which the player takes control of inanimate articles in order to complete objectives. Thankfully, there is still a fair amount of wandering aimlessly confused.

If all this sounds kind of creepy and strange, it is. Few games are as downright weird as “Geist.”

Hearing the disembodied voice of the little girl “Raimi” in her sing-song voice is enough to cause more than just a few shudders. Yet, the game manages to work the spirit aspect into the narrative and play more efficiently than might be expected.

“Geist” breaks no new narrative or gameplay ground, though there are several nice references (“Aliens,” “The Thing,” “Poltergeist”) throughout the game and it has its share of scary moments. The plot, which revolves around an unethical bio-corporation, is nothing new, but is compelling enough to keep players interested.

Gameplay is solid and the controls are standard, but it is the game’s ghostly twist that keeps it afloat. The ability to leave the character being controlled and explore as a spirit is interesting, and the developers put enough use of the device into the game that it works well, for the most part.

The graphics and sound are quite good. The spirit aspect allows for some flashy transparency and slow-down effects. These effects are an integral and logical part of gameplay rather than just merely for showcasing special effects.

There is also a multiplayer mode, which is pretty similar to most multiplayer modes in games in the first-person shooter genre. All of them incorporate the spirit entity device, which is good since the first-person shooter aspect is really nothing special.

There are better games and better first-person shooters out there, but “Geist” has enough innovativeness to make it stand out from the crowd. Though the single-player mode runs a little short in length, the multiplayer mode is good, and then game itself is fun and suitably creepy. For those looking for a slightly more adult-oriented, mature-rated Gamecube title, “Geist” fits the first-person niche adequately.

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A guard interacts with a dog in in the bizarre “Geist” for the Nintendo Gamecube. Both can be possessed to further the the players progress.

‘X-Men Legends II’ mutant mayhem

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Quality games have long, expensive production cycles. It is not uncommon for a game’s development to span many years, and even then the time spent is generally found lacking, rushed games are almost always lacking. However, “X-Men Legends II: Rise of Apocalypse” is unique in this regard. It was released barely a year after the original was released, “X-Men Legends II” is a well-crafted, fun game to play. It avoids most of the pitfalls that are associated with rushed games, and is a solid product using the Marvel license.

Fans of the comic series will know what to expect from the game due to the title. For the non-comic fan, there is still plenty to draw the gamer in. An ancient, evil mutant known as Apocalypse is threatening to conquer the world. He is so powerful that the world’s governments can do nothing to stop him. Even the mighty X-Men find themselves short trying to measure up, forcing them to team up with the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants against their mutual enemy.

This change in even more diverse cast than that of the first game, as four Brotherhood mutants are now playable in addition to the X-Men. Joining the roster from the first game are Magneto, Toad, Scarlet Witch and the awesome Juggernaut. With their inclusion, the initially playable characters round out at 15.

However, some characters that were in the first didn’t make the jump to the second. Jubilee, Beast, Emma Frost and Psylocke were dropped, as well as X-Men newcomer Magna. This was done due to fan response, as those were the less popular characters from the first installment.

Many other changes were made in response to fans’ comments. The environments are even more interactive than before, an impressive feat for those who played the original. There are also more costumes for the playable characters, giving the player the option to play as the favorite version of their favorite mutant.

The largest, greatest gameplay impacting addition is the option of online gameplay. PlayStation 2 and X-Box owners can now take the game online. This is a key gameplay innovation, as playing with real people is more fun than playing with the artificial intelligence.

All is not well in the X-Men’s latest adventure, however. Not every graphical bug was worked out from the final product, as some graphics fail to appear at the scripted moment. This can vex the player, as the portal to his next destination may not appear on the screen. The bugs that do exist are minor, however, having none that drastically hurt the gameplay.

Another setback to enjoying the game is also its greatest strength, namely the roster. The 15 initially playable characters are later joined by three unlockable ones, giving the roster a final tally of 18 playable characters. However, there are so many mutants in the game and in the Marvel Universe that 18 still feels like a minuscule number. Having only four characters playable from the Brotherhood, compared to the 11 from the X-Men, is particularly disappointing.

Overall, though, “X-Men Legends II” is a blast. The characters are more balanced than the original, and the gameplay has been more streamlined. For your mutant fix, look no further.

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Temper flare for Marvel characters Sabretooth and Wolverine as they are forced to work together. The game is playable by up to four gamers at once.
By MARK BEMENDERFER

Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects

Brilliant, yet essentially flawed.

That title has belonged to many talented people and exceptional things throughout history. Companies, artists, musicians have all fallen under that curse — of being gifted while exhibiting some fatal flaw or flaws that hinder.

"Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects" falls into this category as well. Another Marvel licensed product in what is becoming a sea of such merchandise, "Marvel Nemesis" stands apart from the rest due to its nature as an arena-based fighting game. The last Marvel fighter modeled itself after more traditional fighting games, such as "Tekken" or "Mortal Kombat," so this new game is truly unique in that regard.

For those who are wondering what arena-based fighting entails, the genre is much faster-paced than the typical fighting game. Fighters move freely through arenas, picking up and throwing objects without a thought. Instead of memorizing button combinations, players focus more on the overall strategy of the playing field. The playing field is particularly important in a game like "Marvel Nemesis," where half the playing field is covered in exploitable objects.

Coincidentally, like "X-Men Legends II," there are 18 playable characters. Unlike "Legends," most of the characters are locked in the beginning. Typically, this would be considered a positive, as giving the player plenty of unlockable content prolongs the life of the game.

To unlock these characters, the player has to go through the story mode of the game. This is where the main flaws in the game reside. The story mode has a few detours of sheer adrenalinism, but then balances these segments out with parts that are practically guaranteed to break the player's controller. Any game that forces you to repeatedly try a segment, especially when it's out of the focus of the genre, has some difficulty issues.

Difficulty is a vital component of games. Without it, there would be no truly memorable moments within games, and there would be no incentive to become competent at a game. But the story mode is not the main component of "Marvel Nemesis." Forcing players to painstaking work their way through it is a disservice to the players.

It is the game's true focus where it shines, however, and that is the one-on-one-based arena combat. Since the arena is typically large, and just as interactive as "X-Men Legends," epic battles where the combinations are rampant and super heroes are smashed through walls become common fare.

There are plenty of Marvel characters to play as, with a hero that will suit almost any fan. Many of them are "Classic," so that one would not typically expect to see as playable in a game too, such as the Thing, Venom and Elektra. While popular in their own right, they don't have the star status as some other members of the Marvel universe. That is not to say that the game does not have its share of big names, as Spiderman, Wolverine and Magneto are present as well.

In addition to the decent Marvel roster are the Imperfects, characters created by collaboration between Marvel and Electronic Arts. They are entirely new characters that come with their own background stories, and look impressive within the game. Due to their fledging status, however, they will probably prove less popular than the licensed characters.

Marvel Nemesis is a bag. Half a blast, half a chaser, it is a hard game to recommend. Gamers looking for a Marvel arena-based fighter have their answer, but gamers looking for their favorite Marvel characters in a street game might be better off looking elsewhere.

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Mortal Kombat: Shaolin Monks

The game offers a cooperative mode for those with fellow gamers.

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Mortal Kombat veterans Liu Kang and Kung Lao team up in "Shaolin Monks."

Marvel characters SpiderMan and Venom fight on the rooftops of the city. "Marvel Nemesis" is available for PlayStation 2, Gamecube and X-Box.

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Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects

"Mortal Kombat" series. Liu Kang was the victor of the first "Mortal Kombat," and now finds himself in charge of pursuing Shang Tsung into Outworld. Kung Lao follows him to attempt to return honor to his family name, and helps Liu Kang in his quest.

Fans of the series will find plenty of unlockable characters and hidden puzzles to keep their interest. Hidden traits for fans have been a staple of the series, and "Shaolin Monks" is no different.

Players new to the series might find loss to pique their interest as they play through the game. Since many of the hidden traits and encounters were created for players who have been with the series since the original, newcomers might feel themselves lost, as if they stepped into the middle of a movie.

The secrets and tricks should not be the main draw for the game, however, as they are not. The game itself is a solid action adventure of a type that has not been released for many years. The game bears a striking resemblance to "Final Fight" and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." A strategy based masher in every sense of the word, "Shaolin Monks" is a knowledge treat for any gamer who has been playing since the days of the Nintendo Entertainment System, or the days video arcades flourished.

The character is given three basic attacks: a fast attack, an attack that launches enemies into the air and a powerful attack that sends opponents flying. Each of these can be linked effortlessly, essentially eliminating the need to memorize complex button combinations. That doesn't mean that button combinations have been eliminated, as they still exist. "Shaolin Monks" is simply geared more towards the casual gamer.

In addition to the combattants, the levels themselves are a joy to play. Taking a cue from the previous "Mortal Kombat" games, the levels are highly interactive with background features and interactions, becoming commonplaces. If there is something in the environment that looks deadly, it is probably. Exploring the environment isn't required to pass through the game, but players that breeze through the game will find themselves only 50 percent complete of the full experience on save game screen.

"Mortal Kombat: Shaolin Monks" probably isn't for everyone. Some will find it repetitive and others might find it too random and confusing. But for fans of the series, however, and for those who yearn for the older, simpler days of video games, this game is perfect. Check it out for a bloody good time.

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Sailors take third at Fordham meet

Water polo comes up short against Grand Valley St. in regional

Special to The Observer

This past weekend the Notre Dame water polo team traveled to New York City to race in the Jesuit Intersectional hosted by Fordham University. The Irish men and women competed against three districts competed in the regatta as Notre Dame finished a strong third against a tough field. Saturday’s conditions were ideal for the event, with the weather relatively cool and a strong north wind. The teams battled through three rounds of pool play on Saturday and Sunday to determine their final placement. Notre Dame finished the weekend with wins against Georgetown, ranked No. 7 nationally, and George Washington, ranked No. 8, to finish the season. Despite the demanding weather, the Irish were able to field two teams, both consisting of seasoned veterans such as Mike Stoner and Sean Kelly. The Irish opened the season with a decisive victory over the Hoyas, followed by a hard-fought battle against George Washington. Notre Dame’s defense, led by senior Greg Kelly, played a crucial role in securing the win. The Irish finished the weekend with a 7-3 victory over George Washington, including five over an eight-game stretch. "We control our destiny. If we win all our games, we will. That’s the only way we can approach this," Yankee manager Bucky Dent said. "We can’t be looking for help from anybody else. Sure, if we get it, we appreciate it, but we can’t go in expecting it." Boston must play a day-night doubleheader on Tuesday, forcing the Red Sox to shuffle their pitching rotation in the middle of a frenzied pennant race.

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yanks, Sox head for photo finish

New York walks over Orioles to move ahead of Baltimore Orioles

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — All thoughts about a championship in the AL East are gone, and the New York Yankees are focused solely on beating the Baltimore Orioles.

"It's a pretty good job of it, too. And after two rain delays totaling nearly 2 hours, the Yankees regained sole possession of first place in the AL East after an 11-3 rout of the Orioles on Monday night."

The victory moved the Yankees a half-game ahead of the Orioles, who have lost a season-high nine straight and three in Boston to finish the season.

If the Orioles keep playing as they have lately, the Yankees can expect to bring some momentum into Fenway Park this weekend.

The Orioles have won seven straight against Baltimore, including five over an eight-day span. "We control our destiny. If we win all our games, we will. That’s the only way we can approach this," Yankee manager Bucky Dent said. "We can’t be looking for help from anybody else. Sure, if we get it, we appreciate it, but we can’t go in expecting it." Boston must play a day-night doubleheader on Tuesday, forcing the Red Sox to shuffle their pitching rotation in the middle of a frenzied pennant race.

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**IN BRIEF**

Pennington tears rotator cuff, out for season

NEW YORK — Jets quarterback Chad Pennington will miss the rest of the season because of a torn right rotator cuff, the Associated Press learned Monday night.

Pennington's injury was confirmed by a person with knowledge of his condition, but who declined to be identified because the team had not made an official announcement.

An MRI exam showed Pennington tore his rotator cuff in Sunday's 26-20 overtime loss to Jacksonville.

The NFL Network originally reported it as second degree, but the second time Pennington has had this tear in less than a year.

Pennington was expected to visit noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews in Alabama on Tuesday.

Backup Jay Feely also damaged his shoulder Sunday and will be sidelined, leaving third-stringer Brooks Bollinger to play quarterback against Baltimore this weekend.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Tennessee downs LSU in overtime comeback

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Tennessee refused to be part of LSU's feel-good story.

Gerald Riggs Jr. pushed into the end zone from a yard out in overtime to give the 10th-ranked Volunteers a 30-27 comeback win Monday night in the Tigers' long-awaited, hurricane-delayed home opener.

LSU transfer Rick Clausen led the Volunteers (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) back from a 21-point deficit in the second half to tie it at 24 with 2:02 left on a field goal.

Getting done what he got done, coming back here to win this football game at a place where he had been, I don't know if there is a better story in the world than what this guy has done," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said.

The Tigers had first crack in overtime, but managed only a 31-yard field goal by Colt David. Riggs accounted for all the Vol's yards in overtime with a 10-yard reception and four runs.

He powered through the line and into the end zone to send the hurricane-weary Louisianans home with a bitter loss.

Hurricane Katrina forced the No. 4 Tigers to postpone their first home game, and move their second to Arizona State, where LSU came away with a dramatic win.

Then Hurricane Rita forced another delay and set up the first Monday nighter in Tiger Stadium.

The crowd was a bit smaller than usual, but they were loud as ever and the Tigers (3-1-1) certainly looked like a team eager to play when they jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first half.

"There was no panic," Fulmer said.

"We challenged each other."

Clausen came off the bench to rally Tennessee with a touchdown pass and a 1-yard TD sneak that made it 24-14 with 9:35 left.

He finished 21-for-32 for 196 yards and appeared to settle the Vol's quarterback controversy.

Jonathan Hendry intercepted JaMarcus Russell and returned it 26 yards to the LSU 2 on the next possession. When Riggs scored from 2 yards out with about 7 1/2 minutes to play, the crowd went silent.

The lead was down to three.
FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Big plays not just a small problem for Irish against UW

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

After Chinedum Ndukwe recovered a fumble on the Notre Dame 1-yard line to halt Washington's game-opening drive, the Irish seemed to be in control of the contest. But Irish head coach Charlie Weis was not pleased with his defense's tendency to surrender big plays Saturday against the Huskies. The Irish gave up 449 yards of total offense with 419 coming on only 18 plays.

"We were giving up way too many big plays," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. "That's obviously an area of concern." He also had issues with the ability of Washington to sustain long drives. The Huskies had five drives of more than 70 yards Saturday. "They didn't always come up with points," Weis said. "But when you change field position that drastically ... that's not a good thing."

The other main concern of Weis' dealt with penalties. All three Washington scoring drives were aided by Notre Dame infractions.

"Pleased it's over
With so much attention paid to the matchup between Washington coach Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame, where he coached for three years prior to his firing last November, Weis was relieved the game was over. "I think both the way [the media] handled it and the players handled it kept it from being more of a distraction than it could have been," Weis said.

Chase Anastasio honored
With an effort Saturday that included a blocked punt and two tackles, Weis named Chase Anastasio special teams captain for this week.

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8-6 in favor of the Whirlwinds. Tollner began the game's scoring with a touchdown pass in the opening minutes for a quick 6-0 Pyro lead, while Welsh Family returned the favor as Bushelle scored two series later on a catch-and-run from Sands. Bushelle also caught the following two point conversion that made it 8-6 in favor of the Whirlwinds. The first half, playoff action was apparent as both teams pressed all three phases and were seen on both sides. By the second quarter, the rain slowing to a light drizzle, offensives of both fans began seeing more success.

It wasn't enough success, however, for Pasquerella East captain Megan Wysoki, who was заметал about needing one more offensive to perform the offensive. For now, we need to put some points on the board, says Wysoki. Sands, the Whirlwinds' half back, had a good point in the first half. She also spoke admiringly about the play of her offensive teammates.

"They were extremely fast out on the field, especially their offensive line," Sands said. "They took away the running game as well as most of our offense in the first half. They definitely forced us to make adjustments at halftime."

Sands also credited her teammates, especially the receivers.

"Bushelle was our offense in the first half, and Gargola, even though she's just a freshman, had a great play for her touchdown catch," Sands said.

McGill 6, Pangborn 0

The Shamrocks brought their best game against the rain and slick field conditions Saturday and shut out Pangborn. With about 10 minutes remaining in the game, McGill's offense got a chance to shine. Senior quarterback Becky Brown lofted a 40-yard pass to freshman Jen Fredy in the end zone. The pass was deflected at the last possible second, but the touch­down was good enough for the win.

"The game started off much like the weather, unpredictable. Neither offensive team was able to put points up in the first half," Brown said.

The rain made it nearly impossible for the quar­ters to complete decent passes to their receivers.

"We still definitely felt we had to make adjustments at halftime," said Melissa Sands, Pasquerella East captain.

Relying on their running game, the Shamrocks and Bats both then needed to score in the first half, but neither team was able to come through.

The second half started out much like the first, with rain for even heavier and both teams continued to rely on their running game.

Both defensive teams looked strong, but McGill's looked especially so as both Jess Vorder and Sally Head snagged interceptions. From that point on, the game was a defensive struggle.

Pangborn's offense continued to struggle throughout the McGill defense, but was denied.

"The rain had just as much trouble on its offensive end.

Both teams' experienced defenses proved they were capable of holding the other's offense well off the boards.

McGill has plenty of confi­dence as it heads into next week's game against Welsh Family.

"They were working really hard in practice this week," Wysoki said.

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capitalized immediately with Winland's 49-yard strike toุด 14.

A few possessions later, Sands kicked a 12-yard field goal to Zahn's Oset-Anti.

Oset-Anti's only field goal finished with 38 yards rushing, fielded the punt around his own 40, and kept the Bats' sideline down the Bats' sideline for an apparent touchdown. The ball was fumbled on the return, how­ever, because of a clipping penalty, and Zahn was forced to take over at the 41. But the penalty did not phase the Bats. Zahn promptly drove his team down­field, forcing the Bats to turn the ball over again for the score, this time from 15 yards out. The touch­down closed out a 12 point second quarter for Zahn, and essentially sealed the victory.

The second half was sloppy, with numerous fumbles snipped by rain-soaked hands.

Both defenses held tough as passed.

"Every team has to play through it," said Sorin captain Paul Tassinari referring to his team's strug­gles with the wet football.

"We knew it was going to be tough today. We were really fastness. But, hot, good sloppy."

"We just shot ourselves in the foot too many times. We just didn't get it done this time around," said Pete Lavolini, Sorin captain.

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"But our defense was great," Zahn's half backGail Fedyna said. "The defensive line picked it up and put some pressure on them. But a lot of it had to do with our defensive play.

"The Bats had plenty of pres­sure on Mora all day, holding him to 6-6-13 passing for 84 yards, the bulk of which came on a 54-yard bomb to receiver Chris Bailey on the Ooters' first possession.

Late in the third quarter, Mora led Sorin into Zahn terri­tory, threatening to cut the lead in half. However, Zahn's defense held solid, forcing a punt, and eventually a turnover on downs.

The only other Sorin threat came on their first drive of the fourth quarter, as Mora forced completion to Bailey. With Sorin looking to strike first, Bailey fumbled and forced a 30-yard field goal attempt, which was blocked. This was the only time the Bats would take the lead in the game, as Sorin seemed to sqauder any opportunity that it had. Yet despite the disap­pointing outcome, Lavolini said:

"I think we have that the ability to beat Zahn any day, but we just didn't get it done this time around."

"Not a great day at all. We just obviously didn't play our best game," Fedyna said.

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"Sorin just had a tough time on the offensive side of the ball, failing to score for the second straight week. A combi­nation of inept weather and the field conditions kept the Juggerknotts from snipping the goal line. Three times in the second half the team was pinned inside the 20-yard line to start its drive. With the punt on the three yard line, the team turned to running back Mike Johnson, who carried the ball on plays of 11 and 23 yards. The defense was also bolstered by Mike Johnson's interception.

"It was clear from the first snap that Fisher was deter­mined to start off the season right and honor Solis and a win. However, in a postgame meeting the team was already looking forward to another tough game against Carroll next Sunday. Knot, who fell to a second place finish in the league's week off to try to work the chips out of its offense.

Carroll 6, Siegfried 0

A Pasquerella East player tries to avoid several Welsh Family defenders after catching a pass over the middle during the Pyro's 15-12 loss Sunday.

Both teams' experienced defenses proved they were capable of holding the other's offense well off the boards.

McGill has plenty of confi­dence as it heads into next week's game against Welsh Family.

"They were working really hard in practice this week," Wysoki said.

"Sorin has really stepped up this week. He's been the best defensive player we have," Fedyna said.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Walsh set to face off against Lyons

By CHRIS HINE, JAY FITZPATRICK and TIM KAISER
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh are taking an unblemished record into a 7 p.m. Blue League contest with Lyons tonight, while the Lions are looking to get their sea-son back on track at Riehle West Field.

Thus far, Walsh has defeated Lewis, 13-7, and Badin, 20-0. The defending champions are led by Mary Sullivan at quarterback. Sullivan is the Michael Vick of the Walsh offense, using both her legs and arm with equal effect.

On Sunday against Badin, Sullivan threw and ran for a touchdown. Walsh's offense also features Gigi Moore and Laurie Wasikowski at wideout.

Lewis held Sullivan in check for the first half last week, but as the defense crept up to shut her from running, Sullivan found Wasikowski over the top for big gains. Once the defense dropped back, Sullivan used her legs to drive Walsh down the field.

Lyons opened the season in impressive fashion with a 20-0 win over Howard. Since then, however, Lyons can't quite find the right groove. It has lost consecutive games to Badin and Lewis.

"We're working on the things we need to," coach Katie Markin said.

In the Lions' only win, receiver Jenny Delaney caught three touchdown passes from quarterbacks Kim Murphy and Lynn Fruit.

But Delaney and the rest of the Lions' receiving corps will be up against a tough Walsh secondary led by Julie Campbell, who has three interceptions in two games, including one returned for a touchdown.

Walsh's secondary is the edge of the Irish defense. Walsh has been shut out by the team in two games, both against Top 25 opponents.

"We knew that a close game is going to come down to extra points, and we want to be able to succeed on them to win those games," Sullivan assistant coach Hunter Land said.

Badin players have to rebound this week after a 20-0 loss to Walsh, but the Bulldogs will have a difficult game against Cavanaugh, who has not lost a regular season game in over a year.

Cavanaugh has the edge in this game, according to coach Hunter Land. The Bulldogs will look to a strong senior class, including Barry Bailey, wide receiver; Michael Alston, and defensive end Julia Borke to capture a win.

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Lineman gives Weis verbal commitment

By MIKE GILLOON
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Notre Dame added a second offensive lineman to its recruiting class during the weekend as Eric Olsen became the 17th verbal commitment for the Irish this year.

A 6-foot-5, 298-pound lineman from Poly Prep School in Brooklyn, New York, Olsen will play offensive guard for Notre Dame, according to Mike Frank of Irishyes.com.

"It's a good pickup," Frank said. "He comes from a good program. He's a big kid who likes to smash people around a little bit."

Most of the schools Olsen looked at were similar, but Notre Dame stood out for Olsen because of its tradition.

"I was looking for the complete package," Olsen said. "I felt that it was everything I was looking for from the academic standpoint, the coach- es and the environment. Plus, it had that mystique and tradition there. It was just awe-some." Frank said Olsen is in the "second wave" of offensive line recruits offered by the Irish coaching staff.

"It's not one of the top five or six guys they offered," Frank said. "He was with the next group of guys that got offered. But he's hardly a second-tier type of guy." Boston College, North Carolina, Miami, Maryland and Virginia were among the schools that also offered Olsen a scholarship, according to Irishyes.com.

"Growing up I pulled for Notre Dame and also Miami and Boston College," Olsen said. "It was tough because it was the school I came to college to. But Boston College was probably sec- ond." Olsen made an unofficial visit to campus this summer when he attended the Notre Dame foot- ball camp. Irish coaches, players and the campus itself made a good impression on Olsen during his visit of "four or five visits," he said.

Offensive tackle Bartley Webb of Springdale, Ark., is the other top prospect to verbal with the Irish so far. He received four starts out of a possible five from Scout.com. Olsen received three starts.

Olsen reports a 330-pound bench press and a 52-pound squat along with a 5.2-second time in the 40-yard dash.

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Wild Women run over Bullfrogs as Chicks tame Lions

By BECKI DORNER and JAMES FEGAN  Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh were in top form despite the rain and water-logged conditions Sunday as they pulled off a 20-9 victory against the Badin Bullfrogs.

In the waning moments of the game, Laurie Waszakowski ran for her second touchdown to finish the scoring.

Taking the field after thwarting Badin's first possession, Walsh got to a Walh receiver in top second touchdown of the evening.

"You have to give credit to the Walsh defense," Hackney said.

"We'll have to step it up for our next game," Hackney said.

The Wild Women had nothing but confidence after such a strong performance. Next they play Lyons, who Badin recently defeated 12-0.

Lewis 28, Lyons 0

After scoring just seven points in their first two games, the Lewis offense exploded behind Elisa Valdez's four touchdown passes Sunday and whipped the Lyons Lions 28-0.

"I'm very proud of the way we played on both sides of the ball," Chicks' coach Jay Murphy said.

The wet weather led to sloppy play by both teams. Both quarterbacks struggled to grip the ball and throw with any distance, and their receivers had just as much trouble catching their passes. The first half alone saw seven turnovers between the two teams. The difference in the game was Elisa Valdez's ability to settle down, as she threw two touchdown passes and no interceptions in the second half.

"Rather than playing from behind as they did in their first two games, the Chicks took the ball the length of the field on the first possession of the game. Lewis kept up the momentum when Mia De La Rosa picked off Lynn Truitt on the next possession.

De La Rosa's interception fired up the Lewis defense, which proceeded to frustrate Lyons and force them to spend the rest of the first half cycling their two equally-ineffective quarterbacks. The Lewis offense then kicked into high gear and cruised to the victory.

The result was equally rewarding for Lyons. After putting Howard in as starter, the Lions have looked flat.

The once-potent quarterback combination of Kim Murphy and Lynn Troutliew four total interceptions Sunday.

After catching three touchdowns in the opener, receiver Jenni Delaney didn't get any such opportunities, as the Lyons offense rarely entered Lewis territory.

"The execution just wasn't there today, but we look forward to seeing [Lewis] in the playoffs," Lyons coach John Harrington said.

Lyons quarterbacks were sacked five times; with each sack coming from Chicks ends Alexandra Porserly and Kate Erdle.

Lyons was held to five yards rushing all game, as all of their attempts on reverses and options were-stalled.

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done the best they can. Notre Dame played a Sunday match and just now turned its focus towards tonight.

"Today, we wanted," Stasiuk said. "We had film. We went over their hitters and part of their offense. But basically, we practiced our offense a lot.

The Irish have not overlooked the Rambler, but they haven’t worried, either. They respect their opponent but realize as long as they play their game, they’re fine.

“We have to get better at playing average teams,” Stasiuk said. "That was one of the things Coach Brown said we have to control our side of the net no matter what team we’re playing.”

The Irish came into the week as the only team in the nation to rank in the top-15 in both blocks (90) and digs (14). Today’s road trip to Chicago for a 7 p.m. match begins a grueling stretch for the Irish, but also a stretch they are willing and ready to handle.

“We’re all ready to go,” Stasiuk said. “We’re energized.”

Besides an oct. 5 home match, the Irish won’t play in the state of Indiana until oct. 21, with seven of their next eight matches away from home.

Despite Loyola’s 3-9 overall record, Notre Dame knows it’s in for a dogfight, and it knows it cannot take the Horizon League team lightly.

The Irish have put together a solid week after their first loss of the season against LSU. After playing a sloppy tournament that weekend — barely beating Tulane and getting handled by the spirited LSU squad — the Irish are determined to play at their own level.

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Belles to host Tri-State in MIAA competition

With solid attacking from Kristen Playko, strong blocking from Shelly Bender, tough defense from Ann Pasar and the emergence of Amanda David as setter, the Belles have already surpassed last season’s win total.

Saint Mary’s women’s tennis’ contest on a two-game losing streak after dropping conference matches to Calvin and Alma Saturday, Saint Mary’s played well in sports during the weekend, especially in the final two games of the Alma match, but it was not enough to win.

Schroeder-Biek said developing consistency will be key to the Belles’ success tonight.

"On Saturday, we didn’t pass consistently, the timing on our blocks was off and we had some trouble communicating. We didn’t play poorly, we just need to focus on the little things.”

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles head coach

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Morrissey wins close contest with O'Neill; Dillon tops Keenan

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Morrissey tailback Nick Klein ran for a 3-yard touchdown, the game’s only score, at the beginning of the fourth quarter to lead Morrissey past O’Neill, 6-2, Sunday.

Near the end of the third quarter, the Morrissey defense stopped O’Neill’s drive short with a fumble, giving the Manor field position deep inside O’Neill territory. A consistent Manor running game moved the ball to the 25, culminating in the Klein touchdown.

O’Neill got the ball back at their own 35, but could not move the ball on defense. A failed fourth and long gave Morrissey the ball at the O’Neill 15 with under 3 minutes to play. A crucial fourth-and-inches conversion by Morrissey quarterback Mike Spencer gave Morrissey the ability to run the ball the last couple of plays — and the Mobs comeback hopes — expire.

Although Morrissey failed to make the two-point conversion, three points were enough to win because of Morrissey’s airtight defense.

"Our defense definitely excelled out there today," Manor captain Klein said. "Morrissey’s defense forced two turnovers, the fumble that led to the touchdown and an interception, and blocked a 30-yard field goal attempt as time expired.

The Morrissey defense registered a shutout, as the point O’Neill was able to put up were against the Manor’s offense. With less than three minutes remaining in the second quarter, Mob linemen Albert Ladd and Bob Cole blocked Spencer in the end zone for the safety.

"Our defense also performed well in the game, recording a safety, blocking a 41-yard field goal attempt and forcing a turnover — an interception by defensive back Pat Conley. We played good defense out there, but we needed to cut down on sloppy tackles," Klei said.

Mike Milligan added, "We’re just an arm tackling too much out there."

"Our defense definitely excelled out there today," Nick Klein, Morrissey captain said.

Dillon 13, Keenan 8

The Keenan Knights came up just short on their final drive and lost their first game of the season to the Dillon Big Red Sunday.

Keenan fell behind by five after Dillon quarterback Kenny Cushing connected with A.J. Festival for a 41-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

After the Big Red missed the extra point, the Knights took a 12-0 lead back at the 25 but fumbled on the first play of the drive. The Big Red were then in position to put the gameaway after the Keenan turnover but failed to move the ball and was forced to punt from inside the red zone.

Keenan took over with less than two minutes to go in the contest at their 16-yard line. The Knights took to the air and moved the ball down to their 48 behind two completions from quarterback Rob Coly. Play was delayed, however, when a Dillon player had to be taken off the field in the ambul ance. The player was down on the field for several minutes before an emergency crew arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

With only a minute to go, the Knights drove to the Dillon 25 with two more key completions and seemed to seal the game’s final score of the game. The Big Red were able to move the ball efficiently in two other drives to control the ball for most of the game and wear down the defending champion Knights’ defense.

"The Knights took the lead early in the third quarter with a Dan Zunker touchdown reception but were unable to consistently establish the run against a stingy Dillon defense," Keenan captain Vincent Lyzinski noted that his team’s main problem was attitude.

"We came out flat and just got outplayed," Lyzinski said. "They were ready, we weren’t. We need to get that intensity back, especially with a tough team like Stanford up next on the schedule."

Alumni 9, Keough 9

Special teams hurt Alumni early, but they came through late to enable the Dawgs to gain a 9-9 tie with the Kangaroos of Keough Sunday.

Alumni kicked Andrew Breslin converted a 36-yard field goal with less than six minutes left to play to tie the game.

"I was confident in Andrew," Alumni captain Ryan McGi tti an said. "He always converts the fieldgoals for us." Breslin’s field goal proved to be the final score of the game as Alumni was unable to capitalize on a late Keough fumble which leaves the Dawgs wondering what might have been had they converted the extra point on their final touchdown

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shirts, hats and stuff,” hoping to make the child feel a little better. It worked.

"I was able to get a couple smiles out of him," Weis said. "His mom got to take a couple pictures. It was the first time he really smiled in about three months."

Weis informed his players of the meeting Wednesday, using Montana as an example of who they represent as Notre Dame football fans.

"To watch a kid that’s 12 years old get a smile on his face and listen to his passion and love for Notre Dame football, that’s a really good moral to tell your own players," Charlie Weis, Notre Dame head coach.

"To watch a kid that’s 10 years old only wish a smile... because of his passion and love for Notre Dame football, that’s a really good moral to tell your own players," Charlie Weis, Notre Dame head coach.

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**FOOTBALL**

Weis grants a young Irish fan’s final wish

10-year-old boy from Mishawaka called for ‘pass right’ before death

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Faced with first-and-10 from his own 1-yard line, Charlie Weis had a decision to make. Should he listen to his coaching instincts and run up the middle, creating room for the Irish offense to maneuver? Or should he listen to Montana Mazurkiewicz, the Irish fan who had a suggestion from the stands:

> "Hey Charlie, give it to Coby!"

Weis had received word from the University that the boy, named after legendary Irish quarterback Joe Montana and a passionate Notre Dame fan, was near-death, the coach said at his press conference Sunday. So Weis stopped by the Mazurkiewicz’s house last Wednesday to visit with Montana, his brother Rockne and his mother Cathy. He brought with him “a couple T-shirts, a Notre Dame scarf, a bat and a crew-cut cap.”

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**INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

Defenses lead Zahm, Fisher and Carroll to solid Sunday wins

By COLIN REIMER, DAN MURPHY and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

In tight, defensive battles, the winner is usually decided by special teams and turnovers, and whether or not the opponent can capitalize on them. Zahm did just that Sunday, recovering two Sorin fumbles and dominating on special teams throughout the game and holding current cheerleader candidate Jordan Dean of Tri-State at 12-0.

Meanwhile, the stellar Zahm defense contained Sorin’s spread attack throughout the game and had constant pressure on Otter quarterback Stu Mora. The Bats’ special teams also came through in the clutch, blocking a first quarter field goal that also springing punt returner/running back Theo Ossei-Anto for a huge return that set up Zahm’s second quarter touchdowns, both to wide receiver Jake Richardville to provide the only scoring for the Bats.

Montana Mazurkiewicz, the Irish hope to improve play from weekend series with Seton Hall

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

It’s time they step up. Sophomore liberos/outsides Adrianna Stasiuk and her teammates know it, too.

"The Irish feel they may have played down to the level of their competition so far this season. And while Notre Dame swept by Seton Hall Sunday afternoon, the Irish know they can do better. "We really were focusing on our side of the net and not so much their side of the net (at practice today)," said Stasiuk, who has provided a major boost to her team since returning from an off-season injury. Notre Dame (8-1, 1-0 Big East) will face Loyola (3-9, 2-0 Horizon League) on the road in Alumni Gym in the midweek non-conference clash. While the Irish have had only a day to prepare for tonight’s match, they have..."