Battalion entrenches in fall training exercises

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

While most Notre Dame students were packed in front of a big screen watching the football game, chowing down at a tailgate in West Lafayette or celebrating the Irish victory Saturday, a small section of the student body was hard at work without a television or hot dog in sight.

The Notre Dame Army ROTC’s “Eightin’ Irish” Battalion held its annual fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) during the weekend in Fort Custer, Mich. The event was

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group creates task force to examine hall taxes

By MARY KATE MALONE

Frustration with the use of dorm funds for charity purposes spurred intense debate at the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting Monday, resulting in the creation of a new task force charged with investigating the funds.

Knutti Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer said he was tired of being asked to donate money from hall taxes to causes that were not directly affiliated with the dorm.

“If someone is going to have an activity, they should get money from the University in some other way instead of using hall taxes,” Meyer said.

“Some members suggested creating a rule requiring that students ask for charity money through Hall Presidents Council instead of going dorm-to-dorm looking for funds,” Kalthammer said.

“Can we have hall presidents who say they need $500, then they need $500, and pretty soon our hall tax is gone and we can’t provide for our students,” Kalthammer said.

Motorist nearly hits policeman

Mishawaka man had been drinking alcohol

By MADDIE HANNA
Assistant News Editor

The Mishawaka man whom police arrested last Thursday after a high-speed chase that ended on Notre Dame’s campus was allegedly driving under the influence, St. Joseph County Police spokesperson James Thirion said Monday.

In what was the second arrest made on campus in three days, St. Joseph County police officers arrested Ronald Henning, Jr. at the intersection of Juniper Road and Bulla Road following a 17-minute pursuit that reached speeds of 80 miles per hour.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Notre Dame, Country, God

I went on the very first retreat of my life this weekend, an experience I postponed until now because I was convinced I should attend only if I actually felt the timing was right. After a spending my summer in a Catholic worker house, I felt the need to have an encounter with Christ. NDE #87 provided me with the opportunity to have such an encounter. However, I almost did not turn in my paperwork, thinking I should go and worry about studying later. I did, however, feel the need to start attenting daily Mass, but if I have too much homework due or if I'm distracted doing something else, I forget about it. It just slips my mind.

I'm trying not to condemn myself or others for spending my time on football— it's truly a challenge. I realize this weekend that NDE retreats are an occasion. The Pope is regularly a time to stop and reflect on what the night, as I had promised, for granting me the chance to become a better Christian. Yet upon arrival, I prayed at the Church of the Sacred Heart and professed my faith in God. I thought about my priorities should be. I strongly recommend all students to take that break in a northwest corner of the Notre Dame grounds. I thought the timing was right. I went on the very first retreat of my life this weekend, an experience I postponed until now because I was convinced I should attend only if I actually felt the timing was right.

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

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's Irish Insider, The Observer mistakenly wrote the 49-point performance was the men's basketball single-game score since 1997. Notre Dame scored 57 points on Nov. 29, 2003 against Stanford. The Observer regrets this error.

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

IN BRIEF

Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Chicago Law School, will give a lecture on his recently published book "Radicals in Rockies: Why Extreme Right-Wing Courts Are Wrong for America" at 4 p.m. today in the Notre Dame Law School courtroom.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will open its 2005-06 theater season with Arthur Kopit's "Wings" Tuesday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the DeGio Mainstage Theatre of the Delbarto Center for the Performing Arts.

The 13th annual American Cancer Society Great Lakes Symposium will be held Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Notre Dame's McKenna Hall. Titled "Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer," the event is open to the public.

Bernd Sturmfels, professor of mathematics and computer science at the University of California at Berkeley, will give a lecture titled "Algebraic Statistics for Computational Biology," at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Hayes-Healy Hall at Notre Dame.

José Miguel Insalada, secretary general of the Organization of American States, will be the keynote speaker at a conference titled "Democratic Governance in Latin America" 4-45 p.m. Friday in the Hesburg Center auditorium at Notre Dame.

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

By JANICE FYLNN
News Writer

The 2006 Erasmus Lecture series began its sixth annual installment yesterday with an address by Louis Dupré on the historical and philosophical approaches to the intersection of faith and modernity.

Dupré, a distinguished author of the Department of Religious Studies at Yale University, will give eight lectures this year on the topic "Religion and the Rise of Modern Culture."

Previous Erasmus Lecture subjects have included Islam and Christianity and the development of Catholic moral teaching.

Dupré focused on the early seeds of modernity Monday, describing the difficult task of reconciling the notion of forms with Christianity or the Greek philosophers and other intellectuals, including St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante, Descartes and Galileo.

"You will hear a lot of what you say has nothing directly to do with religion," Dupré said. "My position is that religion penetrates all aspects of life and culture—or it doesn't work."

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Dupré said theories of humanism, which denied that universals existed, and humanism, which focused on the individual, contributed to later doubts about God.

"Have you ever paused to think why is it that in the 17th century, a number of ideas for explanations of God were invented? Because it was no longer obvious," he said.

Dupré criticized the attempt to impose a modern concept of scientific criticism on the construction on faith, and challenged historians who view philosophical developments as a cohesive entity throughout history.

"It is totally inadequate to look back and say, 'Where does this come from?' as if the past held the secrets of the futures," he said. "Yes, there is continuity but it doesn't explain the facts within themselves."

The next lecture, which Dupré will deliver on Oct. 5, is entitled "The Breakdown of the Union of Nature and Grace."

In the first half of his lectures this fall, Dupré will speak about the waves of modernity—early humanism movement in Italy, the Enlightenment and Baroque periods and the French Revolution and Romanticism in the 19th century.

All lectures are at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Erasmus Lectures are free and open to the public.

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Power outage leaves campus in the dark

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The thunderstorm that blew through Notre Dame's campus Saturday disrupted power to about 40 percent of the University's electric system—leaving some students in the dark for up to 30 minutes.

The outage affected various buildings including several residence halls and the Main Building around 3:50 p.m., Notre Dame Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

No outages were reported at Saint Mary's, SMC Director of Facilities Rick Linio said. The outage occurred when lightning struck an American Electric Power power line, Kempf said. The University receives nearly half of its power supply from AEP.

"AEP had an fault on their transmission line, and we disconnected from them, resulting in a need to interrupt power service to a portion of campus equal to that being supplied by AEP," Kempf said.

Kempf said the utilities department prioritizes which buildings on campus get outage power depending on the time of day, day of the week or special events. Since the outage took place on a Sunday afternoon, priority was given to residence halls rather than administrative or classroom buildings.

Kempf did not say exactly which buildings were affected but confirmed that the Main Building did lose power as part of the outage.

"This type of outage is the most common to occur," Kempf said. "This happens when a lightning strike hits an overhead transmission line.

Typically the lightning strike is cleared in an instant, resulting in outages that are short—15 minutes or so—based on the time it takes to reenergize with AEP, and then everyone is back up and running.

Kempf said Notre Dame has a highly reliable electric system. Outages like the one on Sunday are the uncontrollable result of Mother Nature, Kempf said.

A similar outage occurred on March 30 during a thunderstorm. Kempf said there have been slightly more instances of power loss in the last year than in previous years.

"It's not up to me how many outages there are. It's up to the weather and the random strikes of lightning. If you could tell us how to stop lightning, we'd fix it," Kempf said.

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NetID Passwords

Only the Strong Will Survive

Q Why should I change a Strong Password?
A Strong Password puts sensitive and personal information at risk that can be used by identity thieves (you don't want strangers guessing your password and pretending to be you);
(2) If you do not change to a Strong Password, your existing password will expire, disrupting your access to Notre Dame networked applications, including email and shared storage.

Q Will all existing passwords expire at the same time?
No. Passwords that have not been changed (to Strong Passwords) since July 5, 2005 will be randomly tagged for expiration sometime between now and the spring of 2006.

Q How will I know that my password is set to expire?
You will receive an email from the OIT, and you will have 30 days from the day of receipt to change to a Strong Password. Once you change your password to a Strong Password, you won't have to change it again for the other 180 days.

Q When it comes to Strong Passwords, will the University make exceptions for some campus computer users?
No exceptions will be granted.

Q What is a strong password?
A Strong Password is a difficult-to-guess password that you use with your NetID to access insideND, Notre Dame email and shared storage spaces, such as NetFile. It is at least eight characters long, and is made up of upper and lowercase random letters, numbers, punctuation marks and other keyboard symbols.

Q A weak password is one that is short and easy to guess.

Q What is an example of a weak password?
Your first name followed by your dorm room number is an example of a weak password.

Q What is a Standard Password?
ympWaI1uwg

Q How can I remember a password that complex?
It's a "passphrase" derived from "my password is one you won't guess." Remember the phrase; remember the password.

Q How do I change to a Strong Password?
Go to https://password.nd.edu and follow the instructions.

secure

protect

connections
Group discusses slow Internet speed time

By ALLISON RIDER
News Writer

Director of Information Technology Keith Fowkes attended the Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting Monday in response to an article in The Observer Monday about the College's "sluggish" computer connections.

Fowkes addressed the issue and explained the current situation with the school's Internet connection to Board members.

"The administration is aware of the problem," Fowkes said. "We know what to do, we just need the money to do it." Information Technology currently spends roughly $25,000 a year for Internet connections. Expanding the school's pipe in order to increase speed would add an extra $15,000 to $17,000 per year to this expense.

Much of the problem can be traced to services aside from academics, including music downloading — legitimate and illegal. Fowkes urged students to "be as frugal with [their] connection as possible," until further action can be taken.

Student body vice president Susan McIlhuff introduced a project in which SAC gathers the syllabi from every professor so they can be viewed when registering for classes.

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis also informed the Board that the annual "Fall Day on Campus" would take place this Sunday.

"Fall Day is one of the biggest days of the year for admissions," Davis said. On this day, prospective high school seniors are able to come visit and see the Saint Mary's campus first-hand.

Elections commissioner Danielle Lerner said Freshman Board elections were supposed to take place Monday, but were suspended until Tuesday because there was "speculation that some first years were voting more than once and that non-first years were voting." Finally, athletics commissioner Bridget Grall said since Saint Mary's swim coach resigned last week, school athletic director Lynn Kachmar is acting as the new swim coach.

In Other BOG News:

Relay for Life will take place this weekend. Activities begin at 6 p.m. Friday and will go until 10 a.m. Saturday. Contact Allison Rider at arider01@saintmarys.edu

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A series of poetic readings by Saint Mary's professor Cornelius Eady kicked off "English Week" at SMC in Haggar Parlor Monday.

"At this point, I have no language, no tongue, no mouth. I am not me yet. I am just an understanding," read Eady, a professor of graduate studies in creative writing at Notre Dame.


Audience members found Eady was engaging and theatrical throughout his readings, which included anecdotes from his life as an English major and stories of how he became a poet.

The introductions to his personal poetry were meant to either inspire or deter audience members from following in his footsteps as an English major, Eady said.

"English has provided an adventure for life," he said. "At some point you read something that knocks you out so much that the only response you could have was to pick up a pen and write."

The poetry reading was the first activity in a weeklong focus on English at the College. The Student Academic Council sponsored English Week as part of its campaign to promote academic development and recognize academic excellence in the SMC community.

Each year, every academic department has the opportunity to plan activities for a week to build awareness about its area of study and to provide ways for students to further explore the department.

The English department worked with English club members to plan an eventful week that will include a screening of "The Merchant of Venice" at 7 p.m. today in Vender Vannet Theatre in the basement of the Student Center.

On Wednesday, there will be a Bagel Breakfast in the English Corridor of Madeleva Hall from 7 to 9 a.m.

The event will culminate with the English Department's annual costume party Thursday at 7 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge. Students are encouraged to dress as a favorite literary character.

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HONDURAS STUDY PROGRAM
Seats slid to the side before boat capsized

Unfastened seats may have contributed to tip the boat; 20 passengers dead

Associated Press

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. - In the third accident to hit Lake George in a month, a tour boat that capsized on Lake George, killing 20 passengers, was still in the water Wednesday after the operator said the boat would automatically mean an even bigger shift of weight and make the boat capsize.

The captain of the boat told investigators it's possible that the boat could have been pushed by waves from at least one other vessel and turned over as he tried to steer out of the way, author-

ities said earlier Monday. The boat flipped so fast that none of the 47 pas-

sengers could put on a life jacket. Eight people were hospitalized.

There was no immediate confirmation that another boat that could have kicked up waves was in the area, and survivors were giving inves-

tigators differing versions of what happened, authorities said.

Gov. George Pataki said the coast guard has suspended the licenses for two other boats operated by the Ethan Allen's owner, Ethan Allen Shoreline Cruises, have been suspended while the investigation into Sunday's accident con-

tinues. He and others, however, said no other boats could not draw any conclusions about the operator.

"I do not believe there is any criminal culpability on any of the parties we have spoken with," said Sheriff Larry Cleveland.

Associated Press

A survivor of a capsized tour boat is loaded into an ambulance in Lake George, N.Y. Twenty senior citizens were killed when their tour boat flipped over.

- The public school teachers union reached a contract with the city that gives its 15 percent raises over four years, officials said Monday, ending an impasse that threatened the nation's largest school system with a strike.

Mayors, Michael Bloomberg who is running for a second term in next month's election, and the United Federation of Teachers announced the deal after several days of renewed talks. Unions had locked out educators for 10 days, and the teachers' contract was due to expire in July.

The New York City school system is the nation's largest, with 1.1 million students. Superintendents must earn $80,000 with a maximum base pay of about $83,000, and the union said they would get raises that bring the base pay for a new teachers to $85,000.

Commands judges enter 2006 race

GASPEN, Ala. - Roy Moore, who became a hero to the religious right after being oust-

ed as Alabama's chief justice for refusing to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments from the courthouse, announced Monday that he is running for governor in 2006.

Moore's candidacy could set up a show-

down with Gov. Bob Riley, a fellow Republican, and turn the Ten Commandments dispute into a central cam-
paign issue for the 2006 contests.

The Republican primary is June 6.

Death toll in Louisiana reaches 964

NEW ORLEANS - The search for Hurricane Katrina victims ended in Louisiana with a death toll of 964. The final number will be conducted only if someone reports seeing a body in the last few days.

State and federal agencies have finished their sweeps through the city, but Kenyon International Airlines and other rescue organizations contracted by the state to remove the bodies have not been able to do so.

"There might still be bodies found - for instance, if a house was locked and nobody able to go into it," Johnsen said. "This is a very serious problem that we'll have to continue to pay attention to."

ITALY

Authorities execute anti-terrorism drills

Associated Press

HOME - With simulated blasts outside the Colosseum, in a bus near Piazza Navonna and in a downtown subway station, Italian on Monday authorities it was told the Eternal City may be the target of a terrorist attack.

More than 100 police kids to Rome's streets in the second in a series of anti-terrorism drills as helicopters whirred overhead and ambulances snaked through morning rush hour traffic. The drills have been performed for two reasons - to test Rome's terror alert system and to "see if there are any passers-by around."

Shortly after, firefighters and other rescue teams wearing yellow vests reading "drill" worked in heavy rain to put out fires and deal with fontaine injuries near the ancient monument.

The government's top official for Rome, Prefect Achille Serra, said he was pleased with the drill.

"We found some problematic points. We can cut out (reaction time) by a few minutes but overall I am very satisfied," Serra said.

The Colosseum drill was followed 10 minutes later by a simulated explo-

sion on a train at Rome's deepest subway station, Piazza Repubblica, where officials evacuated passengers from the train and escorted them above ground as smoke poured out of the station.

A third drill was performed with a simulated explosion of a backpack left on a No. 64 bus near Piazza Navonna, a square in central Rome usually crowded with tourists. The bus - usu-

ally filled on its route from the central station to the Vatican - was made to crash into two cars as part of the exercise.

In all, there were around 25 simul-

ated deaths and more than 120 simul-
ated injuries.
An ROTC cadet participates in an exercise during the Army's Field Training Exercises on Sunday.

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**Companies use Katrina as excuse**

250 employees join worker’s group, spurred by reduction of hours, schedule changes

**NEWS**

NEW YORK — When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, women accused the drug company of crimping their cosmetics spending. Or at least that’s what companies like Avon Products Inc. and Estee Lauder Co. want investors to think.

Katrina also caused major supply problems, according to Tempur-Pedic International Inc. Same goes for businesses like Books-A-Million Inc. stores and Diebold Inc.’s automatic teller machines.

With the third-quarter earnings season kicking into gear next week, the blame game over Katrina is starting to pile up across corporate America. It’s a challenge for investors to sort out fact from fiction in these reasons.

There is no doubt that many companies were hard hit by Hurricane Katrina, and in some cases, Rita, too. Given the size of these storms and the paralysis of business along the Gulf Coast, there will certainly be some legitimate costs for business there.

Insurance companies are getting clobbered, as is any business that used New Orleans as a major port. Many retailers with large operations along that coast also have seen significant damage to their stores.

But many excuses lately seem murky, and more are expected. Most companies report their quarterly results in the coming weeks. Are the storms really hurting business or are they being used as a convenient diversion from more serious problems?

For instance, slashed its earnings forecast last month in part due to Katrina, and said that higher gas prices are hurting both its sales representation and its customers. But the company’s problems aren’t new, according to Fulcrum Global Partners analyst Mike Zatz.

Spokesman McCormick & Company Inc. highlighted Katrina as one major reason for its earnings shortfall came from the hurricane. The remaining amount was due to continued weakness in its industrial business.

A way for investors to size up whether companies are just doing out excuses or if problems really exist is to watch how their competitors deal with such issues.

If the hurricanes are plaguing Avon, then other cosmetics and consumer product companies should also be warning of trouble ahead. Estee Lauder noted the “continued negative impact” of Katrina when it said it would miss its profit targets, but similar red flags haven’t come from giants like Procter & Gamble Co., one of the largest manufacturers of mass-market cosmetics and beauty supplies.

**FDA sets warning on ADD drug**

**In Brief**

U.S. Oman sign free trade agreement

Washington — The United States and Oman announced Monday they have successfully com-

pleted negotiations on a free trade agreement to eliminate trade barriers between the two nations. The Bush administration said it marked ano-

tainers’ agreement, its goal is to improve free- 

trade area throughout the Middle East by 2013.

This is a high-quality, comprehensive free-

trade agreement that will contribute to economic growth and trade between both countries,” said U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman.

Portman’s comments came in a joint telecon-

ference with Majid bin Ali, Oman’s minister of trade and industry, who participated from Oman.

The agreement is expected to have little trou-

ble getting approval given that two-way trade between the United States and Oman, a small country bordering Saudi Arabia with a population of 3 million, is slight — only 

$748 million last year.

The Bush administration is seeking free trade agreements with a number of Middle East coun-

tries in hopes that opening up the world’s largest economy to unrestricted trade will provide eco-

nomic support for movement toward greater democracy in the region. All of these countries.

Portman said, “important steps on the path to implementing the president’s initiative to cre-

ate a U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Area by 2013.”

**Corrugated company announces recall**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — White Lily Foods Co. on Monday announced a recall of self-squeezing cor-

rugated mix containing undisclosed wheat flour that could cause an allergic reaction to sensitive con-

sumers.

The mix was sold under the “Three Rivers” header and distributed in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia and Virginia through grocery stores and wholesalers.


Knoxville-based White Lily said no illnesses have been reported and it expects about half of the 180,000 recall bags probably have already been consumed.

**FDA officials said in addition to the black-box warning — the most promi-

nent of medication warnings — the Indianapolis-based company also have to develop a medication guide for patients and health care providers.

De Thomas Laughran, director of the FDA’s division of psychiatry products, said in December the federal govern-

ment asked Lily to review 13 clinical tri-

als conducted on children to assess a warning.

“The risk for any individual patient taking this drug is quite low, but from a public health standpoint, five lives per thousand is a fairly big signal, given there are tens of thousands of patients taking this drug,” Laughran said. “We don’t think that prescribers and patients need to be aware of this risk that we’ve just discovered.”

About 3.4 million patients — adults and children — have been prescribed Strattera since it became available, with Lily officials saying about 75 percent of those taking the medication are chil-

**Trading Update**

Traders surround the Tempur-Pedic post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The mattress company slashed year forecasts, blaming Hurricane Katrina.
papers a day – a potential problem since the study’s pattern for demand reached an equilibrium at a little more than 2,000 papers. To address this shortfall, papers would be distributed only at the dining halls and at a specified off-campus location, Harris said.

“We are really going to promote recycling of papers,” he said. “We would have bins in the dining halls where you can put your paper [for other students to use].”

Student Union Board Manager Jimmy Flaherty challenged the proposal to increase fees in light of the inefficiency of budget allocation within student government.

“I think it’s incredibly irresponsible to raise student activities fees when we’re not even using the money we’re given,” he said. “There’s an ever-increasing carry-forward budget each year.”

Judicial Council president James Loito suggested student government conduct studies on where students want fee increases to go.

“I’ve always been a big fan of increasing student activity fees,” he said. “Have you guys done any research about student opinions of increasing fees for other activities? They might also say yes for programming.”

The student fee increase will be proposed to the Student Senate on Wednesday.

In other COR news:

+ Jennifer Keegan was approved without opposition as the College of Engineering’s Representative on the Academic Council, where she will serve as a non-voting member with speaking privileges. Keegan cited her experiences working with both students and college deans while running the career fair for Engineering Industry Day and events for the Society of Women Engineers as evidence of her qualifications.

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money is not mandatory. It’s up to each specific group. They have the right to know because it looks good for the hall to got involved as much as they can.”

Meyer did not agree. “For me, it brings up a moral issue,” Meyer said. He said when students pay their hall tax, they are not told how their payments might be supporting university-wide police issues — such as campus security — and this is not morally fair.

“This discussion about funding brought to light the yearly process of all-
calling funds,” Meyer said. “Being on the Financial Management Board last year, I see how unfairly funds are distributed,” Lewis Hall senator Katie McIlugh said. “Clubs know they have to request $10,000 even if they only need $2,000. They have to over-budget to get money.”

Diversity Council representative Joyce Randall said students should not be getting away with asking for more money than their budgets demand. “If that’s happening, where budgets are padded too well, there’s a problem with the Club Coordination Council (which distributes club funds),” Randall said. “CCC needs to scrutinize budgets more effectively then.”

The council decided a task force was needed to examine the Student Union constitution to see if residence halls have any restrictions on where their hall tax is distrib-

**Chase continued from page 1**

Although the officer pur- sued the vehicle northbound on Mayflower with his sirens and lights activated, Henning did not pull over, Thirion said. The officer followed the vehicle onto the US 20 Bypass and the 80/90 Toll Road. Thirion said Henning drove through two tellbooth gates. He got off the toll road, turned southbound on State Route 933 and then turned eastbound on Douglas. At this point, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) became involved, Thirion said.

Henning turned south on to Ivy Road where it turns into Edison Road, Thirion said. “South Bend Police laid stop sticks out to deflate the sus-

in other CLC news:

• Student body president Dave Barum asked for updates on CLC tasks.

Social Concerns Committee chair Jacques Nguyen told members of the task force’s plan to reach out to non-

Catholic students at Notre Dame.

Our task force has discussed changing book-

lets in chapel and updating the phone directory. Campus Ministry Web site needs to add more links to different reli-

gious services in the area.

Joyce Randall

Diversity Council representative

Senator committee also charged with pursing cam-

pus beautification and vandal-

ism.

I’m meeting with the person spearheading the committee to see if she wants her group to meet with ours,” Leito said.

Leito sent a survey to rec-

tors to gather feedback about areas of concern.

“The rectors’ areas of concern seemed to be lanes before 9 a.m. around residence halls,” Leito said.

He said the rectors also wanted to develop a proce-

dure for mail workers deliver-

ing packages so they can get in and out of residence halls with less difficulty.

• Baron also said he inves-

tigated the status of a resolu-

tion created last spring that called for an off-campus crime newsletter to be dis-

tributed to students.

Though Baron expressed concern that the newsletter would further harm Notre Dame students from the South Bend community, he promised members he would schedule a meeting with Phil Johnson, Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police, to determine how the newsletter might be implemented.

• Zenker updated mem-

bers on student attendance at football pep rallies. He said he will be meeting with Joyce Center officials later this week to discuss the issue.

At the last ILC meeting, several members expressed dissatis-

faction with the procedure for letting students into pep rallies.

• Meyer said he does not think the issue was only due to poor communication between organi-

cizers and dorm presi-

dents.

“To get 3,000 s t ud e n ts through two doors in 15 min-

utes is an impossi-

bility,” Meyer said.

University can figure out that you can open more doors. It doesn’t take much to do it.”

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**Study says obesity is part of getting old**

Associated Press

Baltimore — Just when we thought we wouldn’t get any fatter, a new study that followed Americans for three decades suggests that over the long haul, 9 out of 10 men and 7 out of 10 women will become overweight.

Even if you are one of the lucky few who made it to middle age without getting fat, don’t congratulate your-

mself — keep watching that waistline.

Half of the men and women in the study who had made it well into adulthood without a weight problem ultimately became overweight. A third of those who were normal or a quar-

ter of the men became obese.

“Your childhood and early adulthood aren’t the only time,” said Ronald Wing, a research scientist a-

t the University of Pennsylvania.

The number of deaths linked to obesity has been heavily debated. Earlier this year the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said obesity caused only 274,000 deaths annually in the United States — far fewer than the 3.6 million deaths the agency had earlier reported. Other scientists have disagreed with the revised conclusion, while organizations representing the food and restaurant industry think weight-related illness is exaggerated.

As for the Framingham study, Mark Vander Weg, a Mayo Clinic professor who researches obesity but was not involved in the new study, said it is one of a few to track a group of individuals over an extended period.

“What’s particularly con-

cerning is that the obesity level actually may underestimate the risk of becoming over-

weight or obese among the general population,” because minorities, who are at increased risk for obesity, were not included in the study, Vander Weg said.

Recent trends also suggest that people currently coming into middle age may be even more likely to become overweight or obese than the group who were studied, Vander Weg said.

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Thus succinctly proclaimed the bumper sticker on the back of my old car. It was a message that bogged the minds of conservatives and liberals, both of whom would stare blankly with the “I don’t get it” expression on their faces. Liberals aren’t. Rush Limbaugh will forever be connected in my memory, declaring on my grandparents’ radio that “the liberal-als” were taking over the country. In recent decades, the word “liberal” has become synonymous with big-government “progressives” who believe that expanding the power of the federal government is “progress.” However, the word “liberal” did not always mean what it means today. In fact, “liberal” used to mean something completely different. The word itself evolved as “broad-minded, tolerant of the ideas and behavior of others.” Thus, a liberal was someone who was, above all else, tolerant: a person whose principal goal in life was to live peacefully and let others do the same. The liberals of the 19th century, now referred to as “classical liberals,” held a political and ethical philosophy that was grounded in the Enlightenment; they believed in individual liberty, minimal government, private property rights and free trade.

Liberals were, for all intents and purposes, libertarians. Today, “liberal” is the term the Left has commandeered to sanctimoniously describe itself. Liberalism in the modern western world connotes an almost worship of the centralized welfare state: of “progressive” social engineering in the form of expansive federal power and economic interventionism at all levels. “Liberal” no longer means “tolerant,” it means “left-wing.”

It is not uncommon for right-wing conservatives to bemoan the criticisms of the Left, which often pigeonholes the Right as intolertant and dogmatic. The conservatives usually retort that the Left is not as tolerant as they would have us believe. Of course, this is a terrible defense on the conservatives’ part, but it is also true. For example, at Cornell University, a right-wing newspaper recently published an article on race and crime. Shortly thereafter, the paper was condemned by individuals in the administration and many left-wing students labeled “biased reports” in order to censor the paper. I should also mention that many left-wing students collected another conservative newspaper in 1997 and held a Nazi-style mass burning. The administration, which condemned the free speech of the right-wing newspaper, remained silent.

Is that “liberal”? It has become a goal in my life to reclaim this abused word from the clutches of the Left. The word “liberal” should not connote pseudo-socialism. It should not convey the belief that the government — that wonderful creation that has brought us such gems as slavery, women’s non-suffrage, war and the Postal Service — should control health care, gas prices, retirement, the War on Poverty, and whatever else. These insidious “progressive” institutions have no place in a true liberal society; and yet, alas, here we are.

Because no grand social programs could exist without the threat of state intervention, today’s liberals are content to ignore the fundamental reality of “progressive” government programs: for example, income taxation — enforced by the Internal Revenue Service — is an unyieldingly compulsory, and with coercion comes aggression. True liberals condemn the growth of aggression, whether committed by individuals, corporations or government. Left-wing liberals, however, often do the opposite: they call for more spending, more regulation and more government power.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gut rights: more than just marriage

Gay rights issues of social justice are far too important to be discounted or demeaned. When people hear "gay marriage," many immediately close their minds and hearts to the overall discussion of gay rights because this single issue is the deal-breaker.

As a gay Notre Dame alumnus, I am incredibly proud of my alma mater for its steadfast commitment and recent progress in bringing the dialogue of gay rights to campus. It is through this ongoing civil and educational dialogue that all the other pertinent issues of gay rights get the discussion they deserve.

First, there is the issue of gay marriage. For many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender couples, marriage is not about undermining religious doctrine, but about gaining access to the benefits of civil rights that legally protect and honor their committed union. While moralists claim that this goes against God, I fail to see any clearer example of morality than two people loving another person through their spiritual mechanisms. I agree with Andrew Nessi in his Monday, Oct. 3 letter in which he says that "religious justifications for discrimination are never adequate."

While this issue is important, however, gay rights goes far beyond just rights to marriage. Gay rights include the issue of basic civil entitlements such as receiving health care benefits from employers, enjoying recognition by the state for domestic partnerships and civil unions. Gay rights include the right to the issue of hate crimes and the need for specific legislation that protects people of any sexual orientation from falling victim to terrorists and other hate crimes.

Gay rights include the ability of loving and committed couples to have the opportunity to adopt a child. Gay parents are a desperate need of a home. The bottom line is that the issue of gay rights continues to be an issue because our country has not yet achieved full equality for all of its citizens.

I am proud of Notre Dame for bringing more discussion on the various issues of gay rights to campus, thereby encouraging an ongoing raising awareness. Through The Observer or through other venues, I encourage such sustained and courageous dialogue to continue.

Ken Soifert

U-WIRE

A chance for new leadership

The indictment last Wednesday of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay on a state conspira­ cy charges of corruption in developing business in a scandal-plagued political career. Whether DeLay is guilty of the charge of guilt, he should permanent relinquish his post as majority leader, in hopes that a more conciliatory and forbearing successor — other than Rep. Roy Blunt — may replace him.

Judging from the evidence presented in the grand jury indictment, DeLay, along with his associates John Parnham and James Ellis, formally transferred campaign contributions made by corpo­ rate campaign contributions to seven Republican legislative candidates. DeLay helped fund the committee to enable Republicans to gain control of the state House of Representatives in the 2002 general elections.

In September of that year, Colyandro allegedly sent a constituent organization of the Republican National Committee (RNC) a check for $590,000 encompassing donations made to the Texas commit­ tee by six corporations. Ellis allegedly direct­ ed an RNC official to distribute the money to the seven Texas House candidates.

These activities are under scrutiny because Texas law — specifically, chapter 253 of the Texas Election Code — places stringent limita­ tions upon campaign contributions made by corpo­ ration and labor unions. In some circumstance, corporate donor — in these few exemp­ les — contribute money for the purpose of com­ municating with employees or shareholders and.regulating them to vote, defraying certain expenses incurred by political parties, and supporting or opposing votes on political measures. Yet the general rule, set out principally in section 253.003, is one of prohibi­ tions.

Our law arises out of historical struggles over control of the state government, pitting ranchers against farmers and laborers. The election code serves to prevent powerful interests from buying legislative offices through donations that, in some cases, are very hard to create the disillusionment appearance of quid pro quo arrangements. It aims to level the political playing field. The election code is not on the books just to feel good about. Justice requires that it be rigorously enforced.

No doubt, Colyandro, DeLay and Ellis are inno­ cent until proven guilty. The U.S. Constitution requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt to convict a criminal conviction. A "reasonable doubt" is frequently defined in jury instructions as "a doubt that would cause a reasonable per­ son to reserve judgment.

The prosecution will have to prove the ele­ ments of conspiracy as to each. District Attorney Ronnie Earle will also have to show that the con­ tested funds are satisfactorily traceable from the six contributions all the way to the seven candi­ dates.

A probable challenge to convicting DeLay, who was indicted over two weeks after Colyandro and Ellis, will involve producing sufficient evidence to link him to the matter.

Regardless of whether he is convicted, this al­ fairy has already cost ought to DeLay's fit­ ness for public office. The money transfer need not amount to a crime to appear wholly inappro­ priate. Besides, DeLay's generally civil tem­ perament — be once tussled with a Democratic congressman on the House floor — and the repeated admonitions directed at his conduct by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in 1997, 1999 and 2004, demonstrate that he lacks adequate judgment and leadership ability.

Hopefully, the worst part of the latest DeLay affair is not yet to come. On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would review cases challenging the constitutionality of a Vermont law that strictly limits campaign contributions and candidate expenditures in state elections, as well as another case attacking a portion of the federal McCain-Feingold law — and the repeated admonitions directed at his conduct by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in 1997, 1999 and 2004, demonstrate that he lacks adequate judgment and leadership ability.

Nobody knows how the new Roberts Court will interpret past precedent, especially Buckley v. Valeo, the lengthy 1972 decision that, among other things, constructs the First Amendment to permit federal limitations on campaign contribu­ tions but not on candidate expenditures.

If DeLay's attorneys — chief among them Dick DeGuerin — challenge the constitutionality of applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, and if appellate review becomes necessary all the way to the Supreme Court, then likely strike the provisions down, for any of a poten­ tially infinite range of constitutional reasons.

Notwithstanding the outcome of complex con­stitutional litigation and courtroom drama, what America needs most is leadership.

We need a new House majority leader who can inspire confidence.

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SAME-SEX UNIONS: LAW GRANTS REPRESENTATION

A new law allowing same-sex civil unions took effect Oct. 1 in Connecticut, which becomes the first state to legalize civil unions without outside pressure or interference from the courts.

The law grants all legal rights of marriage, in particular health care benefits, to same-sex couples, but defines marriage as between a man and a woman. The law prohibits heterosexual sexual­ ular couples from entering into civil unions. In previous gay marriage and civil union struggles, the courts have been active in forcibly establishing gay rights into the community. Those rulings have often been met with fervent disapproval, and many have been over­ turned in higher courts.

Vermont, which has spearheaded the charge for same-sex unions, seems for the moment to have found a middle ground in the continuing struggle for gay rights. Although the Connecticut law might be viewed as a flashback to separate but equal, it is one of the first of its kind that guaran­ tees gay rights with the backing of a public voice, but at equal, in the case of marriage and civil unions, is inher­ ently equal. Both institutions are afforded the same health care benefits, adoption and child care responsibilities and enjoy recognition by the state.

Marriage has always been closely defined as the union between a man and a woman. Regardless of political stance, the fight for gay rights has always been the fight to define the word marriage. The Connecticut law, however, circum­ navigates the marriage argument, and relieves the state's duty to define the word by providing equal representation and recognition to both heterosexual and homosexuals in separate institutions.

Other states have granted gay rights over the past several years. Massachusetts allows gay marriages and Vermont recognizes civil unions because of lawsuits, but Connecticut's law is the first glimpse into what the majority of Americans feel about gay rights — equal representation and equal protection. Tennessee Rep. Shapey July of Connecticut passed the law without court oversight, and uti­ lized its existing officials and legislative process to speak for its citizens.

Both opponents and advocates of gay rights will undoubt­ edly take a hard look at Connecticut law in the upcom­ ing months. The law is a good one, and could be the first step in quelling the harshly dividing viewpoints of gay rights.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

The Lantern
Ohio State University

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Ingram Hill brings Southern pop-rock to ND

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Writer

There are certain songs that connote the feeling of cruising down wide-open country roads — songs that almost require windows down and a full view of the scenery to be truly enjoyed. The band Ingram Hill stretches ahead. With their driven, sing-out-loud lyrics, powerful guitar interplay and lead singer Justin Moore's distinctive southern accent, band Ingram Hill invited Notre Dame students to take just such a journey Saturday at Legends.

The four-piece band hails from the South and even found the inspiration for their name along a Mississippi highway.

"There was an exit sign along the highway, and it actually says 'Ingram's Mill,' but I misread the sign as 'Ingram Hill,'" Moore said. "And we decided what to call ourselves, we liked the name and where it came from, so we decided to use it." Moore and guitarist Phil Bogard said in an interview before their performance that after we had the name for a while and told people where it came from, they were like, "You idiots — it's Ingram's Mill."

However, fans have since overlooked the Memphis-based band's geographically-incorrect name. Ingram Hill's success consists of two album releases, radio play, television appearances and the song "Will I Ever Make It Home" appearing in both the movie and the soundtrack of "13 Going on 30."

Additionally, after opening a variety of headliners, from Maroon 5 to Lisa Marie Presley, Ingram Hill made enough of an impression on the road that they were able to headline themselves on a second tour through cities across the country.

Ingram Hill viewed the way for their recent full-length album debut, "June's Picture Show." The album features what the band has branded "pop-rock with a southern twist," and the band draws upon influences as diverse as the Black Crowes and Tonic.

"We're a rock 'n roll band," said Moore during the interview, "and we want to have guitar solos, but we also write songs. Someone once said that if there was a southern pop category, we'd own it. I kinda like that. We're proud of where we're from, and we're proud of what we do."

However, their album presents more than simply a unique sound from the band. This album is a kind of blueprint of our lives as emotional beings," Moore said. "It's about everything that's affected us up to this point — the major pains and the good things as well."

"These strong emotions are not only expressed in the lyrics of songs like "On My Way," a catchy anthem that centers around post-breakup bitterness and "Almost Perfect," which describes an agonizing love triangle, but surface in Moore's sincere and powerful vocals.

Unsurprisingly, the inspiration for a number of these tracks stemmed from the breakup of a personal relationship with Moore. "I was devastated when it ended, but I'm thankful for it now," Moore said. "It's provided me with tons of material. I look at it as an emotional investment. We'd all been through some issues with women, and boy, that's the easiest thing to write about. I'll tell you what. And it seems like people relate to it."

Currently the band is in the process of a nearly non-stop tour across the country, and their ambitions remain unhampered by their hectic schedule.

I don't want to sound arrogant, but I would love to end up something like U2," said Moore. "Something that's huge and lasts forever — that would definitely be the ultimate goal."

Ingram Hill brought their southern style to Legends' stage last Saturday at 10 p.m. For those who missed them, visit www.ingramhillmusic.com for music samples and more information about the band.

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The swing club takes a break to pose for the camera. Lessons are held every Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. for $3, followed by an open dance.

The swing club instructors take a break to pose for the camera. Lessons are held every Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. for $3, followed by an open dance.

Swing Club offers students swinging Mondays

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Everyone knows that life "don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." And the Notre Dame Swingers, Notre Dame's oldest swing dance club, set out last Saturday to make sure the students' lives had plenty of significance.

Thrown in the LaFortune Ballroom from 8 to 10 p.m., the Swing Club's open dance was free to all who wanted to try their moves, circa 1920. Students wore their zoot suits, or maybe just whatever happened to be left in their closet, and danced the night away to swing music and other songs ranging from "I'm A Believer" to, of course, "It Don't Mean A Thing" by Duke Ellington.

Though the crowd was small at the beginning, a few brave souls dared to venture out to try their moves. By the end of the evening the floor was so packed, dancers had to avoid colliding with each other as they spun and jumped across the dance floor.

The dance was even easier for those taking a small break, as they watched their peers perform impressive swing moves. "(Students) should come out, have a good time and learn some moves," said Swing Dance Club President Nick Calhoun. The music for the dance was provided by an open practice until 10:30 in the second floor dance room of the Rock for $3 a lesson. It is also possible to pay by semester.

As the swing club's posters advertise, wherever else you can get a workout, meet guys/girls, and learn to dance? The songs will keep on playing and the dancers will keep jitterbugging and spinning throughout an evening of informal fun.

The final dance of the semester will feature the Notre Dame Jazz Band on a date to be determined, but it's sure to be a 'swinging' event.

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Growing Up Gilmore

MEET THE GILMORES

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Writer

"Luke, will you marry me?"

This short, shock-inspiring last sentence of the fifth season of the popular WB series "Gilmore Girls" left fans begging for more of the series' signature witty and emotional atmosphere. At this moment, Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham), one of the series' two main characters, had made up her mind as to where her romance with local diner owner Luke Danes (Scott Patterson) would be headed in the near future. Luke's reply, however, was left unanswered for the three months preceding this latest season's opener, which aired just three weeks ago.

This is but one of a plethora of complicated and endearing plotlines for which "Gilmore Girls" has become famous over its multiple-season run. Despite its unfortunate presence on the often critically-ignored WB network, the show has developed both a faithful, growing audience and a somewhat well-deserved cult following.

"Gilmore Girls" focuses on the mother and daughter pair of Lorelai and Rory Gilmore (Alexis Bledel). Where Lorelai is fun, goofy and astrologically well-versed in cultural minutiae, Rory is rational, studious and often the more responsible of the two. The series derives its core from their relationship, and the often 80- to 90-page scripts reflect their tight bond the show's "fun, garrulous nature. The two Gilmore live in the fictional Connecticut town of Stars Hollow, a haven for the series' multitude of quirky and fun supporting cast members. It's in these kinds of details that the show truly shines.

The basic premise of "Gilmore Girls" lies in the close bond between these two women. This can be attributed to their closeness in age, as a central pillar of the plotline lies in Lorelai's becoming pregnant with Rory at sixteen and doing so as an unwed teenage girl with a rich back story and a somewhat complicated nature.

Lorelai's choice to run away from her childhood home after Rory's birth, baby in tow, led inevitably to a major rupture in her relationship with her parents, the wealthy and domineering Richard and Emily Gilmore. Throughout the show's six seasons, the three generations of Gilmore's have run the gamut of emotions, from distrust and anger to love and reconciliation.

This sixth season's opener proved no exception to the show's reputation for excellence in acting and writing. Luckily for anxious fans, the first scene immediately picked up where the previous season finale had concluded. Luke, to the relief of all, unquestioningly accepted Lorelai's big news in the season opening.

The writers of the show, Amy Sherman-Palladino and her husband, Daniel Palladino, have since hit the pair's relationship with several challenges. This season opens with anxieties at the forefront of their engagement, as the couple's dealings with their home's new contractor, Luke's brother-in-law, TJ. Luke and Lorelai have successfully overcome these obstacles.

Despite this happiness, Lorelai's relationships with Rory has suffered what could be a permanent blow. During the previous season's final episode, twenty-year-old Rory, after being rejected from her dream job as a journalist for an up-and-coming newspaper, threw her previous sources to the wind and attempted to steal a yacht from a nearby marina.

Her story opened this season with a Hartford court judge sentencing her to 300 hours of community service. This coincided with her decision to drop out of Yale University, where she had spent the past two years as a successful undergrad.

This show has been something of a source of turmoil for both Lorelai and the show's fan base. However, it's these and other creative and complex storylines that keep the Gilmore's' faithful fans coming back each Tuesday night.

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DVD REVIEW

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Following the current trend of television series coming out on DVD, Warner Brothers has recently released the fourth season of its popular hit, "Gilmore Girls." The series, featuring the mother and daughter duo of Lorelai and Rory Gilmore, reached some regard as a creative slump in this season, arguably the worst of the five that have aired in their entirety so far. However, despite a slight drop in creativity during the season's midsection, its season finale is considered to be one of the finest in the series' repertoire of episodes.

Opening with the Gilmore's return from a summer backpacking in Europe in the season premiere, "Ballrooms and Bisects," the DVD of all twenty-two episodes in a well-done compilation of both the season itself and some bonus extras. These include "Who Wants to Get Together," a compilation of the season's most romantic scenes, as well as deleted scenes and a "Stars Hollow Challenge" trivia game, among others. With each disc's main menu supplemented by the option "La la" soundtrack, this disc set is definitely delightful and Gilmore through and through.

The fourth season's main plot opens with Rory beginning her Yale career. Having recently both graduated valve-tickanian from her prestigious private high school and broken up with her boyfriend, Luke Danes' nephew, then bad boy Jess Mariano, Rory's life has its share of new beginnings. However, one tie to her old life remains, as she arrives at Yale to discover that her high school rival, Paris Gellar, is one of her new roommates. Throughout the course of the season, Rory deals with new and old friends, tough classes and professors and the increasing attentions of her other ex-boyfriend, the now-engaged Dean Forester.

Lorelai also deals with new challenges, as she is faced with an empty nest for the first time since Rory was born. In addition to this difficult change, she finds a new romance with an old childhood friend, Jason "Digger" Stiles, who is now her father's latest business partner. While the romance with Jason was often criticized by fans as a dud, the show's faithful saw it as a necessary step in reaching the season's romantic conclusion.

Yes, Stars Hollow's star-crossed lovers, Lorelai and Luke, have since hit the pair's relationship with several challenges. From an increasingly serious home, the unshakable trust and anger to love and reconciliation.

The special features on the Season Four DVD set are fun and unique to those who reflect the nature of the show itself. As the series is known for its rapid-fire humor and quick-witted cultural references, the DVD features, including a "Pop-up Video" style treatment of episode seventeen, "Girls in Bikinis, Boys Doing the Twist," keep up that tradition. This feature, the "Gilmore Goodies and Gossip" segment, is both informative and hysterical, as the trivia tends to go on random tangents, just as Lorelai and Rory do in each episode's verbal conversations.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles follow big win with home match vs. Kalamazoo

Saint Mary's has won five of its last six, beat Tri-State 9-1 Saturday

By KYLE CASSELY
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The opponent may be farther and more skilled, but the Belles will stick to the tried and true and get the ball to brush the back of the net.

The Saint Mary's soccer team will host Kalamazoo College in an MIAA conference game on Tuesday afternoon where the Belles will look to advance into the upper echelon of the division with a win.

The women are on a roll, winning five out of their last six including the last two in a row.

The Belles latest win, a 9-1 victory over Tri-State Saturday, was a cakewalk against the MIAA's worst team, but they hope the final score shows what is to come.

"On the games we have lost, we haven't put the ball in the back of the net at all," Belles coach Gary Mackenzie said. "That's something we're going to have to work really hard to sort out. Your defense can only take so much battering without some aid from the attacking end of the field."

In the current six-game stretch Saint Mary's has found consistency, quality, and the stingy defense has only surrendered five.

But five of those goals came in a shutout loss to Calvin College, which currently is in first place.

This lack of production in crucial games has Mackenzie slightly worried, but he is confident in her team's ability to prove the role of the underdog spoiler.

"iable against three of our road games, I don't think that the score was indicative to some of the things we were doing on the field," Mackenzie said. "If we are going to be successful, we have got to find a way to do more consistent scoring against our opponents."

Kalamazoo was only able to get one goal from Tri-State 2-0.

The Hornets have struggled mightily on defense after they have put five goals into the net in MIAA play, while allowing seven.

The Hornets have managed three MIAA wins against Tri-State, Adrian and Alma. The Belles defeated all three teams with a 16-goal differential between goals forwarded and goals allowed, while Kalamazoo produced a paltry plus-five differential.

This home game is a necessity for the Belles for the next host Hope College in a re-match of a 2-0 Saint Mary's defeat to open the MIAA season. The Kalamazoo game also marks the halfway point for the Belles' season, and a win would cap the half-season with a 6-2 record and possible move to second place.

The game will be played at 7 p.m. on the Belles' field. The match-up is the fifth out of eight home games on the year for Saint Mary's.

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Amare Stoudemire signed a five-year contract extension Monday with the Phoenix Suns worth about $73 million.

The deal is the maximum allowed under the NBA collective bargaining agreement for the forward who jumped from high school to stardom. The exact figures won't be known until next year's salary cap is set, Suns president Bryan Colangelo said.

The extension kicks in after this season and has an opt-out clause after the 2009-10 season.

"What I've achieved now is something that I always figured I would as a kid," Stoudemire said. "I've had that type of determination since I was younger, playing around the playgrounds, getting dirty after school."

He signed the contract a month shy of his 23rd birthday as the Suns gathered for media day preceding the start of their training camp in Tucson on Tuesday.

The 6-foot-10, 245-pound forward who jumped from high school to stardom, said teammate and last season's MVP Steve Nash. "He's the cornerstone of this franchise."

Stoudemire, the No. 9 pick in the 2002 draft, won the Rookie of the Year award over Yao Ming in 2002-03 and has improved each season. He averaged just under 30 points a game in last year's playoffs .37 against Tim Duncan in the Western Conference Finals.

The signing follows a lucrative weekend deal with Nike last month.

"I've just been working on my game the whole summer to try to take it up to the next level," Stoudemire said. "This has been a $100 million summer for me, so I'm very proud of that. I'm just looking forward to bringing the championship home right here in Phoenix."

The Suns never have won an NBA title.

Stoudemire is one of basketball's great success stories. He was 12 when his father died, and his mother was in and out of jail. His older brother is in federal prison. But Stoudemire never has been in trouble.

"My main thing is I just stay focused on my all-time goals, and that's to become a role model for my family and also be the best basketball player I can be," he said.

Moments after he saw the then 19-year-old work out before the 2002 draft, Suns chairman Jerry Colangelo told fellow team officials "this is our guy."

"Someone asked me a short time ago You know, Amare's accomplished so much what do you think his upside is?" the elder Colangelo said on Monday.

"And I said, 'If you recognize how far he's come in his game, you combine God-given talent with a heart to be the very best, I don't know how high is high.'"

Stoudemire has become a familiar companion of team owner Robert Sarver this summer, accompanying him on trips to try to lure free agents. He even got to ring the opening bell, with Steve Nash, at the NBA title.

Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire talks to reporters after signing a five-year contract extension Monday. Phoenix will pay star forward the league maximum $73 million dollars; deal has opt-out clause after 2009-10

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Eddy Curry, above, of the Chicago Bulls looks to go up for a lay up in a regular season game last year. The Bulls traded Curry to the New York Knicks for players to be named later, Chicago general manager John Paxson said.

Bulls, Paxson trade Curry to Knicks

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — The Bulls dealt center Eddy Curry to the New York Knicks on Monday, ending a contentious negotiation in which Chicago insisted the restricted free agent take a DNA test over a heart problem.

In making the announcement, an obviously frustrated Bulls general manager John Paxson did not specify what Chicago got in return and he did not field questions.

"We will have an announcement tomorrow morning," Bulls public relations director Sebrina Brown said Monday night. "All we can say right now is we traded Eddy to the Knicks."

Knicks spokesman Jonathan Supranowitz said the team declined comment on Paxson's announcement.

The Bulls had insisted that Curry take a DNA test to determine whether he is susceptible to a potentially fatal heart problem. Curry, who missed the final 13 games of the regular season and the playoffs after experiencing an irregular heartbeat, balked, saying it violated his privacy.

"I would never put a player on the floor in a Chicago Bulls uniform if I didn't do everything in my power to find out all the information that was available," Paxson said. "You can debate genetic testing 'til you're blue in the face. But from what I know, from what I've learned over the last six months, that test could have helped us determine the best course of action."

Paxson said, "Our intention through that whole process was to show him that we did care about him and that we were concerned about his well-being."

Curry's agent Leon Rose did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

Paxson said he received intimations that the Bulls were on a sort of witch hunt, trying to find information on Curry. The general manager started by asking reporters "Let me ramble a minute." After a long pause, he said, "This has been about as uncomfort­able and unusual a situa­tion I could ever imagine. We've attempted from Day 1 to do the right things, and I'm absolutely confident that we have in every way we went about it."

In Brief

76ers pick up free agent LeSuer

PHILADELPHIA — Forward LeSuer Nation signed with the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday after averaging a career-high 14.2 points last season with the New Orleans Hornets.

The 6-foot-9, 238-pound forward will join the 76ers' sixth NBA team.

He was a member of the 1994 Indiana high school championship team at South Bend Clay.

The former TCU player has averaged 8.9 points and 3.1 rebounds in five seasons with Charlotte-New Orleans, New York, Atlanta, Orlando and Cleveland. He averaged 4.4 rebounds in 68 games last season for the Hornets.

The 76ers also signed free agents Steve Castlesbouy, Olu Fumgutami, Herve Lamizana, James Thomas and Ivo Udoka.

Leyland next in line to coach Detroit

DETROIT — Soon after Alan Trammell was fired Monday morning as manager of the Detroit Tigers, Jim Leyland was in route to the Motor City as the leading candidate to replace him.

Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski planned to have interviewed Juan Samuel and Bruce Fields, both from Trammell's staff, before discussing the opening with Leyland about 24 hours after the regular season ended.

"I am driven to move quickly because I think there could be a lot of interest in Jim Leyland," said Dombrowski, adding his search could end as soon as Tuesday.

Trammell was fired after three seasons in which he failed to turn around a franchise without a winning record since 1993, to make a name for himself."

Vick will be ready to go next Sunday

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Michael Vick is expected to start against New England this week after an MRI confirmed Monday that he did not seriously injure his right knee Sunday in Atlanta's victory over Minnesota.

"It confirmed that it was just a mild sprain of his MCL, and he is day-to-day," coach Jim Mora said. "That ought to put that to rest for at least two or three minutes from now when someone asks another question about it."

Matt Schaub replaced Vick and played the rest of the game. The Falcons had a two-touchdown lead when Vick walked slowly off the field with a slight limp.

The injury occurred with the Falcons ahead 21-0 and all but eliminated the chance that Vick would return.

"Just because I got injured doesn't that mean that my confidence level is going to go down," Vick said. "The same thing happened to me against Seattle, and I came back and had one of my best games against Buffalo. Injury doesn't scare me."

Vick tweaked his left hamstring at Seattle in Week 2 and left the game.
Packers’ comeback not quite enough

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre loses the ball Monday against the Carolina Panthers. The Panthers won, 32-29.

Favre throws four TD passes but falls short at Carolina, 32-29

Associated Press

Brett Favre showed he still has some Monday night magic, just not enough to prevent the Green Bay Packers from getting off to their worst start in 17 years.

Favre threw four touchdown passes and had the Packers in position to possibly win the game on their final drive.

But with running back Ahman Green on the sidelines with an injured knee and no timeouts left, Favre had to do it all on his own when Green Bay got the ball back with 1:58 to play. He completed two passes before Carolina (2-2) stopped the Packers on a fourth-and-2.

Favre threw the ball to Donald Driver past the first down line but Chris Gamble knocked the ball out of his hands and it fell incomplete.

Favre, a 15-year veteran and future Hall of Famer who is possibly playing his final season, stood alone at the 44-yard line. Soon, Carolina tight end Kris Mangum, a fellow Mississippian, walked over and patted the dejected Favre on the helmet. Mike Wahle, the left guard who spent seven seasons protecting Favre before signing with Carolina, embraced him.

The Panthers let out a sigh of relief after nearly giving one away.

Future franchise in Mexico City only "a generation" away

Associated Press

Expansion to Mexico still is a generation away despite the success of the NFL's first regular-season game staged outside the United States.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the Arizona Cardinals' 31-14 victory over the 49ers in Mexico's capital lent credibility to the league south of the border. A record 103,467 fans packed cavernous Azteca Stadium on Sunday night, the largest regular-season crowd in NFL history.

"But Tagliabue said the size of the crowd wasn't the key factor.

"I think this game lets the fans here in Mexico, the people here in Mexico and business and everybody else know that we're for real," he said during a question and answer period Monday before the American chamber of commerce in Mexico City. "It was an element of legitimacy.

"He said the key to the future will be scheduling additional regular-season games in Mexico, and developing players in this country who can make it to the NFL and cultivate a strong "fan base back home."

"We will get there — here and in other parts of the world — more quickly than most people appreciate because the athletes are out there," Tagliabue said, adding that Bolando Cantu, a Mexico-born guard on Arizona's practice squad, will likely make an NFL roster in the future.

Tagliabue said before kickoff Sunday that things already had gone so well in Mexico City that he believed the game would be the first in an annual tradition on foreign soil. Toronto and London are top candidates for next season.

He reiterated that expansion of the 32-team league within the United States was unlikely anywhere but Los Angeles, and said there was no time frame for a Mexican franchise.

"I think it will happen, probably in our lifetime, but I'm hoping to live a long time," he said, adding that players who might be concerned about living and working in Mexico City could be a potential hurdle to expansion here.

The league generates just under $6 billion in revenue, with 1 percent of that coming from overseas sources such as NFL Europe. The approximate- ly 1,800 players make $3.6 billion.

Tagliabue acknowledged that while the NFL successfully had become an international league, it could not compete with soccer's global appeal.

"Are we ever going to catch soccer?" he asked with a smile. "No for 100 years."

He also acknowledged that soccer is the undisputed king of Mexican sports, as evidenced Sunday night when the scoreboard flashed Mexico's under-17 national team's 3-0 victory over Brazil to capture the world championship in Lima, Peru.

San Francisco quarterback Tim Rattay tackles Arizona Cardinals corner back Eric Green in Mexico City Sunday. The NFL is considering someday expanding to Mexico.

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Vermin

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rivalry game every year and stays through until the two teams meet again.

Tassnan's first touchdown came early in the second half as he dove into the corner of the endzone to haul in Wilmot's pass. Wilmot had a career day, throwing for four touchdowns and over 180 yards. The key to the passing success was avoiding the double out-read. In the first quarter six Vermin receivers had catches on 11 attempts.

The dominant pace of this game was established early on as Carroll opened up with a score after running only six plays. The drive culminated with a pass to Mike Johnson, who also kicked the extra point to make the score 7-0. Johnson did it all for the Vermin in this game — an ident of his kicking duties and 62 yards of receiving, the big defensive back also had two interceptions to stop key Fisher drives.

On this drive, backward Matt Bennett had the only Vermin score early in the second quarter and came in the second quarter as quarterback Pat Gotebeki was able to connect and pass his way into Carroll territory. However, time ran out on their drive and the half.

In the second half the Fishers running game just couldn't get going, and once again the Vermin were able to shut them out. Nearly every drive from that point, come or go, Gotebeki attributed the hard times to a lack of "focus." With this loss, Fisher drops to 4-0, with two tough weeks ahead for them. Carroll, who also played well in the first quarter, was on a 40-yard catch and run and would make the score 7-0. The Vermin's defense, which has dominated all year, completely shut down Sorin's offense.

Sorin quarterback Stru Mora, who was the slot of the season all year, had never enough time to find his receivers as the defense applied constant pressure. They did a good job shutting down our receivers, and our offensive line didn't do a good job blocking up their blizzers," Sorin coach Matt Young said.

The offense couldn't put together any sustained drives for the game. The only time they were able to come close was on the second line because it was the only line that the offense was able to push the ball down. "I just trusted in my line today," the freshman acknowledged. "They were really opening up the holes, and I really didn't do anything special."

Tell it to the Stedsmen defense, who could seemingly never get off the field. In the first round, they had dominated St. Ed's 115-15, with only one pass attempted. Quarterback Seat Weland, who had provided most of the scoring through the air this season, only needed to attempt three passes on the day.

They finished 1-3 for 20 yards, but also ran for the final score from 5 yards out. The team also gets a shot at the playoffs after the game, as the defense was able to hold the rushing game well down to 28 points. In all, Zahn gained 220 yards on the ground, rushed for four scores and physically dominated the game. "I think coach Gourley had nothing but praise for his offense," said Zahn. "They stepped up again today".

"We finally had some rhythm today but we still have a long way to go." - Kyle Rice

Siegfried captain

Ostberg leads Notre Dame

The Irish scored 31 points, 12 behind the leading Boilermakers

In their season opening show at Saint Mary's of the Woods this weekend, Notre Dame's men's tennis team squeezed past the Team Reserve High Point Honors. Their 31 points placed the squad second behind Purdue, with 32 points.

Kelly O'Byrne took first in open singles, with Alix Minnis in fourth. Minnis also garnered a first in inter- medium doubles, with Caitlin Landyid third and Lauren Desorios sixth. The Swept net, won by Kent, with Megan Murphy, Mary Dorgant, and Brittany Gagg finishing first, second, and third respectively. Julia Burke and Landyid tied for second in open flat, with Ostberg and Minnis finishing fourth and fifth respectively. Desorios took first in inter- medium flat, with Murphy, Dorgant, and Gregg again finishing first, second and third in novice flat. Laorda placed fourth in walk-trot-caster, while Courtney Hoffman also earned a fourth place in walk-trot.

Landyid and Dorgant qualified for the national team in their overall performances.

Squash

James Zhang captured first place in the St. Louis MPM Open Squash Tournament in the 4.5 Division. Zhang, a former member of the Malaysian national junior team and captain of the Notre Dame squash club, edged left Torberm of Florida 3-2 in the first round, then swept through Bob Nell of Lakeshore Club Chicago, 3-1; Tray Brown of Oklahoma Univ., 3-0; and W. Chip of the MAC St. Louis club, 3-4, in the finals.

Zhang's final match was played in glass wall court, the St. Louis Galleria. (Pictures below are from the final match, Zhang wearing the head bandana.)

Zhang also entered the up Open, 5.5, where he defeated Hassan, 3-0 of the University Club Chicago, 3- 0, before falling to Conor O'Malley of the University Club, 3-1.

Teammate Phil Moss also represents Notre Dame in the 3.5 Division. Moss won his first round 3-0 before dropping in a 3-1 second round con- test.

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A Carroll receiver goes up for a pass in Sunday's 28-0 win over Fisher. Fisher moved to 3-1 on the season.

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Lyons looks for upset over Cavanaugh tonight

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Tonight at 7 p.m., the Chaos, led by quarterback Lisa Ruffer, will hope to continue their winning ways against the Lyons Lions (1-3), who hope to finish the season with an upset.

The Lyons Lions (1-3), who hope to finish the season with an upset, will look to dent the chaos' record this week has to be to remember that the season is not over yet.

Mental mistakes near the end of the season could prove disastrous for the Lyons team if they can against the dominant Chaos.

If Lyons hopes to win, they will have to somehow contain quarterback Lisa Ruffer, who has the ability to beat defenses with her arm or legs.

Ruffer has consistently thrown the ball well and has also run the option and quarterback draws to near perfection.

Lyons needs to somehow return to their level of play at the beginning of the year, where they recorded their one win.

"We had a lot of young talent earlier in the year," said Lions quarterback Kim Murphy. "It just didn't come together in the end."

For this game, Lyons has worked hard to get back to the basics, including getting quarterbacks and receivers more in tune with each other, so that they can improve for next year.

"We know that we can play well, it's just tough against teams like Walsh and Lyons played in their last game and Cavanaugh," Murphy said.

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The Wild Women came in averaging more than 17 points a game, but were facing a Cavanaugh defense that has yet to allow a point this year. The Chaos defense smothered Wild quarterback Mary Sullivan, intercepting her three times and forcing turnovers on downs three times as well.

"They have very good athletes, and they’re well-coached," Wild Women coach Brian Burkavage said of the Chaos defense. "They always seem to be in the right place, and they made plays while we were in distress.

The multiple turnovers gave Cavanaugh a short field to work with, and Chaos quarterback Lisa Ruffer took full advantage, connecting on 11-23 attempts for 110 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

After Ruffer completed a two-yard touchdown pass to Byrne for a 6-0 lead, things took a nasty turn for the Wild Women. On Cavanaugh’s ensuing two-point conversion attempt, Ruffer’s follow-through came down on Walsh captain Mary Ellen Botta. Inconspicuously, Botta collapsed to the ground and did not get up until 20 minutes later, while she was taken off the field by an ambulance.

The Wild Women tried to motivate themselves after the long break, but Cavanaugh held fast with another quick interception and touchdown to put them up 12-0.

"It’s hard to stay focused after an injury, but we focused on playing within ourselves, and it worked out for us," said Byrne.

Going into the second half with a 12-0 lead, the Chaos ran a methodical offense that seemed to pick up first downs at will, giving the Wild Women little time to make a comeback. Cavanaugh ran 33 plays from scrimmage and converted seven first downs, while Walsh snapped the ball 26 times and moved the chains just three times during the game.

"In the second half, we just wanted to slow down the tempo so they’d feel rushed when they had the ball," Byrne said.

With the much-anticipated game now behind them, Cavanaugh seems already looking forward to the next time they will meet.

"It’s just one game, hopefully we’ll get another shot at them in the playoffs, when it really matters," Burkavage said.

Byrne was just as focused on the future.

"It’s nice, but now it’s over, and we need to focus on the playoffs because it all starts over for us. We can’t feel too good about this," Byrne said.

Byron 6, Badin 6

Byron opened the scoring on her birthday, Catherine Krug gave a present to the rest of her team. The Howard defensive back returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown, allowing the Ducks to force a 6-6 tie with the Badin Bulldogs.

Rabin opened the scoring on its first possession with a touchdown pass from quarterback Kaitie Rose Hackney to Courtney Rains. Hackney made a nifty decision to run down the drive set up after Howard was forced to punt on its first possession.

On Howard’s subsequent possession, they once again got a first down, but then were forced to punt. The Bulldogs marched the ball up the field, but Howard began to show its strength as a red-zone defense and made a stand, turning the ball over on downs. Howard was then three and out, and after a 35-yard punt return by captain Meg Charlesbois, the Bulldogs had good field position, with time running down. After a twenty-yard completion to Rains, Hackney threw the interception to Krug.

In the second half, Badin’s offense started strong with another big pass to Rains, this time for 35 yards before Howard got another time interception.

However, the Duck offense continued to struggle as they punted or turned the ball over on downs their remaining four possessions of the game. Badin had two more chances to score, but failed to convert a 1st down and moved Howard one step closer to its first win this season.

"We will be looking for our first win next week," captain Callie Wehlan said.

The Ducks hope quarterback Shenna Ketchum will be ready, as Krug’s score came after Badin captain Meg Charlesbois returned a punt 59 yards to give the Bulldogs excellent field position. Hackney then threw a second 20-yard pass to Rains, but the run stopped when Krug made the tackle.

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"Wyse said Monday that defensive linemen Trevor Laws will be the special teams captains for the game against USC after blocking a field goal at Purdue on Saturday.

"After Brady Quinn's career day on Saturday (440 yards, three touchdowns, one interception), Wyse was quick to praise his quarterback.

"I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the performance of the quarterback for the game because he was outstanding," Wyse said Monday. "And I don't say that very often. I don't use that word very often. I hope I am going it more often, but I thought he was just exceptional, the way he managed the game and I thought he played very well."

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Thompsons take the court as singles Thursday

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Thursday, to skip the tournament. Van Fleet said he was disappointed that the doubles court.

Their high ranking - sweeping three stages - made them more confident in their ability to win.

She's been practicing her serves, and her play is improving.

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injury has kept him from playing defense this year, but he’s also suiting up at running back for his last year.

Despite the injury, Walls says he is not bitter, and he has no plans to take it out on the state play-offs and ready to go next season, when he expects to have a chance at playing as a true freshman.

"I think he really likes Irish coach Charlie Weis and the rest of the staff. They did a fantastic job recruiting him.

Walls made his official visit to Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game on Sept. 3. He has not yet made his official visit to Notre Dame but is scheduled to come Oct. 15, when the Irish will take on Southern California. He has visited campus several times on unofficial visits, most recently last June. Notes: Brown is listed on Scout.com as a "soft verbal," but he's 6-foot-2, 190 lb. safety from Proviso East High School in Maywood, Ill., says he is intent on signing with the Irish in Feb. However, he is scheduled to take visits to LSU, Minnesota, Nebraska and Illinois while also visiting Notre Dame on Dec. 2.

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Weis talked about the web sites, including Scout.com as well as others that he had his choices narrowed to Pittsburgh and Notre Dame before he made his announcement Monday.

However, Frank believes Notre Dame was in front from the beginning. "I think [Walls] kind of knew where he wanted to go since spring," Frank said.

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Club Sports

Irish take home fifth at Michigan State

Special to The Observer

A split squad permitted Notre Dame's sailing club to compete in the state of Ohio and Notre Dame in the top five.

Joe Carroll, Purdue, Michigan Blue, Michigan Malish, Bowling Green, Northwestern, Iowa, Hope Western Michigan completed the fourteen team field. Michigan also hosted a fourteen team field at the Cary Price International at the Great Poiny Yacht Club.

The Wolverines claimed overall first place, followed by Minnesota, Wisconsin, Texas, Ohio, Notre Dame, Purdue, Northwestern, Ohio, Cornell, Indiana, Western Michigan, Iowa State and Washington.

Irish skipper Tim Roy and crew Dave Oviak finished ninth in the A Division, while skipper John Daily and crew Paul Cords took fourth in the B Division.

Ultimate

Michigan played host and this weekend to the Best of the Midwest Tournament in Ann Arbor in both men's and women's action.

Valerie Host, Ryan Butler, and Andrew Sheoran led the Irish to a third place finish in the men's event, while captains Lizzy Shiel and Chrissy Hedges posted impressive performances in the women's tournament with three wins in four contests.

In men's opening day pool, a stringent Irish defense featuring Sean McCarthy, Dave LeDonne and Mike Florkar, limited opponents to seven total goals.

Ryan Gorman and Daniel Beamer controlled the skies in goal and were key in the Irish's 14-6 victory over the Ohio State and after and falling behind early, rallied for a 13-6 victory, setting up the showdown with No. 9 ranked Michigan.

In a see saw contest that found both teams scoring early and often, the game came down to game point, tied 9-9. The Wolverines offense slowly worked the disc into the end zone for their 10-9 victory.

The women's competition was just as exciting and played at an equally high level. Freshmen Katie Bilek and XiuTian Khaw moved the Irish to a 11-9 victory.

The second round proved the highlight for the Irish as the stellar play of Chris Dube on attack and freshman ADI Jones in defense propelled the squad to an 11-9 win over defending Big Ten Lake Region champ Purdue, 11-5.

The Irish did not fare as well against Michigan in the third game, falling 12-6. Shiel's and Hedges' scoring deep throws to receivers in the end zone and Kasey Farrel's sharp cuts for her handlers and her solid short passes kept the Irish close through much of the contest.

In their fourth match, the Irish triumphed over Ohio State, 9-6. Sophomores Shields, Duss and Shannon Morrison showed their handling skills with strong passes downfield to classmate Loretta Brown.

The Irish wrapped up the weekend with a 10-6 victory over Michigan Team II, to finish 4-1 and second in the....

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have some friendly bragging rights on the line.

"So you guys go at it, but the coaches [do] also," Mainieri said.

First-year assistant coach Cliff Godwin will coach the Gold, and an aggression Rooney will lead the Blue.

Mainieri called the series "intense and pressure-packed."

"It's a little World Series that really creates a lot of high drama and high pressure," he said.

The draft happened, and the sides are set. This afternoon junior Jeff Manshup will take the mound for the Gold, and heralded freshman David Phillips — from St. Louis' Hazelwood High — will take the hill for the Blue.

Mainieri is excited about the upcoming spring season due to a nicely injury-free fall season, which has allowed for competitive scrimmages and drills.

The only off-season injuries the Irish have had to deal with were sophomore third/second baseman Brett Lilly's back injury, which kept him out until the spring, and junior pitcher James Gaffney's season-ending shoulder injury.

Lilly will have surgery this Thursday, however, an injury that occurred during the last regions spring and hampered his outing.

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Manshup was 2-1 with a 3.97 earned run average after going 7-2 during the fall, while Brandon was left-handed and was the workhorse.

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Defensive back Walls verbally commits to Notre Dame

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame landed one of the most sought-after recruits in the nation Monday morning when Darrin Walls verbally committed to the Irish, bringing their total number of commitments to 19. He is the second verbal commitment Notre Dame has secured since last Tuesday, when Maywood (Ill.) defensive back Paul Tagliabue said Notre Dame was on a higher level because of its academics.

Walls, rated the No. 1 cornerback in America by Rivals.com, made his announcement at a 9 a.m. Monday press conference at Woodland Hills High School in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh and Michigan were the two other schools that Walls seriously considered.

He enjoyed the football atmosphere at all three schools but said Notre Dame was on a higher level because of its academics. "I would say their 98 percent graduation rate is what made [the Irish] stand out," he said in an interview with The Observer Monday.

Mike Frank of irishyes.com believes this commitment is "huge" for the Irish, especially with a secondary that ranks No. 112 nationally.

"Notre Dame has struggled to land the elite corner prospects in recent years," Frank said. "So this is a big pickup. He's a guy who can take over a game. The type of guy you put on your best receiver.

Frank mentioned that Notre Dame's first three commitments this season were Walls, Rancho McNeil and Asher Allen. McNeil committed to Notre Dame Aug. 15 while Allen is headed to Georgia.

Walls also talked about Irish coach Charlie Weis having a major impact on his decision. "(Weis) said they'd love to have me," Walls said. "He said I was his No. 1 guy."

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FOOTBALL

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

With five games under their belt, the Irish get a quick and timely breather before taking on No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15 at Notre Dame Stadium.

No. 12 Notre Dame has this week off after a five-game stretch that consisted of four rematches of title game matches.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

By DAN MURPHY, GREG ARBOGAS and COLIN REIMER
Sports Writers

Midway through the fourth quarter, Carroll's Kory Wilmot lobbed an 18-yard fade to Paul Tassanari for his second touchdown reception of the game. The grab gave Carroll a 28-0 lead and sealed the win over Fisher.

For the second year in a row, the Vermin have come out on top and will keep possession of the Cricket Stick. "The stick" is awarded to the victors of this game.

At left, Carroll quarterback Kory Wilmot throws a pass in Sunday's 28-0 win over Fisher. At right, a Badin receiver makes a catch in Sunday's victory against Howard.

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BASEBALL

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

For the next three days, at 4 p.m. each afternoon, the Irish baseball team will hold its annual "Blue, Gold Intrasquad Series," a unique off-season practice.

Unlike other sports' off-season scrambles, two of the baseball team's top assistant coaches drafted this week's competing squads from the roster. That means the games will be more evenly matched, more realistic.

"We've been doing this every year," said head coach Paul Mainieri, entering his 12th season at the team's helm. "We have a draft, so there are 13 guys on one team and 14 guys on the other. It's a very intense series; everyone's very passionate about it."

The coaches have a healthy rivalry and the teammates love it.

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SPORTS

By ALLISON AMBROSE
Sports Editor

In a match-up of title game matches, Cavanaugh made a statement Sunday afternoon, shutting out previously undefeated Walsh 18-0.

"Ever since we lost to them in the championship game, we've been waiting for a chance to beat them," Chaos captain Rachel Byrne said. "It felt good to prove that we can play with them, and even above them."

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