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ND trustee, benefactor Siegfried dies at 62
Notre Dame alumnus underwrote residence hall, business building

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Raymond Siegfried II, a University benefactor and member of the Board of Trustees widely known for his passion for Notre Dame, died Thursday in Tulsa, Okla. He was 62.

Siegfried was a 1965 Notre Dame graduate whose family served as benefactors of Siegfried Hall, underwrote the Siegfried Building in the Mendoza College of Business and established the Bay and Millian Siegfried Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, a position now held by Dean of the Mendoza College of Business Patrick O'Neil. Siegfried suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The Notre Dame family today lost one of its most cherished members, a man whose wisdom, leadership and generosity will be felt on this campus for all time," University President Father John Jenkins said in a statement. "We will miss his warm friendship and will be inspired by the courage he showed while tested by medical challenges in the past few years. Along with our prayers, our deepest sympathy goes to Mianne, his wife, and all the Siegfried family."

Senior resident assistant and former Siegfried Hall president Dan Carey, who met Siegfried twice, described him as "an all-around great guy."

"He had several loves in his life and they've become apparent," Carey said. "First, his family and his kids. He was a great family man and had a great love for his wife."

Carey never actually spoke with Siegfried due to the severity of his ALS.

"The first time I met him, he was able to mumble maybe a thank you," Carey said.

But this inability to speak didn't stop Siegfried from communciating with the men of the hall that bears his name.

"Since then he has spoken to the guys in the dorm through letters," Carey said. "He has this technology, this computer on his wheelchair that allows him to write.

Siegfried also connected with students through his regular presence at Siegfried interhall meetings.

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Push for research underway
Editor's Note: This is the first article in a two-part series examining the presence and future of undergraduate research within different colleges at Notre Dame.

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In the wake of University President Father John Jenkins' inaugural address calling for an increase in the number of undergraduates involved in research, representatives from a number of colleges indicated that undergraduates are taking part in research activities but stressed that more work needs to be done to promote and fund research opportunities.

Provost's office
Vice president and associate provost Dennis Jacobs said one of the challenges in discussing undergraduate research is accurately identifying the percentage of undergraduates who are currently involved.

According to the 2004 senior exit survey, 30 percent of graduating seniors identified themselves as having worked on undergraduate research with a faculty member at some point during their four-year tenure.

However, in counting the number of students who sign up for academic credit in research, special studies or a senior thesis, only 10 percent of Notre Dame students are currently involved in research.

Jenkins cited this 10 percent figure in his inauguration speech as evidence that more undergraduates need to be

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Fifth Blue Mass honors emergency workers

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Notre Dame police, fire and emergency personnel celebrated the annual Blue Mass Thursday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Blue Mass, which earns its name from the predominately blue-colored uniforms of police officers and firefighters, was first held at Notre Dame on Oct. 1, 1968.

After Sept. 11, 2001, Director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner proposed to then-University President Father Edward Malloy the idea of a special Mass in memory of the fire fighters and police officers that died as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The memorial Mass, called a "month's mind," was held 30 days after the attacks following Catholic tradition. Since 2001, it has been held every October.

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SMC will upgrade Internet

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Just days after warning stu­dents to buckle down for a year of slow Internet connections, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology Keith Fowkles announced Thursday the reallocation of funds to increase the College's bandwidth.

Currently operating at 6.5 Megabits, the Internet connection will expand to 45 Megabits, providing for substantially faster maneuvering of the Web and legal downloading of music.

Student frustration with the slow Internet connection increased in recent weeks. Many students said the situa­tion was hindering their ability to complete schoolwork.

Upon student government officers' request, Fowkles attended Monday's Board of Governance meeting and answered questions about the cause of the sluggish connection and possible solutions.

Fowkles told Board members he was unsure when the situa­tion would improve and encouraged students to be "frugal" with the Internet.

But after the meeting, Fowkles communicated students' concerns to vice president and dean of Faculty Pat White and vice president for finance and administration Laurie Stirkelmaier, who authorized him to reallocate the necessary funds.

"Students come here to get the best education possible and they expect certain services," Fowkles said. "[The decision] wasn't because we had a lot of upturn students, it was because
INSIDE COLUMN
A column from the inside

I realized a while ago that I work for "The Observer," and that gives me the opportunity to write a column on the inside. This is the inside column where you get the inside story on things you are on the outside of right?

What I’m going to say is that if you haven’t already gone totally berserk over the infrared paper towel dispensers in the North Dining Hall bathrooms, there is probably something wrong with you.

Man has always been contemplating, saying, "What if we didn’t have to touch things to get dry?" For about six million years the best thing anyone could come up with was a guy who sits in the bathroom and hands you towels. Psh. Lame. Absolutely lame-o. Thanks a lot. If history were here right now, I’d say, "Thanks a lot." I’d say it in a way that history would know that I am being sarcastic.

Worst of all is the blast of air. If I wanted a blast of air to dry my hands, I’d go to an alternate universe where everyone loves to dry their hands with a blast of air, but unfortunately in this alternate universe, everyone eats nothing but garlic bread and is boring. That’s the point I’m trying to make. If you like the blast of air, you are boring.

This is off-topic, but if you are reading this in the dining hall and you are one of those people who likes to walk really slowly in front of me when I’m trying to get around, one day I’m going to pour milk down your back.

Our forefathers probably thought advanced robots would give us paper towels in the bathroom, but they could never imagine such a simple and beautiful machine like the infrared dispensers. With one wave of the hand, it not only sends you a piece of paper, but also, I hope, a message that you have also inadvertently flicked a moderate amount of water off your hands, essentially pre-drying your hands for paper towels. If you have noticed this before, I bet you are a happier person for it.

So get happy about these dispensers. When you come out of the bathroom, tell the card swipers how nice it was in there. Especially tell the nice one who looks at your card and says your name. That makes me feel good. If you are reading this, lady who goes the extra mile and says everyone’s name, I wish you were my roommate.

"Considering my parents thought I was an idiot when I was a kid, this is a great honor," he said. "I wish they were alive to see it." The Ig Nobels, given at Harvard University by Annals of Improbable Research magazine, celebrate the humorous, creative and odd side of science.

Miller has sold more than 1.5 million of his Neuticles, more than doubling his $500,000 investment. The silicone implants come in different sizes, shapes, weights and degrees of firmness. "We need to be realistic about what the Bible says about fear and not be afraid to share our faith in school," youth minister Anthony Martin told the TimesDaily in a story Thursday. "We can’t let that fear rule our lives."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT
The winner is ... fake dog testicle creator

BOSTON — Gregg Miller mortgaged his home and maxed out his credit cards to mass produce his invention — prosthetic testicles for neutered dogs. What started 10 years ago with an experiment on an unwitting Rottweiler named Max has turned into a thriving mail-order business. And on Thursday night Miller’s efforts earned him a dubious yet strangely coveted honor: the Ig Nobel Prize for medicine.

Church youth swallow live goldfish

FLORENCE, Ala. — The First Assembly of God Church has a Fear Factor ministry that lets youths swallow live goldfish in order to teach them about fear.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT FAMOUS PERSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO CAMPUS? WHY?

Tara Makowski and Kelly Czaja

"JASON LEWIS FROM SEX AND THE CITY, BECAUSE HE’S BEAUTIFUL."

Tim Roats

"THE POPE, BECAUSE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO TEACH ME HOMOSEXUALITY."

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"WESLEY WILLIAMS. WE NEED TO EASE EVERYONE’S DAY A LITTLE WHILE WE’RE WORKING HARD."

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"ROBIN WILLIAMS. HE’S THE BEST QUARTERBACK EVER."

Catherine T swiften

"FIRE IT IN, PAT."
It’s no surprise to see students pulling all-nighters at this time of year in preparation for midterms, but the knots of kind of all-nighter will take place this weekend.

This weekend marks the third annual Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society Club of Notre Dame. Participants will walk around the Steps from 6 p.m. Friday until 10 a.m. Saturday.

Last year the event attracted 1,300 participants and raised $102,000, said Relay co-chair Dee Dee Sterling, whose goal is to raise a minimum of $100,000 this year. Thursday night, the Relay Web site reported a total slightly over $13,000.

Stanford sophomore Chris Rohrs was in the Irish Pub Monday evening for money raised at Notre Dame. "I’ll be said he collected about $3,340 of Student Senate money.

"I’ve seen cancer affect all kinds of people I know, and it hit close to home last summer, so recently, so recently, so I felt I needed to do what I could to help," said Rohrs, who was involved in research University.

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Arts and Letters

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A billboard at the Freilich Life Science Center displays promotional items for the Relay for Life, which will occur today at Stepan Center.

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involved in research. "The Office is studying the extent to which undergraduate research is actually taking place, investigating in what areas student demand outrrips available opportunities, and exploring what resources could be leveraged to strategically seed greater research opportunities for undergraduates," Jacobs said.

Jacobs stressed the benefits of undergraduate research as allowing students to pursue non-curricular goals.

"In my own experience, being involved with this kind of work, I’ve found that authentic ways of learning because it presents all the right kind of real problems with all the answers," he said. "It requires students to think creatively about how we’ve been asked to think about new knowledge." Jacobs laid out a four-stage framework for the promotion of undergraduate research. The first stage is the Web site — undergradresearch.nd.edu — that has been live since this week.

The Web site lists funding and reporting opportunities available in four dimensions: internship, research, grants, fellowships and other lowships and opportunities by academic departments.

"I hope all students will visit this site early and often," he said.

He also stressed that the Web site could be valuable for prospective students that "when they come to Notre Dame, they are entering a

Student-run Relay for Life will support cancer research

"I hope to motivate the dorms to show their support for people who have fought cancer," Siegfried team captain Terence Merritt said.

"The Relay will kick off with a red wave — we’ll walk to good time doing it." - Amanda Flynn

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the students presented an intelligent and honest argument to us about their needs.

Updated technology, Fowlkes said, is considered a "core service" of the College and is critical to academic life. Fowlkes is hoping the project will be completed by the end of December, but said he was unable to provide a specific date. He also said when it does occur students will see an immediate improvement in connection speed.

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*Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) assistant director Phil Johnson served as a lector and delivered an introduction about the increased respect given to lawyers and judges from surrounding communities.*

"This was an event that made us more mindful of those many who serve and make risks every day," Johnson said.

John Antonucci, the operations chief of the University's fire department, also served as a lector. Although the first three Blue Masses were held primarily in remembrance of the victims of Sept. 11, Antonucci said the Mass has developed to recognize the sacrifice of the community for law enforcement and emergency workers.

"Now as we move away from the event, we move the focus of the event to being a celebration of life and to honor those who protect us every day," Antonucci said.

NDSP, the University Fire Department and South Bend fire fighting and police departments attended the Mass, as well as police officers and fire fighters from around the community.

University President Father John Jenkins presided at the Mass, which he called a "significant ND tradition." He welcomed the opportunity to "honor and appreciate and thank police officers, fire fighters, and emergency personnel in our community."

In his homily, Warner honored the members of the police and fire departments and emergency personnel who "place the common good above all."

Warner called those in uniform "men and women of the beatitudes." He paid special tribute to the families of the men and women in uniform and their unique sacrifice.

"Warriors" who made the Mass attendees to remember especially the victims of terrorism, members of the armed forces and all those who have died in the course of duty.

The Blue Mass tradition closely resembles the long-standing Catholic tradition of the Red Mass, a special service for lawyers, judges and politicians that is held at the beginning of the judicial year. Cardinal Edward Egan of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., celebrated a Red Mass with the Supreme Court justices.

Notre Dame celebrated its own Red Mass Oct. 2 with lawyers and judges from surrounding communities.

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Islamic terror empire growing

Bush warns that radicals seek to expand their force; 10 al-Qaida plots foiled

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush sought Thursday to rally public support for the war in Iraq, accusing mili­tants of seeking to establish a "radical Islamic empire" with Iraq as the base. He said the U.S. and its allies had foiled 10 plots by the al-Qaeda terror network in the past four years.

In remarks clearly aimed at those seeking a withdrawal of U.S. troops, Bush warned of continuing danger, saying Islamic radicals are being "sheltered by "allies of interesse[c] like Syria and Iran."

"There's always a temptation in the middle of a long struggle to seek the quiet life, to escape the duties and problems of the world and to hope the sun will grow weary of fanaticism and tired of murder," Bush said in a speech before the National Endowment for Democracy. "We will keep our nerve and we will win that victory," he said.

Polls show declining American support for the war that has thus far claimed the lives of more than 100 American military and civilians. Bush's policy faces a crucial test in Iraq's Oct. 15 referen­dum on a new constitu­tion, a vote that Bush said will tell the world whether the U.S. military is "right and that Bush thinks terrorists will try to derail.

Asked about the presi­dent's singling out of Iran and Syria as "allies of convenience," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday that Bush has assured him that he has made no decisions yet on charges and that his client has not received a so-called target letter, usually the last step before a grand jury indictment.

Bush prepares for bird flu pandemic

Days, though unusually low, vaccine manufacturers to a White House meet­ ing Friday, hoping to personally boost the risky industry amid increasing fears of a worldwide outbreak of bird flu. It's the latest in a flurry of preparatory steps to guard against an advic­ e of the government's response to Hurricane Katrina.

This month, vaccine maker Sanofi-Pasteur begins the first mass production of a new vaccine that promises a month ago that they could be targets of a terrorist attack in coming days.

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Friday, October 7, 2005

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Paul Rudnick, 45, of Hoboken, N.J., said he had heard similar warnings before and found it hard to take them all seriously. "Unless it's something dramatic that's happening, I've got to go to work," Rudnick said after getting off a subway train at Penn Station. He said the only travel habit he is changing is not to make eye contact with police officers so they won't search his bag.

An estimated 4.5 million passengers ride the New York subway on an aver­ age weekday. The system has more than 468 subway stations.
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sports games. "Those last two years his ALS got really bad ... but he would still come with the family and watch the interhall football games," Carey said.

Siegfried rector Father John Conley said Siegfried, who attended interhall baseball games as well and until recently hosted annual dinners for Siegfried residents, truly cared about the dorm. "I think he took a great deal of pleasure knowing that the family name was associated with a dormitory on campus because of what residence halls mean to Notre Dame students," Conley said. "He took special pride in having a residence hall bear the family name ... it's not the same as someone taking two graduate classes in Mendoza and seeing the Siegfried name on a plaque on the wall."

Carey recalled a "little initiation" Siegfried gave to incoming Siegfried freshmen in front of Main Building. "ALS had already started to take a toll on his body, but he has addressed the freshmen the last two years," Carey said. "This year his son Terrell [a second-year Notre Dame law student] read that on behalf of his father."

Siegfried was chairman of the board of the NORDAM Group, an international aerospace manufacturer. He received an honorary doctor of law degree from Notre Dame in May 1995.

For the last four years, Conley said Siegfried Hall has donated all funds raised from its signature spring event, the Rambler Scrambler, to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association in Siegfried's honor. "I believe the family is also going to designate some additional charities," Conley said.

After Siegfried Hall won the interhall football title two years ago, a game that Siegfried attended, Carey said the dorm took an extra step to thank the "avid sports fan" for his support. Following the game, the dorm contacted Joe Montana and arranged for Montana to meet up with the team. "We basically took a big panoramic picture of the Ramblers and Joe," Carey said. "We got a football signed."

The dorm then sent the picture and football along with a Siegfried Hall jersey with a "big No. 1 on it" to Siegfried as a Christmas present, Carey said. Siegfried is survived by wife Milano and children Tray, Hastings, Meredith, Milannie, Terrell and Bailey.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, followed by the Rite of Committal in Cedar Grove Cemetery. At 4 p.m. the University will hold a reception with the Siegfried family in the atrium and Siegfried Building of the Mendoza College of Business. All friends of the family are invited to attend.

Kate Antonacci contributed to this report.

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In Brief

Sex drug subsidies to hurricane relief

WASHINGTON — Buying your own Viagra will become an act of altruism under a House-passed bill that pays for hurricane relief with federal funds now devoted to Medicare and Medicaid covering erectile dysfunction drugs.

Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., sponsor of the bill, said the government would save $600 million over 10 years by prohibiting the two government health care programs from subsidizing prescriptions for sexual performance drugs. The bill, which was introduced in the current session, will be provided to $500 million in federal unemployment funds to hurricane-affected states to help them pay benefits to out-of-work people: $400 million to Louisiana, $85 million to Mississippi and $15 million to Alabama. The bill, passed by voice vote Thursday, also extends several health programs that assist low-income families nationwide.

Deal has previously backed legislation to end federal aid for impotence drugs, saying taxpayers should not be required to pay for a drug that does not determine life or death and is often used for recreational purposes.

Cancer vaccine 100 percent effective

An experimental vaccine to prevent the most common forms of cervical cancer proved 100 percent effective in a two-year test on more than 10,000 girls and women, doctors at the National Cancer Institute said.

Dr. Merck is hoping to win Food and Drug Administration approval for the vaccine, Gardasil, due out on the market as soon as late 2006. It would be the first vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, a disease caused almost exclusively by a highly common sexually transmitted virus called the human papilloma virus.

Doctors expect the vaccine to be routinely offered to girls — and boys, too, because they can spread the virus to their partners — before they become sexually active, though it's not deemed "essential" to run into opposition from conservatives and religious groups.

"One, this is a phenomenal breakthrough," said Dr. Gloria Barron, director of the Women's Health Institute at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J.

Another sharp drop in crude prices helped buoy stocks earlier in the session, in a reaction to the ban on exports which some investors also awaited the government's key employment report, due Friday and expected to detail job losses from the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Those long-term challenges prompted investors to abandon some of the more popular high-flying holdings, pushing stock prices lower through the session.

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The dollar, which had started the day higher, retreated after the re-election of President Richard M. Nixon and the belief that inflation was rising near the high end of the Fed's comfort zone. Some investors also awaited the government's key employment report, due Friday and expected to detail job losses from the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

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The Dow fell 30.26, or 0.29 percent, to 10,000. adding to a loss of 218.12 over the previous two sessions. Broader stock indicators also fell. The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index dropped 18.94, or 0.9 percent, to 2,084.08, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 4.9, or 0.43 percent, to 1,191.49. Bonds lost ground alongside stocks, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.39 percent from 4.36 percent late Wednesday. The dollar weakened against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

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Business

Stocks fall on third straight day

Rebound fails as Wall Street loses ground due to chronic economic worries

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chronic economic worries stalled the Rebound Thursday as stocks fell for a third straight session despite a strong jobs report from General Electric Co. and modest but better-than-expected August employment figures.

General Electric, a widely held Dow Jones Industrial, was one of the biggest stocks falling on Wall Street, said it was off track for another strong quarter and increased its stock buyback program. Encouraging sales at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other retailers also helped the market post early gains.

But the market, which had started the day higher, underwent a wild ride as Wal-Mart's own sales disappointed investors.

"Despite the day's action, the market has continued its upward trend with a series of record highs," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. "The market's outlook remains positive, with positive employment data and strong corporate earnings reports, which is why stocks are up. The market will likely continue to make small gains in the near term, but I don't expect it to break out of the range we've been in for the past few weeks."

The Labor Department reported the number of jobless claims rose to 390,000 last week, an increase of 3,530,000 from the previous week, which was expected to exceed 21,000,000 from the previous week.

"It's not a good sign," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. "We've seen a lot of positive data in the past few months, but it's not enough to change the market's outlook. The market is still in a range that it's been in for the past few months, and it's not going to break out of that range until we see some positive data that suggests a change in the economic outlook."

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NEW ORLEANS — No one will forget the work from hurricanes Katrina and Rita rose to 363,000 last week with more bad news expected Friday when the government releases its unemployment report for September. The10-year employment report could show as many as 400,000 job losses from Katrina in what would be the biggest sign yet of the economic devastation from the country's most expensive natural disasters.

"We are going to get a lot of ugly data. We're going to see the full effect of these storms," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Zandi said he was looking for the September employment report to show a loss of around 350,000 jobs because of Katrina, which hit near New Orleans on Aug. 29. The number of people filing applications for unemployment benefits was still rising in the week after ELT over the Labor Department conducted its survey for the monthly jobs report.

Zandi said the loss of 350,000 jobs in the hurricane areas would be offset somewhat by a gain of 150,000 jobs in the rest of the country, leaving total payroll employment to fall by a still sizable 200,000.

In August, before the storms hit, payroll jobs rose by 169,000. Jobs haven't fallen in more than two years.

The consensus among economists surveyed is for jobs to decline by 150,000 and for the unemployment rate to rise from a four-year low of 4.9 percent in August to 5.1 percent. But analysts said predicting this month's data is extremely tricky given that the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which compiles the report, fared great difficulty doing normal surveys in the hurricane areas.

"How do you survey people who have been displaced? How do you survey businesses in New Orleans if their phones don't work or they are not there?" asked David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

The report on jobless claims released Thursday showed that claims nationwide rose by 21,000 to 390,000, significantly higher than economists had been forecasting. Of the total, 74,000 were attributed to jobs lost because of the hurricanes. Most of that number reflected Katrina although for the first time claims related to Rita, which struck Texas on Sept. 24, also showed up in the data.
Wadesville, Ind., 15 miles north of Evansville, faces felony charges of molesting three Evansville-area boys and failing to register as a sex offender.

Davis was arrested on Thursday and taken to the Vanderburgh County Jail, where he will await an extradition hearing to be held Monday.

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Indianapolis police said the local success stems from accusations Davis made on the FBI's Most Wanted Fugitives list.

A Fargo woman to call him "Mark A. Davis" in June 2000.

"I think the public will see through what we've done," said Donita Farr.

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"It's very gratifying to have a case like this," said Steve van Beek, executive vice president of policy for the Trade Group Airports Council in Washington.

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Oyster farmer ponders job outlook

Associated Press

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. — Dave Belyea and a co-worker make sweeping laps up and down a patch of water in their workboat, dumping a half-million fingernail-sized oyster seedlings out of plastic baskets into about 30 feet of water.

The oysters take about two years to grow large enough for harvesting, but Belyea wonders if he’ll still be in business by then. That’s because the National Marine Fisheries Service is considering adding the Eastern oyster to the federal list of threatened or endangered species, a move that could devastate oystermen like Belyea.

“Sure the oyster industry is not nearly as big as it used to be, but the oysters aren’t going to become extinct,” Belyea says as he glides waters where Theodore Roosevelt once fished and where Billy Joe’s mansion sits near the shore. “And if we manage them properly, it’s going to be a thriving farming operation.”

The federal review was prompted in large part by the situation in Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay, which has seen a dramatic dropoff in oyster numbers. Between the 1930s and 1970s, Maryland’s annual oyster harvest ranged between 2 and 4 million bushels a year. Last year, that number dropped to less than 33,000 bushels.

But the Chesapeake is not the only concern.

The Fisheries Service, which is part of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, said U.S. Atlantic Coast landings of Eastern oysters dropped from 160.6 million pounds in 1890 to 2.4 million pounds in 2003 — a trend believed to be driven by overfishing, lost habitats and disease.

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Lawsuit filed against Bush administration

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A coalition of 20 environmental groups sued the Bush administration Thursday to block road construction, logging and industrial development on more than 90,000 square miles of the nation’s last uncut forests.

In the lawsuit, the Sierra Club, National Audubon Society, Greenpeace and other groups challenge the U.S. Forest Service decision earlier this year to repeal President Clinton’s 2001 “roadless rule” that protected 58.5 million acres of undeveloped national forest.

“These are the last wild areas of North America, and there is overwhelming public support for their protection from development,” said Kristen Boyles, a staff attorney for Oakland-based Earthjustice, which filed the lawsuit on behalf of the plaintiffs.

The federal lawsuit comes about a month after the attorney general for California, New Mexico and Oregon brought a similar legal challenge. Both lawsuits allege the Bush administration violated federal law by not studying the environmental impacts of repealing the Clinton rule.

The U.S. Forest Service would not comment because the litigation is pending, said spokeswoman Heidi Vadevich.

Just before he left office in January 2001, Clinton issued a rule banning development and road building on almost one-third of the nation’s 192 million acres of national forest land. The move was praised by environmentalists, but criticized by timber interests.

The Bush administration repealed the rule in May and issued a new policy that required states to work with Forest Service officials to devise management plans for individual forests.
If you were a student at Saint Mary’s in 1998 and dialed up to 14.4 Kbps to an Internet Service Provider to check your e-mail on a Sunday night, your connection would be faster than the bandwidth students now receive in 2005 when connected to Saint Mary’s ResNet.

The 53 Kbps of bandwidth divided among the student body has resulted in download speeds as slow as 1 Kbps, compared to dialup download speeds of 36.6 Kbps. This amount of bandwidth, one-sixth of the 4 MEG bandwidth necessary to satisfy the needs of the College — which have clearly expanded since 1998, as administrators, professors and students increasingly rely on the Internet to facilitate and enhance the academic experience. Disappointingly, Saint Mary’s has not provided the resources to keep up with these needs.

As the Internet has become a staple in the daily lives of most American college students — used for everything from researching papers to talking with friends to downloading music — and its technological advances have made connections faster than ever, it is hard to understand the Internet’s importance. And for an educational institution that strives to maintain its academic integrity and reputation, a lagging Internet infrastructure is a real problem.

So it is troubling that College administrators and the Department of Information Technology allowed more than a month of the fall semester to pass before recognizing the seriousness of this disruption in student life. At the beginning of this week, Director of Information Technology Keith Fowlkes said the College would not have the capability to upgrade the connection by the end of this academic year. This is particularly frustrating for students who are seriously considering reserving an upper level floor in one of the residence halls where they regularly spoke to students well beyond the midnight hour. They taught students how to discover the meaning of life during those most sacred of nocturnal educational experiences.

O’Malley fought personal demons arising from a father’s death, but eloquently spoke of the blood in the bricks on campus, of understanding the bread of life and of our everyday trials while following the steps of Christ, Stritch almost single-handily created the American Studies Department that melded American literature, politics, communications and history at a time when our nation’s culture was still existing with antwan fervor in the post-911 assimilation 1960s. Never again will “bachelor done” live as perpetual students within the confines of collegiate dormitories. Their insinuation in today’s digital existence are reduced to finding the meaning of life through a Google search.

For those who never had an Internet search engine while attending Notre Dame, they had had Griffin. Griffin comforted the lonely, the losers, the misfits, the students who needed a friend to talk to. He was a campus miff who always gave a hug to visitors, and his immense size earned him the name “El maco” the large one. Saint Mary’s in Kossan Hall on a large reeling chair just beyond his open door. Griffin was the sponge who soaked up the bite-deb and the życy motorcycle. His testimonials in today’s digital age are reduced to finding the meaning of life through a Google search.

Better late than never, Griffin seldom rose before noon. However, whenever he strolled across campus at midday, small armies of students would “photobomb” the path in the wrong way. So it was not until he adopted his cocker spaniel, Darby O’Gill, against his university regulations that students felt at ease enough to use the dog to seek his guidance.

Griffin even managed to open the first 24-hour cocktail lounge in the basement of La Fortune Student Center Named after his dog, Darby’s Place accommodated mass gatherings. Yet, Griffin could exude a personal one-on-one spiritual warmth students lacked elsewhere on campus or within their families.

Perhaps someone today on campus has replaced Griffin as the soother of souls, but none can attract legions who tag along while crossing the quad. Allowing his memory to pass into generations past is not an option for many who loved Griffin, whose lives were changed or saved through his unselfish and giving nature. Some desire the creation of a scholarship fund but lack the ability to coordinate the effort.

It was suggested that an adequate scholarship requires a hundred friends contributing $1,000 each for a University fund in Griffin’s name. This writer would be happy to coordinate such alumni interest with the University financial aid office. As one who personally felt Griffin’s charity and compassion, he knows Griffin would be happy to be involved in this current effort. He can be contacted at hottline@aol.com.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily those of The Observer.
Respecting Saint Mary’s

Today when I flipped open The Observer, I immediately read the Question of the Day, “How would you spend your last day on earth?” Normally the answers amuse me, but today I was woefully disappointed. Dave Grunew’s response to the question, “What community service do you do and why?”, made me smile. He said, “I’m going down to New Orleans to do some hurricane relief work over break.” However Patrick Pawlicki’s answer — “I hang out with SMC chicks” — infuriated me, but a percentage of the Saint Mary’s population.

There is a reason that The Observer is an “Independent, Never Supporting Notre Dame, and Saint Mary’s.” It’s impossible to express the frustration that women feel when they see stereotypes held by a number of Notre Dame students. Saint Mary’s is a remarkable place, and we love our school. The women here are confident, talented and goal oriented. We are not here for the sole purpose of pursuing Notre Dame men, in spite of what people such as Pawlicki believe.

Respect for soldiers

Soldiers viable peacemakers

As a veteran of the war in Iraq and student at Notre Dame, I read Michael Schorsch’s Oct. 5 Letter to the Editor ("War Culture" the wrong path) with obvious interest. I’ll begin by saying that as a practicing Catholic I’m also fully aware of the Vatican’s position regarding the use of violence as a means to an end, and that the use of force has relatively few justifiable applications. I also respect and support Michael’s right to criticize our nation’s military and the Notre Dame Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

That having been said, what naturally struck me concerning Schorsch’s letter was a basic lack of respect for contrary viewpoints — something that I felt to be a hallmark of the Catholic faith. In using words like “ridiculous,” “subservient” and “dangerous” to describe the viewpoints and life choices of our nation’s service members, one can only assume that the person writing these words is a member of the military or a huge fan of it. It’s disheartening to see that anyone could make such a statement.

As a Catholic, one is committed to the idea of nonviolence, but how do we get there when we have an army trained to kill when necessary? What better place to cultivate the spirit of peace than the Army ROTC program, which exists at the University of Our Lady, the Queen of Peace and mother of God and soldiers may well be the only ones able to establish and maintain the very peace she represents and we all seek, and thus become “sons of God” and “of Our Lady as well.”

Before he became a saint, St. Francis was a soldier, so I think it was a fitting tribute that, on his feast day, The Observer chose to feature the University’s Army ROTC program on its front page. I am proud that the Fighting Irish Battalion delights in producing leaders of character like St. Francis who are equipped to fulfill their temporal, moral and spiritual responsibilities. I urge Schorsch and others to resist the temptation of associating all that is bad regarding war-related tasks (all permissible by the Catholic Church), with the nonviolence and those who support the just war tradition, could cultivate the "peaceable kingdom," the love, hope, faith, patience and humility.

We in Army ROTC have made and continue to do that effort to just do that by cultivating such virtues among our student participants and faculty members. While Army ROTC cadets do spend a small portion of their time learning to fire rifles and to accomplish several war-related tasks (all permissible by the Catholic Church), I think it’s misleading to say that the just war tradition as it is so distorted.

Cadets leaders of character

Military Science and Head of Army ROTC
Oct. 5

Respecting Saint Mary’s
The last time Vince Vaughn performed on campus, he caught the harsh end of an Ara Parseghian tongue-lashing and was dropped from the third-string to the practice squad.

Times have changed. Vaughn is no longer the scapegoat he was in "Rudy," his first major film role. The A-list Hollywood star has since enjoyed tremendous success with blockbusters like "Swingers," "Dodgeball" and "Old School." His most recent film, "Wedding Crashers," earned over $200 million this summer, ranking it as the year's top comedy and the third highest-grossing film of the year.

Still, despite all the success, Vaughn has a soft spot for the University where he first launched his film career. His first speaking role was "Rudy." "I'm sure it's going to be a great experience for (Vaughn) to come back to where his film career started," said John Pisani, Vaughn's publicist. "I think he's always had a fondness for Notre Dame, and there's a great tradition there. So to be able to come and do a show on the campus, he's thrilled about it."

Saturday, Vaughn brings his national comedy tour, "30 Days & 30 Nights — Hollywood to the Heartland," to Stepan Center, the 27th stop on the tour's nationwide road trip. Vaughn will act as the event's emcee and also take part in some of the skits. The show will also feature national touring comedians Bret Ernst, Sebastian Maniscalco, Ahmed Ahmed and John Caparulo, all comedians from the famed Los Angeles Comedy Store.

Playing in 30 cities in 30 days is a daunting task for any performer, but Vaughn and his comedy crew have embraced the rare opportunity to tour all the way from Los Angeles to America's heartland, taking in the sights along the way. "We've been having a great time and it's been awesome performing at all these venues, some more historical than others," Ernst said. "We visited a few college campuses already; but nothing to the magnitude of Notre Dame. I'd love to go down to the (football stadium) field, especially since 'Rudy' was one of my favorite movies."

The idea for the tour was spawned from Vaughn's previous work on comedy benefit shows for charity. He organized a similar show with the Comedy Store performers more than a year ago to support the Army Emergency Relief Fund. The success of that Memorial Day weekend show convinced Vaughn to spawn a nationwide tour. Proceeds from the current tour's profits have been used to support various charities, including those aiding the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The tour is also being filmed for an upcoming documentary movie detailing the trip's experiences.

"Vince really respects what we do as far as stand-up comedy goes," Ernst said. "He's really an amazing individual as far as his work ethic and his character. (He and his staff) put this all together in pretty much four weeks, which is unbelievable. The idea of doing it for charity just motivated him even more."

For Maniscalco, a fan of Vaughn's 1996 hit comedy "Swingers," the tour has offered a chance to travel around the country and work with someone who had inspired him onscreen years ago. When "Swingers" came out, Maniscalco was still living in Chicago and thinking of pursuing a career in standup.

"To work with Vince Vaughn was a pretty surreal experience — to watch this guy's movie nine years ago and love what he did, and now nine years later, we're roommates on a tour bus," Maniscalco said. "For me it's been great because now I get to tap into Vince Vaughn's audience base and he's validated us as his favorite comedians. It's been great. He's like the Johnny Carson of the millennium."

As the comedy tour has neared South Bend, more discussions on the tour bus have been directed towards football and Notre Dame. Vaughn, a college football fan, also grew up in Lake Forest, Ill. Between his love for college football, growing up in the Midwest and starring in "Rudy," Ernst isn't surprised that there might be a correlation there.

"Vince is a big Notre Dame fan," Ernst said. "We were arguing on the bus. He kept bringing up Notre Dame and saying, 'classy program, Notre Dame doesn't do what the University of Miami does.' He's pretty attached to it and plus he's a Midwestern boy, which might explain why he loves Notre Dame."

It's been over a decade since Vaughn started his film career on this very campus. He met fellow actor and good friend Jon Favreau during the filming of "Rudy," a relationship that opened an avenue to "Swingers," the film that helped launch the pair to stardom. This Saturday, Vaughn's career progression will come full circle.

"I'm sure it's going to be a great experience and one that he's excited about — being able to come back after the success he's had in films like 'Dodgeball,' 'Wedding Crashers,' and 'Old School' that helped him become an A-list movie star, which is a nice arc," Pisani said.

Not bad for a third-string running back.

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Visually stunning Hong Kong film arrives on campus

Wang Jing Wen (Faye Wong), left, and Chow Mo Wan (Tony Leung Chi-Wai) star in "2046." The film is showing this weekend at the Performing Arts Center.

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It's typically a bad sign when the first word used to describe a film is "confusing." Yet no other word sums up "2046," Wong Kar-Wai's latest film, as neatly or as succinctly.

While it scores points for atmosphere and mood — two elements typically well-done by Kar-Wai — the narrative is ultimately too jumbled and inaccessible for most audience members.

Like most Kar-Wai films, "2046" is deliberately paced. Yet, unlike most Kar-Wai films, the narrative and characters aren't enough to keep the audience interested. The time-shifting plot begins in the future year of 2046 before traveling 80 years into the past to the year 1966. It follows Chow Mo-Wan (Tony Leung Chi-Wai), a writer who finds himself with three different women on Christmas Eve in three successive years. The first is Lulu (Carina Lau), followed by hotel heiress Wang Jingwen (Faye Wong) then high-class prostitute Bai Ling (Zhang Ziyi). Ultimately, Wang and Chow are reunited, which leads to the film's conclusion.

A film like "2046" isn't about plot or narrative, and that's precisely at the heart of its problems. Few films can thrive on atmosphere alone, and while Kar-Wai's latest certainly has tone and style, it lacks the cohesion of his earlier works.

"In the Mood for Love" was equally atmospheric, but its characters were more involving, its ruminations on the nature of love more striking. Additionally, "2046" is unforgivably serious, lacking the charm and personality of "Chungking Express." Three separate, distinct and talented cinematographers worked on "2046". Christopher Doyle, Kwan Pun-Irung and Fai Yiu-Fai. As a result, it is filled with much visual grace and beauty, but pretty pictures do not a great film make. Without the support of a logical plot, the movie begins to collapse under its own weight.

The cast is a veritable "who's who" of modern Hong Kong cinema. Kar-Wai staple Tony Leung Chi-Wai is predictably reliable as the struggling author, while Faye Wong ("Chungking Express") and Zhang Ziyi ("Hero," "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon") are quite good as Chow Mo-wan's love interests. The problem is that the plot bats these characters — and the actors — down. The acting is solid, but these characters are cut adrift in a sea of confusion and, ultimately, apathy. It becomes too difficult to become involved in the uneven narrative, and as a result, most viewers will simply stop trying.

Kar-Wai is one of Hong Kong's most renowned directors, but "2046" isn't in the same league as predecessors like "Chungking Express" and "In the Mood for Love." In those films, Kar-Wai had stories to tell and told them well, as he explored the details and tribulations of love. He nominally attempts to explore the same themes here, yet they don't resonate as clearly. The elliptical editing and languid pacing are familiar devices in Kar-Wai's films, but the inability to connect with the characters nullifies their effect in this film.

The difference between his previous works and "2046" is in the approach: his earlier pictures were not necessarily art films, but they were artistic films, while "2046" is definitely situated as art with a capital "A." Kar-Wai might think this excuses his excesses, but discerning viewers know better. "2046" is undoubtedly a well-made film, nice to look at, easy to admire, but difficult to love — and when the film is supposed to be about love, shouldn't that be of the utmost importance?

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The Latin inscription, "Venite ad me omnes," on this statue of Jesus facing the Main Building refers to the following passage from Matthew 11:28: "Come to me all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

Dedicated to Dr. Tom Dooley, this statue depicts the 1948 Notre Dame graduate and humanitarian caring for two Laotian children. A replica of the letter he wrote to Father Theodore Hesburgh on his deathbed praising the Grotto is displayed nearby.

Overlooking the campus with maternal care, the University's patroness has inspired the Notre Dame family throughout history. This statue of Mary on the top of the Golden Dome was regilded last spring.

For next week: What are the best courtyards on campus? Send your suggestions to obsphoto@nd.edu.
SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles ready to repeat success in Eagle Invitational

Team hopes for best times at annual race hosted by Benedictine

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

This one is big for the Belles. Today marks the last race in the middle third of the season for the team, and Saint Mary’s estimates the competition with high expectations.

Last year in the five-kilometer Benedictine University Eagle Invitational in Lisle, Ill., Becky Fausto led Saint Mary’s to a fifth-place finish in the 23-1853 scores from the first three Saint Mary’s teams to qualify the team to the national tournament in 2005.

This season has helped the Belles compensate for graduated seniors and injuries. Sophomore Megan Gray finished just behind Fausto last year at the Eagle Invitational and placed in the team’s top six in its seven races in 2004. But she has not raced so far this season due to injury.

In her absence, newcomers like Kelly Bieden have taken the gap and run exceptionally for the team. Several of Saint Mary’s scorers over the past two weeks have been freshmen, Rauters said that from fresh- men to seniors, the entire team practiced well this week.

“We had a pretty full preparation of this week, and the girls did great,” she said.

The race is the Belles’ final five-kilometer race of the season, and Rauters said that most of her runners are aiming to record personal bests in the race.

“I really hope they can accomplish (their goals) and have their best times,” she said.

The race begins at 3:30 p.m. on the campus of Lisle High School.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary’s enters conference championship with big lead

Second-place Olivet is 22 strokes behind the Belles but made a charge late in season’s final match

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

This weekend, members of the Belles’ golf team will have the opportunity to set a new standard for the program and make history at the College. Having won three consecutive conference titles in the past three years, the Belles are one championship tournament away from matching the first-ever Saint Mary’s team to take the MIAA golf title four years in a row.

After three conference jamborees, distributed throughout the fall season, the Belles currently have a 22-stroke lead in the MIAA.

Last season, it was Olivet who gave the Belles a run for their money in the championship, finishing only two strokes behind in second place.

But with the combined scores from the first three jamborees, Saint Mary’s already has a 68-stroke lead going into the tournament, taking off most of the pressure for the weekend.

This weekend will likely be very similar for the team. Oliver is again in second place behind Saint Mary’s in one of the league jamborees this fall.

But the Belles have maintained the overall lead in the conference by a comfortable margin after Oliver finished in fourth place, 13 strokes behind Saint Mary’s, in the most recent conference competition.

With such a large gap between first and second place in the conference standings, the Belles are working hard to make sure that they don’t lose their focus during this weekend.

Head coach Mark Hamilton said that the team is concentrating on two main factors for motivation to perform well.

The first is 22 strokes, and while we don’t like to think in those terms, it’s possible that over the course of two days, that could deteriorate,” Hamilton said.

Also, the Belles will go into this weekend as reigning conference champions. The team that will work to improve its scores, in order to maintain its chances of getting to the national tournament in May.

“Our second motivation is that we need to lower our scoring averages, which will determine who goes to NCAAs,” Hamilton said.

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The 13th-ranked Belles have a couple of teams that we don’t meet before then, it will be determined by our scores.

“The course suits our style, but it’s slightly tougher than the standard course,” Hamilton said.

Mark Hamilton Belles coach

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Miami awarded Super Bowl in 2010

Associated Press
ROMULUS, Mich. — South Florida heat prevailed over a city whose last Super Bowl was an icy one.

Miami was awarded the 2010 Super Bowl on Thursday, a record 10th time the city will host the title game and record 15th time it will be in Florida.

"We love our city and we love our area. We think the weather is the best. We think we have the best hotels, the best restaurants, the best beaches and the best golf courses," Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga said.

Miami, Atlanta and Houston made a final pitch for the marquee event at an NFL owners meeting about 25 miles from Detroit’s Ford Field, where the next Super Bowl will be played.

What would Falcons owner Arthur Blank do differently?

"I would take Atlanta and move it to the Caribbean," he joked.

An ice storm and frigid temperatures struck Atlanta in 2000, the last time the game was played at the Georgia Dome.

With New York, which had been conditionally awarded the game, out of the running, the NFL picked from three cities that lost a bid in May for the 2009 game, which went to Tampa, Fla.

The vote took three ballots, with Houston eliminated on the first. No city got the three-quarters vote needed on the second ballot and Miami won by a simple majority on the third.

"Obviously, it was very close," Blank said.

Some regarded Atlanta and Houston as favorites because Miami already had been picked for the 2007 game, but Blank said South Florida’s weather won out. The 2008 Super Bowl will be played in suburban Phoenix. That means after the game in Michigan this year, there will be three Super Bowls in Florida and one in Arizona.

"If you look at the last number of votes, it’s very clear the ownership feels strongly about having the game where the weather is warmer," Blank said.

When the NFL is not awarding a Super Bowl to a city — like Detroit — with a new stadium, Huizenga expects Miami to have a good shot at landing the game.

In Brief

Manning and Harrison find themselves close to record
SAN FRANCISCO Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison are poised to make history, and the San Francisco 49ers know there’s not much they can do to protect one of their franchise’s most hallowed records in their own stadium.

The 49ers are just hoping Dwight Freeney doesn’t set some sort of sacks record of his own while chasing Alex Smith, San Francisco’s own star quarterback of the future.

With one touchdown pass against the Niners’ patchwork secondary on Sunday, Manning and Harrison will become the most prolific passing combination in NFL history. Their 85th touchdown hookup last week tied the league record set by San Francisco’s Steve Young and Jerry Rice from 1987-99.

Manning and Harrison already hold the records for most completions (756) and yards (9,677) by a tandem, but the scoring mark is the most prized. Young and Rice led the 49ers to dozens of victories and a Super Bowl title from their home at wind-swept Candlestick Park.

Johnson ready to pitch game three for the Yankees
NEW YORK — Randy Johnson knows his mission: Win and nothing else.

The Yankees imported the Big Unit last winter to be their ace, snuff out opponents and get New York its first World Series title since 2000. With the best-of-five AL playoff series against the Los Angeles Angels tied at one game apiece going into Game 3, the 42-year-old left-hander sounded determined as he prepared for his Yankees postseason debut.

"I understand that I am here to get this team over the top," he said. "And with that, there’s no making mistakes. I made a few during the regular season, and unfortunately there’s no room to make a lot of mistakes during the postseason.

Montgomery shoots 6-under to hold lead in tournament
SAN FRANCISCO — Coming off his first victory in 19 months, Colin Montgomery appears hungry for more.

Montgomery showed no effects from an emotional victory four days ago in Scotland, missing only two greens and matching his career-low round in the United States with a 6-under 64 that gave him the lead Thursday in the American Express Championship.

The 42-year-old Scot surged into lead with three straight birdies to close out the back nine, including an approach into 6 feet on the 17th hole. Despite two good birdie chances that caught the lip, he stuffed a wedge into 18 inches on the seventh hole, and never came close to a bogey.

around the dial

Randy McMichael points to the sky after scoring a touchdown in Sunday’s game against Carolina. The city of Miami will have a lot to celebrate as it was named the host of the 2010 Super Bowl.

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Lewis and Badin face off in Blue League tilt

Howard hopes to give favored Cavanaugh a tough game Sunday

By JACK THORNTON, COLIN REIMER and BEN VINCENT
Spice Writers

With playoffs on the horizon, the Lewis Chicks (13-2) and the Badin Bulffogs (1-3-1) will meet Sunday at 9 p.m. at Rhiele West Fields in what should be a particularly heated game.

Lewis, the No. 3 seed in the Women's Blue League, just finished beating the Bulffogs 14-9 on Tuesday and will now face the No. 4 seed in a game that could have playoff implications.

Tuesday's game was won on intensity, Badin receiver Courtney Rainis said.

"They came out a lot more aggressive than us, and it was n't until about the last 10 minutes when we came out aggressive, that we played them strong and started to cut back," Rainis said. "They just had all game and we didn't and that gave them the edge.

Even if Lyons loses to Walsh, guaranteeing the Bulffogs a playoff spot, Rainis said they'll be gunning for the Chicks.

"I think it's going to be pretty tense," she said. "There was a lot of trash talking on the field and I think they're going to come out knowing that we want to beat them."

Lewis receiver Becky Rambo says the Chicks will have to stay extra sharp to pull off the season-sweep.

"I'm kind of nervous, because we just played them, and they kind of know what we do now," Rambo said. "We just need to be on top of our game, because now they're going to try to adapt to us."

Though the Chicks have already clinched a playoff berth, Lewis is approaching this game as if it meant as much as any other.

"We came out every game 100 percent," Rainis said. "Every game is just about improving on the last, and fine-tuning everything and getting everything ready for the playoffs.

In particular, the Chicks are looking to prepare for a trip to Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's very important (to us) to win this game," Rainis said. "Two years ago, we went to the stadium, and a lot of the seniors and juniors want to go back."

Howard vs. Cavanaugh

It's David versus Goliath Sunday night at 7 p.m. as the Howard Ducks (4-0-1) take on the undefeated Cavanaugh Chaos (5-0) in a No. 1 vs. No. 6 positional game.

Cavanaugh comes in as a heavy favorite, most recently coming off of a 13-6 win against Lyons. The Chaos have posted four shutouts in five games, and also possess a high-powered offensive attack that dismantled Walsh in the early season. Led by quarterback Lisa Ruffer and receivers Kellie Potter and Janice Flynn, Cavanaugh has rolled through the Women's Blue League en route to a No. 1 seed this season. But despite their success, middle linebacker Kerri Bergan said her team is aware of the dangers of facing a team with nothing to lose.

"We are definitely not looking past this one," Bergan said. "We have to work on what we want to do for the playoffs, and we want to stay undefeated."

Bergan added Cavanaugh will look to get inexperienced players some valuable playing time should the score allow it.

"When it comes time for the playoffs, it's always a good thing to get everyone some playing time, so they're ready if we ever need them to come in," Bergan said.

Howard does not have that luxury.

The Ducks enter the contest without a win, but receiver Mary Kaminski is looking on the bright side.

"By the numbers, we look like we haven't had a great season, but we have shown signs of improvement week by week," she said.

Despite looking at the positives, Kaminski acknowledged that it will take a tremendous effort to upset the Chaos Sunday night.

"The Chaos are executing perfectly and put all the little things together, but we haven't been able to do that yet," she said. "We've been working on the little things, like blocking, tackling, defensive coverage and running routes.

Kaminski pointed to senior running back/safety Callie Whelan and freshman receivers Tikia Jordon on the Chaos as players who could possibly help the Ducks pull the upset.

To the casual viewer, this game looks to be a runaway for the Chaos. They appear to hold a very favorable advantage both offensively and defensively.

But as history has shown, the game isn't played on paper. Lyons vs. Walsh

Hope is not lost.

If Lyons can beat Walsh in the final regular season game this Sunday, and if it were to lose its game against Lewis, the Lions can make the playoffs. Of course, beating Walsh is easier said than done, as the Wild Women's only loss this season came to unbeaten Cavanaugh.

Lyons knows the difficulty of the task it will face, because the Wild Women shut them out 20-4 when they met last week.

However, Lyons has a new source of confidence as it just played its best game of the season on Tuesday against Cavanaugh, becoming the first team to score a touchdown on the Chaos all season and showing remarkable defensive resilience.

"After our game against Cavanaugh, we are starting to pick up momentum," she said. "If Lyons can win this game, we can play well against them."

Cavanaugh, meanwhile, looks to hold onto its No. 2 seed in the Women's Blue League heading into the playoffs and would like nothing more than a solid win to boost its confidence.

However, the Wild Women are assured a playoff berth, and Lyons would like to give its season a bit more meaning. Pangborn vs. Pasquerilla East

On Sunday at the West Quad fields, the Phoenix of Pangborn will take on the Pyros of Pasquerilla East in a game with playoff implications.

In the Women's Gold League, Pangborn, as of the latest released standings, sits a half game behind second-place Welsh Family, and one game behind first-place McGlinn, which handed the Phoenix their only loss of the season.

Pasquerilla East, at 1-3, needs a win to stay in the hunt for the playoffs.

In the Gold League, four teams make the playoffs. McGlinn and Welsh Family sit in strong positions for the first two, but the last two may come down to the final slate of games as all other five teams are still in the hunt.

So far, the teams have played each other twice. Both lost to McGlinn — PE fell, 20-6, and Pangborn, 6-0. Pangborn defeated Pasquerilla West, 19-0, while PE came up a touchdown short against its neighbors, 19-13.

With so much at stake, fans can be sure they will witness a hard-played and emotionally-charged game Sunday.

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**MEN’S INTERHALL — BLUE LEAGUE**

**Knott, Carroll lock horns**

By CATHERINE KANE, CHRISS HINE and JAMES CANE
Sporos Writers

Hailing from extreme sides of campus, Knott and Carroll are preparing for what could prove to be an exciting game on Sunday at Riehle field. Thursday saw two totally differ­ent football teams, Carroll cap­tain Patrick O’Neill said.

And they come to the field with two different goals.

Carroll posts a 2-1 record with a loss only to Zahm in the first game of the season.

The team hopes to advance its standings for the playoffs, this being its final game of the regu­lar season. Knott, on the other hand, is looking for at least one win this season. Having lost both of its games this year, Knott is now focused on secur­ing at least one victory.

“Carroll has obviously had more success than we have so far this year, so they are proba­bly the favorites on Sunday, but we are going to go out and give it our best shot,” Knott captain Pete Siegfried said.

Carroll hopes to continue util­izing its passing offense, which, besides its first game, has proved successful.

The Kangaroos come away with a six-point victory against Siegfried and a 28-point blowout against Fisher last week. Ironically, the two teams that have Carroll has beaten are the two that defeated Knott.

Knott wants to chance to prove its skill.

“We want to take another opportunity to show everyone the team we are as good as any team in interhall,” Wilmot said.

And each team seems confident in the improvements it has made so far this year.

Even though Knott comes into the game on the underdog, Gray is optimistic.

“We've made some improve­ments in the last two weeks and hopefully we can translate them into a win,” he said.

**Fisher vs. Sorin**

The Sorin Otters (1-2) will take on the Green Wave of Fisher Hall (1-1) Sunday in a Blue League contest that has playoff implications for both squads. The Otters, 2-1 this season, are looking to stay perfect in conference.

Siegfried said that it loses, if Fisher loses, they are "essentially out of the playoffs," barring a miraculous series of events in the final set of games that would work in their favor.

Sorin is looking to jump-start an offensive aspect that only one touchdown in three games. The Otters feature Stu Mora at quarterback and Pat Lopez at running back.

“We’re trying to make the offense a little more produc­tive,” Sorin captain Pete Lavernini said. “Hopefully, the defense will play as tough as it always has and our offense can live up to its potential.”

The defense thus far has one shutout and has given up a combined 22 points in Sorin’s two losses. Lavernini said his team understands how crucial it is to win this game, but it doesn’t feel any added pres­sure.

“We're just going to go out and play our best,” he said.

Fisher opened its season with a 40-0 win over Knott and is looking to avenge a 28-0 defeat last week at the hands of Carroll. On offense, Fisher fea­tures sophomore Patrick Gobeysi at quarterback and running back Tom Sullivan.

“This week at practice we focused on fundamentals and we feel ready to go,” Gobeysi said.

On defense, Fisher hopes to fix a pass defense that surrendered four touchdowns last week to Carroll. The Green Wave features the tough line­backing corps of Andrew Lorenz, Tommy Bufalino and Mike Rhoades.

The game will be held at 3 p.m. on Riehle North Field.

**Siegfried vs. St. Ed’s**

Siegfried (2-1) looks to end its regular season by clinching a playoff berth against St. Ed’s, 0-2 this Sunday at 2 p.m. With a win, Siegfried will punch its ticket for the playoffs, while another loss leaves its destiny hinging on the result of other games.

At 0-2, St. Ed’s playoff ambitions are on life support — the Stedsmen need a win and help from others to have a chance.

Siegfried will depend on its juggernaut defense to carry it Sunday, as it has all year. Throughout its offensive trou­bles, Siegfried has forced turnovers and made defensive scores to carry it to the brink of a playoff berth.

Siegfried’s offense has man­aged only one touchdown all season, and has gotten just as many points this year from kicker Pablo Ibar as it has from offensive skill players. The squad is hoping that it can work out its difficulties against St. Ed’s defense before moving on to the playoffs.

The St. Ed’s defense desper­ately needs to forget the 29-0 razing it received at the hands of Zahm and return to more consist­ent play.

After holding Sorin to one touchdown, the Stedsmen got torched by Zahm’s rushing attack, giving up big plays by the flubbing. Adding to the issues that the Stedsmen have is the fact that they have yet to put any points on the board yet this season.

After a sloppily close loss to Sorin and a drubbing at the hands of Zahm, a season that started with playoff ambitions is now in danger of being effect­ively ended.

If the Stedsmen want to stay in the playoff hunt, they need to overcome a powerful Siegfried defense.

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**MEN’S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE**

**O’Neill, ‘Roos ready for Mod Quad battle**

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Sunday’s game between O’Neill and Keough holds major playoff implications for the Mob, while Keough comes into the game attempting to get its first win of the season.

O'Neil, which had a bye last week but lost to Morrissey 2-0 the previous week, has had two weeks to prepare for this game, and the Mob has used the extra time to their advantage.

"The first week we just emphasized going back to fundamentals, but this past week we’ve been preparing for both the Keough offense and defense," O’Neill cap­tain Matt Hughey said.

Hughey also said that O'Neil was installing some new offensive plays they felt would be advantageous against the Keough defense. These new plays are intend­ed to get the Mob offense back on track after it was unable to put up any points against Morrissey.

Keough is also entering Sunday’s game, which is now in danger of being effec­tively ended.

If the Mob defense fails to stem the flow of Keough's running back Nick Klein, who ran for 141 yards on 18 carries and three touchdowns.

However, the absence of two of Keough’s starting linemen undoubtedly contributed to Klein’s stellar performance.

We had a lot of inexperi­ence at linebacker because of forced adjustments, and we weren’t able to prevent their running game from going outside,” Keough captain Zane Rose said.

The regular linebacker core for Keough will be back to full strength for this week’s game, which will make it more difficult for O’Neil to find running.

The game is Sunday at 1 p.m. on Riehle FB South.

Alumni vs. Stanford

The Dawgs face off against the Griffins in a pivotal bat­tle with a potential playoff spot on the line.

With both teams stuck in the middle of the competi­tive Men’s Gold League, Sunday’s contest could ulti­mately be the difference between a ticket to the playoff, and a chance to play in Notre Dame Stadium in the championship game — and a trip home.

The contest kicks off at 2 p.m. on Riehle FB South.

**Dillon vs. Morrissey**

The Big Red and Manorites are slated to meet Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on Riehle FB South in a Men’s Gold League showdown. After vic­tories in its first two games, Morrissey is in prime posi­tion to make a long playoff run.

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**MLB PLAYOFFS — AL**

Defending champion Boston needs victories

Associated Press

BOSTON — For once, the Boston Red Sox have history on their side.

Heading into Friday’s game against the White Sox at Fenway Park, the team that won the 2005 World Series titles is unhanded by Chicago’s 2-0 lead.

After all, these Red Sox overcame a 3-0 deficit against the New York Yankees to win the AL championship last year. They’re 8-1 in games in which they faced playoff elimination since 2003.

And they had the best home record in the majors this season.

Every experience you have helps you,” Boston manager Terry Francona said Thursday. "If players or me or the coaches, or somebody can pull something positive from that experience, good."

The White Sox haven’t been World Series champions since 1917, the year before Boston won it — and they’re not about to get comfortable now.

"When your enemy’s down, you’ve got to keep your enemy down,” Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "You make some noise and you wake up the monster, you’re going to be in trouble ."

Freddy Garcia, who pitched much better on the road this season, will try to close out the series for the White Sox. Boston knuckleballer Tim Wakefield will try to prevent that.

"We’ve been in this situation before,” Wakefield said. "Now that we’re back at home playing in front of our home crowd, there’s still a chance."

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**Men's Swimming**

Irish open new year at 41st Starks Relays

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

When the defending Big East Champion men’s swimming team practiced today at 6:30 p.m. at the 41st Dennis Starks Relay at Notre Aquatic Center, the exhibition atmosphere will give the squad an opportunity to gauge this year’s potential in a thrilling but relaxed atmosphere.

"It’ll be both exciting and laid-back," head coach Tim Welsh said. "It’s exciting because it’s everybody’s first meet of the season, and it’s exciting because relays bring a lot of energy... and it’s laid back for the same reasons because it’s that first meet of the year and everybody is just feeling out how they are and what they are like."

The relay, which is named in honor of former Notre Dame swimming coach Dennis Starks, will feature Ball State, Cleveland State, Marquette, Oakland (Mich.), Valparaiso and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Welsh said those are some solid opponents, but his swimmers won’t be competing with the men in the next lane.

"I don’t mean this in the wrong way, but we want to race the clock."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

"We want to take advantage of the leadership while it’s here," Welsh said.

As the first contest of the season, Friday night will provide coaches with the opportunity to evaluate each individual swimmer, but special focus will be put on the freshmen.

"If this was a football game, everybody gets in; if this was a basketball game, everybody plays a quarter," Welsh said. "What we’re looking for is how fit is everybody, how race-ready is everybody, what sort of skill level at racing speeds — do we start well, turn well, breathe properly? But emphasis will be on the freshman because we haven’t seen them race in this before."

In addition to talent and the natural level of competitiveness, the incoming class will bring with it at least a smidgen of sibling rivalry. Three of the incoming freshmen have older brothers on the team, something that has never happened in the 21 years that Welsh has been coach.

"It’s kind of funny because we have quite a few freshmen, but this made assimilating them into the group a lot easier, because we’ve seen a lot of them at meets and practices, so they’ve added to the family atmosphere," Welsh said.

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**Men’s Golf**

Team journeys to Durham

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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The Irish will travel to Durham, North Carolina to take part in the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic this weekend — the same place where head coach Jim Kubinski coached for a year and a half before coming to Notre Dame.

Despite the return to his old team, Kubinski is not thinking about the homecoming, instead putting emphasis on what his team needs to do to win.

"I’m going to approach it as business as usual," Kubinski said. "We can’t have any distractions, and I think that would be kind of a distraction. We’re just going to go there with business as usual."

If Notre Dame is going to be successful this weekend, it will have to put well.

"The only thing that kept us from winning last week is that we didn’t make as many pars," Kubinski said.

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Irish will host No. 9 Connecticut Saturday

By KATE GALES
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A 1-0 win Wednesday was just the appetizer needed before a Saturday night home game against the No. 9 Connecticut Huskies.

The Huskies are first in the Big East and have been ranked as high as No. 1 this season.

"Playing off any win gets you momentum," coach Bobby Clark said. "I always say winning's a habit and losing's a habit. The more you win, the more it becomes a habit, and you want to keep that going."

After dropping out of the national rankings, the Irish are looking to return to the spotlight with an upset win before going on the road for four straight games.

"The team is very excited for the game with Connecticut," Clark said. "This is obviously a big game for us and it'll be a good test for us. This is a good team coming in ... this will be a very good test for us."

The Irish have been up and down this season, but have not lost since Sept. 25 in a 2-1 home loss to Cincinnati. Their win against Marquette Wednesday improved the team to 7-3-1 (2-2-1 Big East).

Clark readied to have his fifth shutout of the season with the 1-0 victory, "Clark style play defense was a highlight of the road game."

"[Hellas and Enny Crouse were super]," Clark said. "They were the backbone of the team at Marquette. Marquette is a very direct team and a very aerial team, and we had to handle that threat.

On the offensive side, the Irish had a 10-7 shot advantage, and Cahill recorded two saves.

"A few other people took their leads from [Hellas and Crouse] and I thought Kurt [Martin] had an excellent game," Clark said. "It really was a team performance, there was nobody who didn't play well."

The win gives the Irish some much-needed momentum going into one of the season's most challenging contests.

"It should be an opportunity for us to really get back into the national prominence," Clark said. "We've been doing well, we've been working away but you want to win a couple of big games, and this should be a nice big game and a nice time in the season for us to win."

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with the amount of undefeated teams ahead of them in the country.

"I think the only thing we can control is us," Waldrum said. "I think we need to win no matter what the remaining games as we possess can. Unfortunately, there are some teams in our area that haven't lost yet. We'd probably need a lot of help to get to a No. 4 seed."

But before the Irish can worry about seeded teams in the NCAA tournament, they have to deal with winning this weekend against the two Big East teams from New Jersey.

In Rutgers and Seton Hall, Notre Dame will encounter two very different opponents.

Waldrum expects Rutgers to attack the Notre Dame defense, something that most teams avoid when they play the Irish, opting instead to wait for an Irish mistake.

"I think Rutgers is going to come out and try to play us," Waldrum said. "They always have. They are not a team that really sits back.

"They've been one of the Big East teams that has been fairly successful against us the last few years, and the games have been close.

Waldrum anticipates a close game with not a lot of goal scoring because of the intensity that Rutgers will bring after struggling in the Big East so far this season.

Seton Hall is a team that is really very offensive, sometimes so much so that Waldrum is not sure whether or not their offense has a legitimate side to it.

"Seton Hall has no real, real individual players. They are not a really physical team," Waldrum said.

Almost borderline, it is good, clean physical play or it crossing the edge a little bit into the other side.

The Irish will play Rutgers Friday at 7 p.m. and will challenge Seton Hall Sunday at 1 p.m.

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girls take a lot of stock in knowing that they can be competitive and have been through what they're going through."

Nixon said. "I know with midterms coming up this week how tired you get, and I know how hard it is to squeeze it in, but I know you have to keep pushing these girls to Notre Dame, and I hope that bleeds into the girls."

Key for the upcoming season will be the return of team MVP Katie Carroll.

"I'm so pumped up for Katie—she's a great leader," Nixon said.

"She understands the meaning of hard work and really embraces that. She's really great, and she's a joy to have around. In order to be a top-10 program, we have to have athletes that are in the top 10 in their respective events. One of those is Katie Carroll."

Nixon said that Carroll, who earned All-America honors last year, played an important role in making sure the team's coaching change went smoothly.

"She's been a big part of the transition as far as helping me realize what we were missing last year, what we can do to be successful," Nixon said. "She and I have a great relationship, so it's easy for us to talk about these things."

The format for the Stark relays will be different this year to better meet the meets. There will be only one individual contest, one-meter diving. Most of each team's score will come from a series of relays.

Nixon said the format will be a big help to freshmen Claire Hutchinson, Christina Riggins and Casey Wagner, who will all be competing in their first collegiate meet.

"It's kind of an icebreaker for the freshmen," Nixon said. "It gives them a chance to be in the team atmosphere without the individual pressure of performing or trying to prove themselves in the first meet. A lot of freshmen feel like they have to do their lifetime best in the first meet, and this relay format just a lot of pressure off them."

The meet begins at 6:30 p.m. today at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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FOOTBALL

Battle preparation

Weis says he wants to accommodate fans with stadium rally

By MIKE GILLON
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Disappointed that several thousand fans were turned away from last month's Michigan State pre-game pep rally, Irish coach Charlie Weis spurred the decision to move next Friday's USC pep rally outdoors to Notre Dame Stadium.

Speaking at his press conference Thursday, Weis said he talked to Notre Dame athletic department officials and encouraged them to move the event to a larger venue after hearing that approximately 5,000 fans were turned away from the Sept. 16 Michigan State rally.

"I think [the] fans want to be going to the pep rally, they should have a venue to be able to go," Weis said. "We just felt it was the best thing for the fans was to give them the opportunity to be a part of the experience."

Oct. 14's rally will be the first Notre Dame pep rally held in the Stadium since the Irish played No. 1 Nebraska in 2000.

Gameday heading to ND

ESPN's College Gameday program will broadcast from the Notre Dame campus the morning of the USC game, according to Gameday host Kirk Herbstreit.

"From what I understand Gameday will be in South Bend next weekend, and I can't wait to see my Irish ballpark in person," Herbstreit said in an ESPN.com Internet chat session.

The former Ohio State quarterback, who hosted Gameday along with Chris Fowler and Lee Corso, is looking forward to the matchup between the No. 12 Irish and No. 1 Trojans.

"I'm going to go to record and say that [this] Gameday will be the most hyped-up game that I've been on the show," he said. "I can't wait to get to South Bend for that one.

Irish quarter back Brady Quinn walks off the field after Notre Dame's 41-10 loss to USC Nov. 27, 2004. The Irish host the Trojans in a much-anticipated matchup Oct. 15.

A little relaxation

With no game this Saturday, Weis has more time to prepare for USC. But he will also spend a little quality time with his family.

"First I get Charlie Jr. a haircut Saturday morning, and then I'll videotape Maura riding on her horse before that," Weis said of his son and wife.

Weis then plans to head home to watch USC take on Arizona Saturday afternoon. But his leisure time won't last long.

"We will be in Sunday morning to gameplan USC," Weis said.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish travel to coast for two games

Team will square off against Big East foes in weekend action

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