Student evictions raise questions
Landlords debate fairness of enforcement

By MADDIE HANNA
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Turtle Creek Management’s recent decision to evict six Notre Dame students from their apartments has left local landlords and property managers torn, and students questioning the application of last summer’s amendment to the disorderly house ordinance responsible for the evictions.

“I think Turtle Creek made a major mistake,” said Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties. “First of all, it was a first offense. The letter to show is just a Show cause letter to a landlord … If students aren’t running a crack house, I’d evict them. Or not paying their rent. It would have to be pretty hard stuff. I’m not going to evict them for a party.

The Observer was unable to reach Turtle Creek Management Sunday. After the eviction notices were received last week, Turtle Creek director of communications Judy Boswell declined to comment on pending legal actions, citing company policy.

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By MEGAN O’NEIL
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Looking for cheap textbooks? Go online.
Working to plan your spring break getaway? Go online.
Want to praise or criticize your professors? Go online.
Want to find other students who live on your floor or in your dorm? Go online.

Once dependent on word of mouth, students can now turn to Web sites such as NFToday.com and ratemyprofessor.com to review or research instructors.

The sites provide an anonymous forum in which students go well beyond the typical responses of teacher evaluations and are focused on everything from lecture style to friendliness.

Evaluations for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s professors currently listed on the Web sites range from highly flattering — “This dude is great!” — to goofy — “has a sweet beard” — to downright hostile — “All learning must be done on your own. He uses tests as experiments.”

Founded by four undergraduates in 1999 and now operated by College Club Interactive (CCI) Studios, NFToday.com launched its teacher evaluations in spring 2000. It quickly became one of the most popular features of the site and has over 10,000 instructor and course evaluations.

Instructors are crosslisted by college, department and overall ranking score. Students rate professors on ratemyprofessor.com Sunday.

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Hot or not? Web sites allow rating of profs

Two smokers prepare for Saturday’s 13th annual Mara Fox Fun Run, which was sponsored by Lyons Hall.

Run commemorates, raises funds
300 participants run in memory of former resident of Lyons Hall

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

T-shirts for Lyons Hall’s signature event proclaimed the message simply: “We Run For Mara.”

On Saturday, about 300 participants used the starting line at Saint Mary’s Lake for the 13th Mara Fox Fun Run. The Mara Fox Fun Run honors the life of Mara Fox, a Lyons Hall freshman who was killed on Douglas Boulevard by a drunk driver on Nov. 13, 1993.

“It always amazes us that so many people support the event we didn’t even know Mara,” Fox’s mother, Teresa McArthur, said.

This year’s race was the 13th in 12 years. Two races were held during the 1993-94 school year.

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Students turn over a new leaf with raking

Volunteers aid elderly in outdoor fall projects

By JOE PARULLI
News Writer

When the leaves started falling on South Bend, nearly 200 Notre Dame students were there to pick them up as part of Turning Over A New Leaf, a service project that helped disabled and elderly community members with their yard work.

The event, organized by Circle K, Bavin Hall and the Clans of 2007 and 2008, went from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday. Volunteers congregated at the Robinson Community Center, a 15-minute walk from Main Circle, where free breakfast was provided. The volunteers then split into groups of about eight.

“The Robinson Center has a strong connection to the community, so they went out and found about 50 elderly, disabled homes and posted needed students to come do yard work for them, mostly raking leaves,” said vice president of service for Circle K Adrienne Ruffiner said.

Most of the homes were within several blocks of the Robinson Center, so the residents are not far removed from the University.

“Everybody was encouraged to knock on the door and talk to the disabled or elderly person. A lot of times people are shut in and they don’t have any new students,” said Ruffiner, who is also an Observer reporter.

“When we got to our sites we talked with the owners of the homes … all the students were so positive,” junior Anne Brukly
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Impressive pictures**

Funny how things work.

My roommate and I went to D.C. over fall break. His girlfriend goes to Georgetown, so she wasn't too impressed when we showed her our pictures from the first day of our excursion.

When it came to amazing-looking (to us) pictures of the monuments and memorials, she'd been there, done that. On first day of exploration of the city, we even walked — for four hours — back from the Capitol to Georgetown. We made our way up the National Mall, to all the monuments, past the White House, back to the monuments, to the Potomac River, over to George Washington University's neat, urban campus and, finally, up Pennsylvania Avenue and back to the Georgetown neighborhood.

Tired, sore and impressed with ourselves, we told her of our trek, and she merely laughed and said, "People do that all the time. People try to walk back from all over the place and get lost all the time." Little did we know.

Despite our setbacks, we were determined to take a picture of something impressive. The next day we fake climbed out of the Potomac River — hanging over the edge, holding onto the railings — which was probably a bit dangerous considering there was no ledge beneath us.

We really were determined.

After looking at our fairly impressive pictures, we decided we still hadn't taken "the one" — the one picture that would be the ultimate impressee.

We continued our walk, tried to think of our next destination and arrived at the FDR Memorial.

It was getting dark, and all we had were a few photos of us climbing out of the Potomac River. There was a leave.

There walked Bono — the legendary rock star from U2 who just this week appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone.

The sun was setting, so besides my roommate and me, Bono and the three other people (including a bodyguard) who walked with him, there were not many sightseeing tourists around.

Unsure if we should bother him at first, we began walking eventually decided we had to ask.

"Sorry to interrupt," we said, "but would you mind taking a picture with us?"

"For sure, man," Bono said in his Irish accent.

Sporting his infamous tinted sunglasses, like the man of the moment, if we had made a mistake, please contact us at 838-4514 so we can correct our error.

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**OFFBEAT**

**Cheap iBooks cause chaos**

RICHMOND, Va. — A rush to purchase $300 used laptops turned into a violent stampede Tuesday, with people getting thrown to the pavement, beaten with a folding chair and nearly driven over. One woman went so far as to wet herself rather than surrender her place in line.

"This is total, total chaos," said Latanya Jones, 19, who lost one of her flip-flops in the ordeal and later limped around on the stinking blacktop with one foot bare.

An estimated 5,000 people turned out at the Richmond International Raceway in hopes of getting their hands on one of the 4-year-old Apple iBooks. The Henrico County school system was selling 1,000 of the computers to county residents. New iBooks cost between $999 and $1,299.

Dutch witches get tax break for studies

APPELSCHA, Netherlands — Cobwebs cling from the wooden rafters. Dusty shelves are cluttered with glass jars of home-brewed potions, dry dirt and the stone amulets. An all-crooked and a black cauldron sit in the corner, ready for the next full moon. This isn't a Halloween party, it's Margarita Rongen's year-round workshop and she is a witch — according to her tax return.

Dutch witches were guaranteed a financial treat when the Leeuwarden District Court reaffirmed their legal right to write off the costs of schooling — including in witchcraft — against their tax bills. These costs run to thousands of dollars.

The court found on Sept. 23 that a witch can declare schooling costs if it increases the likelihood of employment and personal income.

**IN BRIEF**

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, will present the 2005 Terrence Keelley Vatican Lecture at 8 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Ana García Rodicio, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled "Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda" at 4:15 p.m. Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The Department of Sociology and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts will sponsor speaker Pamela J. Smock from the University of Michigan Thursday as part of The Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture Series. The lecture will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in G-200 Flanner Hall and will focus on "Living Together Unmarried in the United States: Demographic Perspectives and Implications for Family Policy."

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Newland Science Hall. Professor Chris Kolda will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 to room 118 on "God's Dice: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgewood Kils to the Uncertainty Principle."

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Retail giant criticized for policies
Wal-Mart business, morals addressed during University conference

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Whether they were wearing Wal-Mart's trademark blue vest or lambasting the company, distinguished professors, Notre Dame students, a union representative and the mayor of South Bend joined together to discuss issues surrounding the world's largest retail company in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza Saturday.

The conference, organized and moderated by undergraduates in the College of Arts and Letters and the Mendoza College of Business, started with a lecture by Susan Soisson, an assistant program manager in Mendoza, Soisson spoke at the Saturday morning crowd about the history of Wal-Mart, as well as aspects of its philanthropy and technology.

"It serves a purpose," she said. "Wal-Mart does contribute." Although she was wearing a Wal-Mart vest, Soisson did not solely praise the company. She discussed how even philanthropic aspects of the company had some catches. And she said workers ends up paying for the healthcare costs of Wal-Mart employees.

Steven Ashby, an associate professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University, followed Soisson with by far the most critical assessment of the giant corporation of the day. Ashby once served as executive director of Northwest Indiana's Calumet Project, a labor-community coalition that advocates for workers' rights.

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"There is clearly a Wal-Mart policy to get people to quit," he said.

Ashby also postulated that Wal-Mart is just one example of the problems of labor relations in the United States.

He said nationalized health care would be a huge improvement in the United States, and that laborers in Sweden had it much better than their American counterparts.

The third expert — known in some circles as the "Wal-Mart man" — was Kenneth Stone, professor emeritus of Economics at Iowa State University. Stone spoke of the effects Wal-Mart has on the communities it moves in to.

Stone said the types of companies that can survive Wal-Mart are those that are "selling something different" and can benefit from traffic spillover from the retail giant.

The conference also featured three undergraduate students reading their respective research papers on Wal-Mart issues, ranging from the impact on one student's hometown to the history of Wal-Mart's dealings with attempted unionization of its workers in different frameworks for viewing Wal-Mart.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion featuring Soisson, Scott Barnett of United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) Local 700, professor emeritus of economics at Notre Dame Charles Craypo, South Bend mayor Steve Lukece and Paul Mithir, an assistant professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University of South Bend.

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On Saturday, the 5-kilometer route began at St. Mary's Lake, cut through campus between South Quad and Mod Quad and followed Cross Drive back to Lyons Hall. The walking route did not include the lake segment.

A $55 participation fee paid for T-shirts, Stu-de-nags bagels and beverages, but profits also supplemented a scholarship fund in Fox's name.

Junior Lauren Plenn became the first Lyons resident to receive the award on Saturday. Plenn was co-coordinator of this year's Fun Run. The scholarship is awarded to a student who will study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.

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Post-race lunch with Fox's family members, who were on campus Saturday.

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The event's co-commissioner, Senior Maya Chan, addressed the reality of Fox's tragedy at a post-race lunch with Fox's family members, who were on campus Saturday.

"I hadn't really gotten to talk to Mara's family, and to be able to talk with Mara's mother really hit home with me," Chan said. "She said every year it's like a healing process for her." Just fewer than half of the Fun Run participants were Lyons residents, Chan said.

Soisson, an assistant professor of Literature at Ave Maria University

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Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005
Mr. Greg Wright: "Missing the Spirit: The Scouring of the Shire, Tolkien's Catholicism, and Peter Jackson's Return of the King"
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Evictions

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The six students received letters to abate from the city of South Bend shortly after Indiana State Excise Police officers busted parties at their three apartments the weekend of Sept. 9-10, citing about 100 minors for underage drinking.

Returning from fall break, the students found eviction notices at their apartments — an action taken by Turtle Creek Management that Kramer called a mistake, but other property managers deemed necessary.

"The owners] have to follow the city ordinance so they don't get in trouble," Upper 860 prop­erty manager Kristie Noyzukowski said. "They're doing the right thing. If I was fined by the city ordinance, I would evict, and just as quickly."

Castle Point property manager Judy Logan echoed Noyzukowski's sentiments, referring to the amendment's clause that drops fines against the landlord if he evicts the tenant.

"I don't think it's Turtle Creek's decision. I think it's the city's deci­ sion," Logan said. "The owners] have no choice — they have to [evict] or they're going to get in trouble. It's a domino effect."

A domino effect that starts with students. Senior Ray Denis, who lives in East Race Condos, said he now fears the amendment's back­lash is spreading.

"At first I thought, 'Could this happen to me?" Denis said. "You just don't have parties now. It's not worth it. Getting evicted is not worth one night of fun."

Logan said she understands the dilemma faced by students living off campus.

"Basically, [the amendment] says one strike and you're out," Logan said. "It's really an unfortu­ nate situation."

The amendment, passed by the South Bend Common Council on July 25, added a string of alcohol violations to activities currently prohibited by the disorderly house ordinance and drops the number of noise violations required to send a notice to abate from three to one.

If the prohibited action reoccurs, the city can file a civil suit against both the ten­ ants and the land­lord, resulting in fines anywhere from $250 to $2,500.

But the amendment drops the fines against the landlord if he evicts the tenants within 30 days of receiving the notice to abate — a choice that puts the man­ agement in a tough situa­tion.

Kramer, who rents about 50 houses to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students throughout South Bend, has never evicted a tenant and said he would only do so under extreme circumstances. If a tenant received a notice to abate, Kramer said he would send another letter to the tenant explaining that this action needed to stop and would then forward a copy of the letter to the South Bend city attorney to show that he was handling the issue.

Castle Point, which rents to about 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, is not within city limits and not subject to the new amendment, Logan said.

But if problems arise, she gives the offending tenant a warning, explaining that "obvious, disrup­ tive behavior" is prohibited in the apartment lease.

The second warning is firmer. The third warning is you have to move, Logan said. "If I was in the city of South Bend, I couldn't even give you a warning."

Kramer said none of his tenants have received notices to abate, which he attributes to preemptive actions he took to make his ten­ ants aware of the new regulations. The Turtle Creek students are now involved in legal action in response to the eviction notices, filed in court Oct. 21, a move that troubled Logan.

"What's going to be hard on these (students) is where are they going to go?" Logan said.

"Because no one else is going to rent to them. Utilization goes on their record. You can't rent to somebody who's been evicted somehow."

Going "peacefully" is always better both for the residents and the property manager, Logan said, who has evicted students in the past for disruptive behavior.

"But I always give fair warn­ing," she said. "But I think they're not going to move off campus.

Although students said they know about the ordinance, the possibility of eviction seemed a distant and relatively unlikely pos­ sibility."

It's "shocking, because ... it's like [Indiana State Excise Police] randomly picked six people, who didn't do anything more than anybody else," said junior Matt Whittington, who lives in Turtle Creek. "It's kind of ridiculous."

Whittington, whose close friends lived in Turtle Creek the past two years, said he never thought he'd see a situation like this — a situation where he said Excise officers showed up at back porch tailgates before the Michigan State football game and asked to join in drinking games, before asking to see everyone's ID.

"It's college. It's going to hap­ pen," Whittington said. "Underage drinking — it's going to happen."

But underage drinking subjects property managers to big liability issues, Logan said.

"It's really an unfortunate situa­tion," she said.

Kegs are not allowed at Clover Lake, Noyzukowski, who fines tenants $200 a day for every keg on site.

In Kramer's eyes, underage drinking should not be the main concern of police. He said seven of his student tenants have reported car break-ins during the past three or four weeks.

"Where should the priority real­ ly be?" Kramer asked. "I don't think we should be worrying about a little alcohol at a party after a football game."

But it's clear the police are wor­ rying about that alcohol. And stu­ dents are aware of the enforcement.

"We're more concerned about how strict things are now in gen­ eral," junior Becky Scholl­－Magazine said. "I am less likely to go to Turtle Creek now than I was a freshman year."

Scholl-Magazine, who plans to move off-campus to Clover Ridge next year, said she "was a little concerned" about how the amendment is being enforced.

"Obviously we're going to have parties and stuff," she said.

Junior Chris DiBoro, who plans to move to College Park next year — "It's an Alumni [Hall] tradition" — said the evictions are causing him to more closely examine South Bend's rules, to "find out what our rights are."

College Park management did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Whatever happens in Turtle Creek's future, students said they felt the evictions would be bad business for the apartment com­ plex, a perennial party destina­tion.

"There's so many empty apartments because people can't han­dle the [management] anymore. It's a bad business move ... My friends who want to move off next year, they see what's going on."

Dinis agreed with Whittington about Turtle Creek's decline.

"It's a giant mess out there," he said.

For Kramer, the new amend­ ment is indicative of a problem that's much bigger than alcohol.

"If you're going to alienate stu­ dents from the community, you're making a major, major, major mistake," Kramer said. "Notre Dame is the largest employer of our community. The students, parents and alumni spend millions of dollars in our community. Where would we be without Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?"

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Tanzanians vote despite violence

AZZANABAR — Crucial regional elections turned violent Sunday as police and the ruling party's militia engaged in running clashes as voters tried to get to polling stations and returned fire.

Police fired tear gas and water cannons while party militants beat suspected government opponents on the edges of the old city, known as Stone Town. More than a dozen people were injured, hospital officials said.

The violence came as voters turned out in heavy numbers to choose between the socialist who has ruled the Indian Ocean archipelago for nearly 40 years and an opposition group, promising wholesale economic reforms. Results were not expected until later in the week.

U.S. soldiers charged with assault

NEW DELHI — Two U.S. soldiers have been charged with assault for allegedly punching two journalists in the chest, shoulders and stomach at a military base in Afghanistan, the military said Sunday.

The announcement came just 10 days after the military launched an investigation into television footage purportedly showing a group of U.S. soldiers burning the bodies of two deceased Taliban rebels.

The charges against the two soldiers include conspiracy to maltreat, assault and dereliction of duty. The allegations, if substantiated, could lead to disciplinary action, the statement said, adding that neither detainee required medical attention.

The military did not say when the soldiers were charged.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

U.S. misses many security deadlines

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has missed or is behind on deadlines set by Congress after the Sept. 11 attacks for developing ways to protect airplanes, ships and railways from terrorist attacks.

A plan to defend ships and ports from attack is six weeks behind, a plan to protect air cargo from infiltration by terrorists is two months late. A study on the cost of giving anti-terrorism training to Amtrak employees in Madison, Wis., was supposed to be done more than a year ago.

"The incoherence that we recently saw with FEMA's leadership appears to exist throughout the Homeland Security Department," said Mississippi Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee. "Our nation is still vulnerable."

Mourners honor Parks at service

MONTGOMERY — Hundreds of mourners, politicians and activists attended a memorial service Sunday for Rosa Parks, who inspired the civil rights movement by refusing to give up a seat on a bus to a white man.

Caskets of roses covered her casket in a chapel bearing her name at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, where she was once a member. A separate wing was opened for the overflow crowd.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that she and others who grew up in Alabama during the height of Parks' activism might not have realized her impact on their lives.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Ind. case challenges child-sex laws

MAHON CO. — William C. Boggs could be executed if convicted of raping his infant daughter.

The Indiana police officer has told the Indiana Court of Appeals that charging him with statutory rape violates his constitutional rights, because state law says children younger than 14 who engage in sexual activity are presumed victims and can't legally consent.

**INDIA**

Militant group claims attacks

Little-known group takes responsibility for New Delhi bombings on Saturday

NEW DELHI — A little-known militant group took responsibility Sunday for a series of terrorist attacks in India that killed 59 people in New Delhi.

Authorities said they already had gathered useful clues about the near-simultaneous blasts Saturday night that ripped through a bus and two crowded markets just before the Hindu festival of Diwali, one of the year's busiest shopping seasons.

Investigators reportedly raided dozens of small hotels across India's capital looking for possible suspects, and police said "numerous" people were being questioned.

The attacks came at a particularly sensitive time as India and Pakistan were hashing out an unprecedented agreement to partially open the heavily militarized frontier that divides the disputed territory of Kashmir to speed relief to victims of a massive earthquake earlier this month.

The agreement was finalized early Sunday, and Indian officials appeared hesitant to link the attacks.

India's accusations of Pakistani involvement in a 2001 attack on parliament put the two nuclear-armed rivals on the brink of a fourth war. But they pulled back and, in an effort to pursue peace efforts since early last year, both appeared intent on keeping the atmosphere calm.

"We have lots of information but it is not proper to disclose it yet," Indian Home Minister Shyrraj Patil told claming journalists after an emergency meeting of the Cabinet called to discuss the attacks. "Our people are making good progress. The investigation is going well."..

A man called a local news agency in India's Kashmir to say the militant Islamic Insquilab Mahaaz — the name was not familiar to Western intelligence agencies, and New Delhi's deputy police chief, Karnal Singh, said the group had not been very active since 1996.

Singh refused to comment on the claim of responsibility, but he said the group is linked to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, the most feared of the dozens of Kashmiri militant groups.

A leading anti-terrorism expert said earlier that the timing and nature of the blasts appeared to indicate the work of Lashkar.

"It looks like Lashkar. They are the most active group here," said Vikram Sood, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing. India's foreign intelligence agency.

Reid calls for Rove's resignation

Senate minority leader critical of administration's reaction to Libby indictment

WASHINGTON — The Senate Democratic leader said Sunday that presidential adviser Karl Rove should resign because of his role in the exposing of a C.I.A. officer's identity, and a veteran Republican senator said President Bush needs "new blood" in his White House.

Rove has not been charged, but the investigation continues in the case that brought the indictment and resignation Friday of L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney.

Senators Democratic leader Harry Reid said Sunday he was disappointed that Bush and Cheney responded to the indictment by lauding Libby. He suggested they should apologize for the leak that revealed the identity of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame, whose husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, has been critical of the Bush administration.

"First of all, the vice president issued this very terse statement praising Libby for all the great things he's done," Reid said. "Then we have the president come on camera a few minutes later calling him Senator and what a great patriot he is."

"There has not been an apology to the American people for this obvious problem in the White House," Reid, D-Nev., told ABC's "This Week."

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., said on Fox News Sunday that Cheney should "come clean" about his involvement and why he discussed Plame with Libby before Libby spoke to reporters about her.

"What did the vice president know? What were his intentions?" Dodd said.
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“Toward the end of the semester, students write a paper summarizing their experience with their pen pal,” Incandela said he hopes this proj­ ect allows his students to better understand death row inmates and capital punishment.

“The purpose of the assignment is not to make students feel sorry for the inmate, the point is to try to get students to understand the fundamental principle of Catholic Social Teaching, which is that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God,” Incandela said. “Every human has a basic dignity that the death penalty destroys, and they lose by their actions. On the very basic level, the point is for stu­ dents to see those on death row as persons.”

Sophomore Ashley Brown, who is also taking the class, said she wrote to an inmate because she felt she might make a mistake in their lives, and it’s a huge factor, she said. “But they are people too. This project helps to get rid of stereotypes.”

Senior Rachel Peck, who is also taking the class, said she chose to write to an inmate because the assignment made her aware of how they are viewed by the public.

“I chose to do it because it would be interesting to hear from them and get their take on their lives,” Peck said. “I realized that they are humans and should be treated as such.”

Looking back on her experi­ ence, senior Rachel Peck said she appreciated what she learned by writing to an inmate. Gifford took the class in fall 2004 and noted how she changed throughout the semester.

“Prior to the class I wasn’t sure what I want to tell him,” she said. “I was in the gray area. I thought that if you did a terrible thing you should be punished. After taking the class, however, I am totally against the death penalty.”

Gifford also said she still has contact with the inmate and writes to him every few months.

Sophomore Ashley Brown, who has participated in the project, has had a personal experi­ ence quite like the senior who requested anonymity. January was a pen pal for the last ses­ sion of her sociology class with Professor Scott Leith. Writing three- to nine-page letters every three weeks allowed the student and Lee to develop a relationship with another. The senior said she feels comfortable to write to him about her feelings, family and life at Saint Mary’s.

“Basically lets me tell him what I want to tell him. He knows that if I want to tell him some­ thing specific about my life that I want to tell him all the ins and outs of my life,” she said.

The senior also said she enjoys her correspondence with Lee’s life, and that she was surprised to learn about many things he does and experiences every day.

“In his cell, he has a television, a VCR, and a VCR player,” she said. “They have access to movies and to books.”

Even after Lee has access to life outside his cell, the student said she still enjoys sharing her experiences with him.

“I always feel selfish when I write to him because I want to try and stay somewhat neutral about what’s going on. I feel selfish about what he doesn’t know because I don’t know if he wants to hear about the things he’s missing out on,” the senior said. “He tells me not to feel selfish because he definitely wants to hear about that there is a world going on outside the cell.”

The senior said she and Lee often talk about serious issues, such as religion and finding God.

“I tell him that I pray for him every night and I’m keeping him prayed for these prayers,” she said. “He says that he prays for me and my fam­ ily.”

One subject the pen pals do not focus on is death. While Lee often focuses on his crime and conviction, she said she did not feel comfortable discussing his crime, so she asked Lee if he wanted to see how she sees Lee as a person more than a criminal.

“By looking past his situation, I would be able to see more of what he’s made of,” she said. “I don’t want to keep being focusing on his crime, she said because she sees Lee as a person who is more than a criminal.”

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While Lee’s future is unknown, the senior said she remains positive about the outcome and that she is grateful for the letters from Lee.

“More than anything else, I want Lee to be at peace with his situation and to find God,” she said.

The senior said while she initially apprehensive about writ­ ing to an inmate, after correspon­ dence with Lee her opinions about the death row and capital punish­ ment have changed.

“The class and my letters from Lee have completely opened my eyes to capital punishment. I am more inclined to agree with Lee now,” she said. “I used to think that if you were on death row you were there for a reason and you deserved to be punished for your actions. Now I feel that there are so many things wrong with the system and I can’t sup­ port it as is.”

While Lee’s future is unknown, the student said she remains posi­ tive about her correspondent with him and would eventually like to meet him.

“I wouldn’t be uncomfortable with that situation,” she said.

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**BRIEF**

Delphi CEO expects an agreement

WASHINGTON — Delphi Corp. Chairman and CEO Robert N. Steve Miller said Friday that the company’s proposal to cut some workers’ pay by more than 60 percent was not intended to provoke a strike and he remains confident a deal can be reached in the coming months.

Miller, meeting with reporters in Washington, said workers for the country’s largest auto supplier “understand that no good can come from this.”

“We hope to arrive at an equitable settlement without court-authorized rejection of the labor contract.” A rejection results in a freeze of all wherein management can impose contract conditions, and the union is free to strike. Nobody wants to end up there.”

Miller said he had seen no indications of work stoppages for now, but he wouldn’t rule out a struggle if the company’s bankruptcy filing earlier this month, but he recognized that many workers are upset with him personally.

“They’re very angry with me. You ought to see the e-mails I get ripping my hide,” Miller said.

He said “not all my plants are going to survive this,” but no decisions have been made on any of the facilities.

**MARKET RECAP**

**Dow Jones**

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- 5-Year Note: 3.85
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**Commodity**

- Light Crude: $61.22
- Gold: $1,198.41
- Pork Bellies: $54.69

**Exchange Rates**

- Yen: 115.80
- Euro: 1.2045
- Pound: 0.5639
- Canadian $: 1.1772

**NEW YORK — Stocks rallied sharply Friday, with the Dow gaining 172 points on better-than-expected gross domestic product data for the first quarter despite the disruptions caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Standard & Poor’s 500, which had been consolidating slowdowns at the start of the week, added 1.84 percent, to 1,198.41, and the Nasdaq composite index climbed 26.07, or 1.26 percent, to 2,089.68.

Bonds declined as stocks rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury rising to 4.75 percent from 4.55 percent late Thursday. The dollar was higher against most major currencies, which priced prices upward.

Oil traded in a narrow range despite fears that recovering Gulf Coast facilities might unleash pent-up demand as winter makes an early approach. A barrel of light crude rose 13 cents to settle at $61.22 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

For the week, the Dow added 1.84 percent, the S&P 500 rose 1.6 percent and the Nasdaq finished 0.37 percent higher.

Friday’s positive GDP report gave investors a brighter economic picture. The Commerce Department said the economy grew 3.8 percent in the third quarter, boosting economists’ expectations for a 3.6 percent gain and the 3.3 percent advance for the April-June period.

That growth helped the market look past weakening consumer confidence after the University of Michigan reported its consumer sentiment index for October sank 1.2 points to 74.2, below views for an increase in 7.6. MikeViracola, managing director at Adams Harkness, also attributed this week’s gains to stock-specific moves as traders used earnings data as catalysts to boost returns before year-end.

“I don’t think investors are getting that much from the individual earnings reports,” Viracola said, that would cause them to switch gears in their long-term positioning.

Chevron’s earnings grew 12 percent last quarter, but the company estimated it lost at least $600 million from the hurricanes and other storms. The company also warned the fallout will have an even larger impact on fourth-quarter results.

**CHINA**

*Associated Press*

BELING — When the Xi’an Center office complex went looking for tenants, it hung out a 10-story-high banner boasting bookings by corporate sponsors of the Asian Olympic Games. "The Choice of Olympic Organizing Committee Partners", Chinese Olympic officials were vivid. The company found itself pitted in the media, ordered by Olympic and government officials to remove the 10-story-tall banner and fined an undisclosed sum.

Normally a haven for pirated products and trademark rip-offs, China has mounted an unusually aggressive campaign to prevent unauthorized use of Olympic symbols. The communist government is devoting money, manpower and political capital to the effort, treating it as a national priority.

"If the government fails in this, the International Olympic Committee might feel it was a mistake to let China hold the Olympics," said Huang Yaling, a professor at Beijing Sport University and consultant to the city on the 2008 Games.

The result isn’t perfect. At Beijing tourist landmarks, peddlers sell knockoff caps bearing the five-ring Olympic logo for a dollar. An adult Chinese Web site offers male porn- eons pipes-branded "Olympic Male Treasure."

But as China’s vigorous effort to defend Olympic waves contrasts with its poor record in protecting foreign companies’ brands, Chinese manufacturers pirate have gone beyond DVDs of Hollywood movies and are becoming sophisticated enough to turn out industrial pumps and even runs a global export industry of copycat auto parts in the eastern part city of Ningbo, Chinese officials say.
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Halloween events give new hope
Hurricane-razed New Orleans finds strength to celebrate holiday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The marigold Diane Spiker's sisters wear as part of their costume for a masquerade ball dress up the New Orleans skyline with a more festive appearance.

Dr. Kenneth G. Cole, a plastic surgeon at Tulane University, says Halloween is a good time to get kids interested in health and safety.

A woman calling herself Queen Katrina, center, leads a Halloween parade in the French Quarter of New Orleans on Saturday.

Rake
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said this was the fifth year for Turning Over a New Leaf, and it is one of the biggest service projects of the fall.

"We spent a few weeks plun-
ging it," vice president of Circle K Mike Bogart said. "We try to find opportunities for large-scale projects on Saturdays. We wanted to do something different, something we could get a lot of people involved in."

In fact, so many people got involved this year that not everyone could get in on the raking.

"I actually didn't end up doing any raking because we didn't have enough rakes," Bogart said. "It was no big deal as long as all the members got to do it.

The group fell only a few rakes short of accommodating everyone, but as it turned out, volunteers did a lot of just raking due to a lack of fallen leaves, which was the only real drawback of the event, organizers said.

Supergirl struts out of Orleans remains in full swing and the blue and Marilyn the heart of the 57-hair band's tour. Elvis, Katrina, center, leads a Halloween parade in the French Quarter on New Orleans on Saturday.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2005

Washington would ban smoking in public buildings and workplaces, and overturn the Legislature's gas-tax hike of 9 cents.

New Jersey voters will decide whether the state should ban gay marriage, with the state's Supreme Court expected to take up the issue early.

The measure is a reaction to the sex scandal that drove former Gov. James McGreevey from office and installed his successor, Republican Richard Codey, as acting governor even as he retained his Senate duties. New Jersey is one of eight states with no lieutenant governor.

Voters in New York are being asked to approve a $2.9 billion transportation bond and a measure that would give the Legislature, not the governor, the upper hand in writing a budget.

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**Understanding sensitivity and tolerance**

We all know Halloween is supposed to be a time to let down your guard and to allow your real personality shine through. With this in mind, I was surprised to see the kind of behavior that is allowed to unfold at the Halloween parties I’ve been lucky enough to attend.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I attended the Student Comedy Show at Legends, and I was a little skeptical about the show, not sure if my ears were going to get much-needed work from laughter, or if my hands were just going to deliver whiny applause all night. Things were going great. I felt we were all getting along well, and not feeling as if we were holding each other aloft.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Come with me All Hallows’ night
We’ll frighten everyone in sight
Such pranks for two
Are justified
And fun and frolic justified" from an early 19th-century Halloween postcard
Students lack respect for community and law

South Bend owes no debt

I am extremely frustrated. After reading the article "Baron wants new ND relations" my pride could not be saddened by the situation. The students who received eviction notices did so because they broke the law; the city of South Bend owes them nothing, and to think that it should. Speaking as both an ND student and as a resident of the South Bend area, I find it completely degrading that my fellow students are labeled "undesirable, low-spir­it­ing, low-achieving, but generally nice." There is a high percent­age of people who live here who are uneducated, sub­aspiring and high-achieving, and who are more than "generally nice." How can students who perceive themselves to be well-educated make remarks like this? The city may not meet every single need that Notre Dame students require, but it has enough to spare. These students' tactlessness unfortunately puts a stigma on the rest of the student body, and it is no won­der to me why many South Bend residents often have such poor opinions of students.

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sophomore
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Oct. 28

Not in my backyard

The reported reaction of the current student body president to the eviction notices received by students downtown, suitable for housing a gathering that led to 100 police citations for underage drinking falls far short of the standard of reasonable conduct.

The claim that Notre Dame student need two chances to learn that providing (cheap or expensive) alcohol to a very large number of minors is against the law, and that law-breaking on the premises is a lesser breaker for any responsible landlord, is incred­ible.

The claim that South Bend has in loco parentis responsibilities for students, some of whom have chosen to live in South Bend specifically to avoid on-camp­us scrutiny of alcohol consumption, beggars the imagination. Why wouldn't any student body bycophant say that?

But the further suggestion (by a student leader?) that the likely student response to the eviction notices sent by the management of Turtle Creek Apartments will be to abandon the venues in search of more toler­ant landlords flips the blood. I hope there are no such landlords in the South Bend neighborhoods where five of my grandchildren are growing toward responsible adulthood. In truth, I hope there are no such landlords anywhere in my adopted hometown.

Ed Maner
philosopher professor
alum
Class of 1955
Oct. 27

Remarks insulting

I would just like to say that in response to the article, "Baron wants better ND-city relations" in The Observer on October 27, I was extremely appalled at the statements quoted in the paper by both the prefects and the ND students. These students referred to people in the South Bend communi­ty as being "undesirable, low-spiriting, low­achieve­ing." This is absolutely insulting behav­ior and these quotes reflect more than just a few students' views from what I have experi­enced. Who are these students to make haphazard, inaccurate assumptions about the people in this city?

By making these assumptions, students not only insult every single person who works here at the university besides professors, but they also insult students who attend Notre Dame with any amount of financial aid. It is a direct slap in hard-working people's faces. It is incredible to me how students who attend one of the leading universities in this country could be that unintelligent and that lacking in any sort of common respect and understanding. Just because people may not have the amount of money as a lot of the students here does not mean in any possible way that these people don't work just as hard as any student, if not harder, on this campus.

The problem with the relations between ND and the South Bend Community rests on the University's students. What kind of change do the students expect to be able to make in this world if they can't even respect the people who help Notre Dame work? How do they think they'll succeed in life if they can't get along with everyone who isn't on their income level or who have the same "class?" It is even more dis­turbing to hear these types of sentiments being made because this is a predominantly Catholic university. I am truly embarrassed for Notre Dame and for the entire student body.

Frances Clare Thunder
freshman
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U-Wire

America: the global culture

I got an e-mail this week from a friend going to school in Chicago, and she wanted to make sure that I had gotten the news about the World Series. She's one of those metro­sox­ians with a deep rooting for the Cubs fun that has, overnight, mer­ged into a White Sox fan, because, let's be real­istic.

I tried to explain her excitement to my host family and got a blank stare. Finally, I tried to create an analogy that would make sense.

"They haven't had a team in the World Series since the 1940s. It's like Ecuador and the World Cup."

Ecuador just qualified for their sec­ond ever appearance. Then they asked me how many countries were in the World Series.

"The United States. And I think there are some Canadian teams."

"How is it the World Series if the world doesn't compete?"

I want to believe, but soccer isn't that popular here. Soccer is the big sport. Talking to a professor, I learned one of the great ironies. The two Latin American countries who play the most baseball are Cuba and Venezuela. These also are two of the most anti-American countries in Latin America.

The two countries that have sitting leaders who survived U.S. assassina­tion or coup attempts are the two countries drawn to a uniquely American sport.

Much of the world has adopted American culture. By subsidizing farming in the U.S., we can produce grain and rice cheaper, which means that when we sell it overseas, the local producers can't compete. Here in Ecuador, an increase in the popularity of wheat actually led to a decrease in domest­ic wheat production, as local pro­ducers couldn't compete with subsidized wheat coming out of Europe and the U.S. Most of the domestic products are for export — coffee, bananas and oil.

As Americans we can't deny that we are connected to the world. Since the end of World War II, we have spread throughout the world, estab­lishing ourselves in developing nations. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, we have become the world's only superpower, although the EU is rising to a close second. The result of our quest for superpower? The world is now connected to us, and we are connected to the world. Even the parts of the world whose leaders despise us still embrace our culture. We have a responsibility to the world — we must think of the world as we create policies. And we need to quit pretending that the World Series is a world-wide event.

Ed Maner
philosopher professor
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English clubbing from the inside

As an Englishman abroad, it is clear that Viewpoint columnist Peter Wicks is spread­ing rather too much time abroad, and when he is in his native land he seems to opt to spend his time in ways that would not be easily categorized as "chubs." It is lamentable, therefore, that such an ill­formed Englishman should comment on "modern dancing."

Wicks is correct to identify modern clubbing as a fundamentally solitary activity. To suggest that only women have the capacity to interact with music in a way that suggests a heightened connectivity with the music is bizarre and utterly false. Contemporary clubbing is all about connecting the individ­ual with the music through the genius of the DJ who lifts the crowd to fever levels. This, according to the beats of the music and his ability to mix songs competently. The con­temporary clubber is often blissfully unaware of his/her surroundings and even other clubbers, such as the power of this con­nectivity.

Clearly the popularity of certain recre­ational drugs is linked to contemporary club­bing in major clubs, something which Wicks fails to appreciate. To shortchange further commentaries on popular culture, it would be helpful if the writer had some basic understanding of the rules and laws where this culture is voraciously consumed.

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HALLOWEEN ON CAMPUS — COSTUMES, SYRS AND BEYOND

By MOLLY GRIFFIN and LIZ BYRUM

Students attended the “Nightmare on Mod Quad” dance in costume. The dance, sponsored by the four Mod Quad dorms, was held in Stepan Center on Saturday.

Students dressed as the Village People dance at a Halloween dorm party. There were a variety of on-campus holiday activities, most involving wearing a costume.

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Halloween On Campus — Costumes, SYRs and Beyond

By MOLLY GRIFFIN and LIZ BYRUM

Our Dame is used to having its campus overrun by fans every football Saturday, but only once a year is campus swarmed by Ninja Turtles, fairy princesses and pirates.

Halloween is a time for college students to return to their childhood memories of trick-or-treating by dressing up in costume, but the activities they participate in while incognito differ somewhat from door-to-door candy collection.

Halloween has become a major event at many colleges, as huge celebrations like the University of Wisconsin-Madison reveal. Students don't simply dress up — they go all out, creating outrageous and creative costumes and vying for prizes in costume contests.

There were a variety of events on campus in preparation for the Halloween holiday, and they ranged from community service events to dance parties.

Keenan Hall sponsored its annual Great Pumpkin event, in which underprivileged kids from the South Bend area are brought on campus to trick-or-treat in the dorms and enjoy a host of other Halloween activities.

Legends also sponsored several events related to Halloween this past weekend. The first was the Salsa-ween nightclub on Friday, with a live salsa DJ. Saturday night featured a Halloween Nightclub with a costume contest and a live DJ.

And since Halloween has fallen alongside a football bye weekend, SYRs became a central part of celebrating the holiday on the Notre Dame campus.

During the weekend, numerous dorms across campus celebrated this spooky (or sometimes goofy) holiday with crazy themes that let creativity run wild, such as the Nightmare on Mod Quad or Pangborn’s “Where Are You From You Sexy Thing?”

While there were lots of off-campus options for festivities, many students chose to stay on campus to celebrate Halloween. “My friends and I always have a lot of fun at dorm dances,” a Pasquerilla East junior said.

The weekend dances started early when the Class of 2008 hosted their annual Halloween dance Thursday night. While Halloween might usually be considered a holiday meant only for young trick-or-treaters, many students proved this idea false as they flooded costume stores and the Goodwill in search of the perfect costume to fit their dance theme.

Pangborn Hall joined in the Halloween weekend festivities with a “Where Are You From You Sexy Thing?” themed dance Friday night. Whether the girls and their dates dressed as their home city, state, or took the creativity a little further, everyone had a great time celebrating.

For some dorms, this weekend may have been their only chance for an SYR this semester, so even more people than usual got decked out and hit the dance floor — or made their own, which was the case for Fisher Hall residents. They bowled the night away and danced in the lanes at Beacon Bowl for their annual “Fisher Funk” event with Breen-Phillips.

The Funk, which was described as “funktacular” by freshman Billy Lyman, gave the men of Fisher, the women of B.P. and all of their dates an excuse to get all decked out in 70s duds and show off their bowling skills (or maybe, for some, their lack of skills). Many of Fisher’s residents consider this SYR their favorite. As Sophomore Jim Bocznowski said, “Good friends, good music, good bowling and a swell time all around.”

Meanwhile, at the Stepan Center on Saturday night, “Nightmare on Mod Quad” was in full swing. Casey Pepek, an RA in Pasquerilla East thought the Stepan Center was a great location for the annual Mod Quad dance.

“It is close and large enough to fit everyone,” Pepek said.

Knott RA Ricky McLoskey said that, “There was a good turnout and I thought the DJ kept it lively the entire time.”

Some of the creative costumes that could be spotted at the dance included Ariel from “The Little Mermaid,” and a group of four girls who were dressed up in perfectly coordinated Mean Girls outfits, like the ones characters wear during the Christmas dance scene.

No matter which dance venue students went to during the weekend, they had some Halloween fun. Creative costumes, great music and an occasional set of bowling shoes guaranteed spooky good times.

While Halloween may be for many people over the age of 12 nothing more than a warm-up for the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, college students are doing their part to make sure that it isn't a holiday solely for the elementary school set. Students invest a lot of time and effort into creating a variety of creative costumes, above and beyond what one ever would have thought of creating when they were younger. With its mix of costumes and candy without the pressure of giving presents or hanging out with family, Halloween may be the perfect holiday for college students.

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\'TIS THE SEASON - CLASSIC HALLOWEEN FILMS

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Halloween is a time for celebrating, aiding, certain terrifying aspects of life. While other holidays focus on fuzzy bunnies or a fat man wearing red, this day celebrates things like witches and skeletons.

As people grow older, dressing up in costumes is gradually replaced with a variety of substitutes, such as parties and Halloween-themed activities. But of all the activities, there is none more time-honored than watching horror movies.

And while certain viewers may prefer movies less focused on fright, there are Halloween-lite films such as "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "The Phantom of the Opera" and films with laughs like "Scary Movie" and "Shaun of the Dead," there is a huge selection of movies waiting to make the thrill-seekers jump out of their seats.

There have been many great horror films over the years. In 1968, Roman Polanski released the film "Rosemary's Baby." Centered on the fictional character, Rosemary Woodhouse, it is a disturbing tale that deals with ideological themes. The movie begins with Rosemary and her husband Guy moving into a new apartment. The situation quickly turns ominous as Rosemary discovers more of the history of the building, none of it being pleasant.

The year 1973 brought horror watchers what many consider to be the scariest film of all time, "The Exorcist." It was a well-crafted, suspenseful tale of a young girl potentially possessed by demons. Like "Rosemary's Baby," the film is entrenched in religious beliefs and ideology.

The potential here for the film, "Rosemary's Baby," John Carpenter's "The Thing" and William Friedkin's "The Exorcist" are all examples of classic horror films. All three are frequently viewed during Halloween because of their eerie nature.

While some great horror films are psychological thrillers, the bulk of scary movies tend to use more violent means of creating chills.

The horror icon Michael Myers was introduced to audiences in 1978, "Halloween," directed by the then young John Carpenter and completed on a pitiful budget in a short period of time. However, despite these limitations, it became one of the most influential horror movies ever.

A large part of its effectiveness arose from its memorable and unique soundtrack. Composed by Carpenter and a few of his friends, the film's theme song has become a staple of the Halloween holiday. Today, it can be seen in everything from commercials to phone ring tones.

After "Halloween," Carpenter remained busy in the world of horror, directing "The Fog" in 1980. However, it wasn't until 1992 that he released what many consider to be his masterpiece. The "Thing" was financially a failure, but released near the same time as "E.T." but has since rose to a cult status over DVD and video.

The film chronicles the events of American Outpost 31, and its twelve members. Life is boring and mundane for them, but the appearance of a dog that is more than it seems changes everything.

Everything about this movie has stood the test of time. The shot composition, the musical score, even the special effects stand up well to today's standards. Because computer effects and stop-motion didn't appear real enough to Carpenter, he employed a young Bob Boilen to create the most realistic, gory effects ever seen, essentially creating a benchmark in the genre.

Stephen King is a staple of the world of literary horror, but his films adaptations haven't held the same impact. Fortunately, Stanley Kubrick created one worthy of its literary source in 1980. "The Shining," starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, told the tale of the fictional Overlook Hotel. Jack Torrance (Nicholson) is charged with maintaining the hotel through the winter, along with his wife and son. At the winter progresses however, cabin fever and the ghosts of the Overlook begin to play on their minds, with disastrous consequences.

The later remake was more true to King's original work, but Nicholson's performance alone raises the original into greatness.

Wes Craven is another established name in the realm of horror. Having helmed the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, as well as "The People Under the Stairs" and the recently released "Red Eye," Craven has become a staple for Halloween activities.

His movie "Scream," released in 1996, reintroduced the dying slasher genre and made popular a new horror icon. Halloween only comes around once a year, so make the best of it and participate in the festivities by watching horror movies.

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By Bob Cost

The BOO-2s are well known for bringing lively dance routines with pop specialties to the Halloween bash. The BOO-2s are a group of all-girl band. The band is lead by the popular band member, Doris Murphy, and her band members.

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By KEN FOWLER  Sports Writer

Sara Otto and Becky Feauto led the Belles to their best-ever finish at the MIAA Championship Meet Saturday, as Saint Mary’s finished fifth in the six-kilometer race hosted by Kalamazoo College in Three Rivers, Mich.

Two weeks after setting personal records in their final 5-kilometer race of the season, Otto and Feauto once again turned in strong performances for the team.

The junior Otto finished No. 36 overall with a time of 24:15.

Anthem Country Club in Las Vegas

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Otto, Feauto pace Saint Mary's at MIAA meet

By KEN FOWLER  Sports Writer

Saint Mary's distance runner Sara Otto turned in one of the best finishes of her career on Saturday to help lead the Belles to fifth place in the Women's Cross Country MIAA Championship Meet Saturday at the Las Vegas Country Club in Nevada.

Otto, a junior, led the Belles in the 6-kilometer race, finishing in 24:15.

Saint Mary's finished fifth overall with a team score of 106.

The Belles' previous best finish in the meet was 11th place in 2004.

SMC SOCCER

Belles knock off Tri-State for their ninth conference win

By KYLE CASSILY  Sports Writer

Tri-State University faced off against Saint Mary’s in the first of two tournaments this weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Belles traveled to Las Vegas to take on Tri-State Saturday and returned to South Bend with a 3-1 win in hand, their ninth conference win of the season.

The victory cemented the Belles’ spot in third place in the MIAA. It gave them a four-point cushion over fourth-place Kalamazoo, the Belles’ opponent for their season finale.

The Belles put their best foot forward, scoring twice in the first half to secure the win.

Freshman forward Mandy King scored the first goal of the game in the 12th minute of the first half, giving the Belles a 1-0 lead.

The Belles added another goal in the second half, courtesy of senior midfielder Colleen Courtney, who scored her fifth goal of the season.

The Belles’ defense was solid throughout the game, allowing only one goal from Tri-State.

The win moves the Belles to 10-2 overall and 9-2 in conference play.

ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Irish hit road, travel to Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown

By CHRIS KOREY  Sports Writer

After competing with mostly Midwestern teams in the first few tournaments of the 2005-06 season, the Notre Dame women’s golf team will face several national powers this weekend in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown at the Arrowhead Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The field for the tournament will feature three teams in the top 10 and 11 teams in the top 25, including the Irish.

Saint Mary’s will send a familiar face to the tournament in third-year coach Debby King.

Saint Mary’s浪费 little time in opening up a lead. The Belles got on the board with a 1-0 advantage in the 77th minute of a great connection between freshman Mandy Thompson and Courtney.

Thompson controlled the ball well into Thunder territory and sent a cross-pass play. Junior attacker Ashley Hinton fed the ball across the box to her sister on the far side, and Lauren converted for the 2-0 Belles lead.

"Mandy (Thomson) worked really well in the middle hitting up the ball," said Belles' head coach, Pete King.

"We looked at it and we see maybe four teams, but we'll try four clearly and much more like we have at the school. We're looking forward to the competition in Las Vegas and the Thunder of Tri-State, it came..." said King.

King said that this weekend's tournament will be a good test for the Belles, who look to improve on their finish at the MIAA Championships.

The Belles return home to South Bend for the MIAA Championship Meet on November 5th in Three Rivers, Michigan.

The Belles' previous best finish in the meet was 11th place in 2004.

Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler@nd.edu
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A.P. Football Top 25

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Baseball legend Al Lopez dies at 97

Associated Press

MIAMI — Al Lopez, a Hall of Fame catcher and manager who led the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox to American League pennants in the 1950s, died Sunday at 97.

Lopez had been hospitalized in Tampa since Friday, when he suffered a heart attack at his son’s home. Al Lopez Jr. said Lopez was the oldest living member of the Hall of Fame, made the selection when Ted Williams, the Hall of Fame spokesman for the Hall. He caught Bob Feller, Dizzy Dean and Dazzy Vance, but never forgot working as a teenager with Walter Johnson, who won 417 games and possessed a legendary fastball.

Lopez hit .621 with 51 home runs and 652 RBIs during a 19-year career in which he was one of baseball’s most durable catchers and set the record for most games caught in the major leagues at 1,918. The record was later broken by Bob Boone, then Carlton Fisk.

Lopez was best known for being the only AL manager to lead teams that finished ahead of the New York Yankees between 1949-64. He helped the Indians to the 1954 pennant and, until last week, was the last manager to lead the White Sox to the World Series — their 1959 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

“We’re saddened by the news,” White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said through a spokesman Sunday. “Al lived a long and good life. We’re so pleased we were able to win the World Series this year and that he was able to see it before he died.”

The two-time All-Star’s first full season in the majors was 1930, and he played 18 seasons for Brooklyn, the Boston Braves, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. He managed the Indians from 1951-56 and the White Sox from 1957-65 and 1968-69.

During spring training in 1925, the Washington Senators hired the 15-year-old Lopez to catch batting practice for $45 a week. Johnson was nearing the end of his career by then, but still made an impression on the youngster.

“Til wasn’t frigging like used to, but he was still very fast and had very good control,” Lopez said.

In Brief

Giants dominate in wake of Wellington Mara’s death

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tiki Barber put the finishing touch on the last running play of his career, then made one of the most important runs for the New York Giants.

Barber scored late in the third quarter of the New York Giants’ 36-14 rout of the Washington Redskins on Sunday, ran straight to the Giants sideline and presented the ball to Tim McEnenyl, grandson of owner Wellington Mara, who died of cancer Tuesday at 99.

“I told him, ‘This is for you, this is for your grandfather,’” Barber said after the game. “It was a big day and a special day for me, especially considering the events of the past week. It’s something I’ll never forget.”

Two days after attending an emotional funeral for Mara at a packed funeral at New York’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the Giants produced their best defensive effort of the season, forcing four turnovers and sacking Washington quarterbacks five times.

Tennessee falls from AP Top 25 for first time in three years

Tennessee has gone from preseason No. 3 to not even receiving a vote in The Associated Press Top 25. The Volunteers (3-4) fell from the rankings Sunday for the first time in three years after losing 14-15 to South Carolina and old nemesis Steve Spurrier.

No. 1 Southern California, No. 2 Texas and No. 3 Virginia Tech, all 8-0, hold the top three spots in the media poll for the sixth straight week. USC received 57 of 65 first-place votes, adding two from last week, and extending its record streak to No. 1 in 28 straight polls. The Trojans beat Washington State 35-13 on Saturday.

Texas received eight first-place votes, down two from last week, after having to rally from a 19-point deficit to beat Oklahoma State 47-28.

Doug Segrest of The Birmingham News in Alabama started the season with USC No. 1, and switched to Texas for three weeks.

Dodgers set to interview Pat Gillick for GM position

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers have received permission to interview Seattle Mariners adviser Pat Gillick to replace fired general manager Paul DePodesta.

No interview date has been set for Gillick, who led Toronto to consecutive World Series titles in the 1990s and was a general manager with Baltimore and the Mariners.

“Til’s expected to be interviewed sometime in the near future,” team spokesman Josh Rawitch said Sunday.

Former exec Frank McCourt also interviewed Gillick for the position in February 2004, but instead chose DePodesta, who he fired Saturday.

Gillick has also interviewed with the Philadelphia Phillies to replace Ed Wade, who was fired Oct. 10 as general manager.


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Baltimore at Pittsburgh 9:00 p.m., ABC

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ATLANTA — Atlanta’s Al Lopez makes an out at home in the first game of a Giants-Pirates doubleheader in New York on June 27, 1945. Lopez, a Hall of Fame catcher and former oldest living Hall of Fame member, died on Sunday.
ND Women’s Swimming

Irish lose to No. 8 Cal, No. 15 Purdue

Team upbeat despite pair of close losses to highly-ranked teams

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The women’s swimming and diving team proved it could hang with the best talent in the country this weekend. The Irish competed with No. 8 ranked California-Berkeley down to the last event Friday night at home.

Then, the Notre Dame shifted its focus immediately to a closely-contested Saturday meet with rival Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind. Against California, the Irish needed a first- and second-place finish in the final event of the night, the 400-freestyle relay. Notre Dame wasn’t able to finish better than second and third in the event, allowing California to emerge with a 156.5-141.5 victory.

The Irish had little time to reflect on their positive performance against Cal as they faced a motivated Purdue team on Saturday. Notre Dame was not able to put together as strong an effort, as Purdue won the meet 172-128.

Purdue pulled as close as 127-118, but Purdue put the meet out of reach by taking first and second place in both of the diving events. "We might have been a little tired against Purdue coming off of the Cal meet, and we also missed the home pool advantage that we had against Cal," junior Jessica Stephens said.

During the weekend, the Irish were hurt by their inability to touch out — or stretch for the finish. While the number of first and second place finishes were close in both meets, both Cal and Purdue consistently took home third and fourth place, giving them the precious points that led to their victories.

There were many positives for the team, most notably the swimming of junior Katie Carroll, who won six events over the weekend. Those events included a school record against Cal with a time of 1:48.79 in the 200-freestyle. Another positive for the Irish was the performance of the new freshmen class, which, between them, accounted for three first-place finishes and one second-place finish.

"Our freshmen are having a huge impact as they're adding depth to an already talented team," Carroll said. Perhaps the biggest positive, however, is the confidence Notre Dame gained from competing with such a talented opponent. "We've been looking forward to this weekend for a while as we knew that Cal would be tough, but we realized that we're at their caliber," Carroll said. "We have the talent, we have the potential and we have the coaches to bring us to their caliber."

The Irish will look to carry their newfound confidence with them when they open Big East play in their next meet Friday at Pittsburgh. "We've had some really great swims so far," Carroll said. "We're right where we want to be at this point."

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"Undergraduate Research in Arts and Letters: Opportunities for Students"

November 3, 2005

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Coleman-Morse Lounge

The purpose of this forum will be to provide students with information about two important sources of funding for undergraduate research - the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program and the Undergraduate Intellectual Initiative. Six undergraduate recipients of these awards will speak about their experience of writing proposals, conducting their research, and seeing their projects to completion.

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**Men's Swimming**

Irish fall to Boilermakers

ND cannot hold early lead as Purdue beats upset-minded squad

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Irish fell to Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., Saturday, as the No. 15 Boilermakers took advantage of an early lead to run away with the dual meet, 182-118.

After a strong team performance in the 200-yard medley to begin the meet, sophomore Jay Vandenberg and junior Ted Brown put the Irish on top 30-25 with victories in the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle, respectively.

Higher-ranked Purdue, however, came roaring back.

Purdue's swimmers took the first place spot in the next three events and sandwiched three more wins around Notre Dame junior Louis Cavallini's 50-yard freestyle victory to take a total of six of the next seven events.

Wins in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly helped put the Irish back within contention, but Purdue ended the match on a 58-16 run to earn the win.

"We got ourselves into a little bit of a hole a little early," senior co-captain Patrick Heilman said. "I think we weren't racing where we did a week ago. The effort was there but just the times weren't going our way."

Notre Dame has never beaten Purdue during the Tim Welsh era, but after dominating the Dennis Starks Relays and taking down Texas A&M, the Irish were confident they could finally upset their cross-state rivals.

"We really thought we had a good chance to upset a team that was ranked higher than us -- just from their times early last year," junior Tim Kegelman said. "They swam better, and we didn't swim up to our potential, so it didn't make for the best situation."

There were a few bright spots for Notre Dame at the meet.

Most notably, Vandenberg Berg continued his impressive start by ratcheting up two victories in the afternoon, also taking the 500-yard freestyle.

"Jay Vandenberg did swim fast overall, he's been swimming fast all year, and he's been solid winning those distance events," said Kegelman, who got his first win of the season in the 100-yard butterfly. "Graham Parker also had a great breaststroke -- he really stepped up in that one -- and Jamie Lutkus had a pretty fast 400 medley."

The Irish have a week to recover from the loss before their matchup with Big East powerhouse Pittsburgh this Friday.

Notre Dame defeated the Panthers in meets twice last year, ending Pittsburgh's run of eight straight conference championships.

"We're heading into Pittsburgh, which is our biggest rivalry, so I think we'll just bring a lot more intensity and a little more focus and we'll just be better prepared to race," Heilman said.

Looking on the bright side, Kegelman said the loss gives the Irish motivation to work harder.

"We should definitely realize there are lots of places to improve and that'll probably keep us focused during practice," Kegelman said.

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**NFL**

Bears top host Lions, take over NFC North

Associated Press

DETROIT — With the NFC North up for grabs, the Chicago Bears snatched control.

Charles Tillman intercepted Jeff Garcia's across-the-body pass on Detroit's 2-yard line for a touchdown with 8:43 left in overtime Sunday, putting Chicago atop the division with a 19-13 win over the Detroit Lions.

"But my eyes weren't big until I caught it and knew I could score," Charles Tillman said. Bears defensive back

"The ball was floating," Tillman said. "But my eyes weren't big until I caught it and knew I could score."

It was a big win for Chicago (4-3) not only because the Bears broke a first-place tie with Detroit (3-4), but also because they secured a head-to-head tiebreaker over the Lions, whom they beat 38-6 in an earlier meeting.

"This is my third year in the league and it's my first time in first place," Tillman said. "It's feeling pretty good. I'm going to savour the moment."

Meanwhile, Garcia regretted trying to make plays that weren't there.

The 35-year-old quarterback was bailed out after one ill-advised play in the fourth quarter, then the Bears bailed him out again in overtime.

This was an emotional game," said a distraught­ounding Garcia. "You battle for 60-plus minutes, and it falls on your shoulders to make a play, and you don't do it. Right now, it hurts."

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MEN’S SOCCER

Team shuts down visiting Pirates, 4-0

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Badly needing a win, Notre Dame defeated No. 16 Seton Hall 4-0 Saturday in its final regular season game. The win moved Notre Dame’s record to 10-6-2 overall and 6-4-1 in the Big East and significantly bolstered the team’s chance of receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

“That was a terrific team performance,” Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. “It’s nice when a top-20 team comes in and you give them four goals.”

Notre Dame opened the scoring at the end of the first half when freshman forward Bright Dike tallied his second career goal.

Dike took a pass from forward Joe Lapira, beat one Seton Hall defender and fired a shot past goalkeeper Boris Pardo for the score.

“He brings so much energy to the team,” Clark said. “He’s a phenomenal athlete.”

In the second half, the Notre Dame offense exploded. Four minutes into the period, Lapira scored to stretch the Irish advantage to 2-0.

Midfielders Matt Besler and Kurt Martin were both credited with assists on the play.

Two minutes later, Besler added another assist. The freshman found junior defender Ryan Miller on the right side of the box. Miller sent a shot past Pardo for his first career goal.

The final act of the offensive barrage came with 14:11 left in the game when Lapira scored his second goal of the night.

Lapira headed the ball in off of a long cross from Martin, putting Notre Dame on top 4-0.

With the two goals and one assist, Lapira recorded five points on the night. The forward leads the Irish with 15 goals.

Junior Midfielder Nate Norman, who sat out Saturday’s game with an injury, has the second most points on the team with nine.

Junior goalkeeper Chris Cahill had three saves against the Pirates. Senior Justin Mihaud, who replaced Cahill for the last 11 minutes, added a save of his own.

At the end of the game, Clark made sure to get Mihaud and the rest of the seniors on the field for their last regular season home game.

“It was very satisfying to get all the seniors on the field for good periods of time,” Clark said. “We’ve not been able to do that right through so it was terrific to be able to do that.”

The win was vital for Notre Dame in terms of its NCAA Tournament chances.

If the Irish do not win the Big East Tournament, they must hope for an at-large bid. The Irish have the second most points in the conference.

“That’s another great win when you’re looking to get into the NCAA tournament,” Clark said. “I think we got another win on top of that and I think we’re almost a lock. So that was a very important game for us.”

Notre Dame will host a first round Big East tournament game Wednesday. The opponent for the game has yet to be determined.

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Buck made the pass, and the freshman picked up goal No. 21 on the seconcl. Thorlakson said the play was the result of good movement by the Irish away from the main action.

"There was just a lot of good movement on the ball today," the senior said.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum attributed the goal to focus during the week and adjusting prac­
tice patterns to five-scene situa­
tions.

"We work on little patterns and sequences like that," he said.

The Irish kept on attacking after taking the lead, with eight shots on goal and a corner kick in the ten minutes following Hanks' score.

A fast-paced action forced both teams to substitute many of their starters in the first half after the intense opening 25 minutes. Waldrum said Notre Dame's pro­
ductive bench and good condi­
tioning gave the Irish a decided advantage.

"One thing is our kids work really hard," he said. "We've as fit as any team in the country. And when you can get your second team in land be productive ... that makes a big difference, a huge difference in the motor." Notre Dame attempted 29 shots to Georgetown's two and constant­ly redirected Hoya goal kicks with a high-pressing defense.

Higgins was the main reason Georgetown remained in the contest as long as it did. The sopho­more made more key saves in the first half that kept the Hoya defense on its toes for longer than the relentless Irish attack, including a diving kick-save on a Thorlakson shot midway through the period. Ashley Jones netted her first goal of the season and opened the scoring for the Irish in the second half with a blast from the right wing at 54:30 to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead.

Thirteen minutes later, Hanks and McCormack scored just 17 seconds apart to put the game out of reach at 5:21. "That's the quick tempo is fun," Thorlakson said. "It's harder in a slow-paced game to get into your rhythm."

Georgetown failed to find an offensive rhythm and mounted a serious offensive attack during the game, as the Irish swarmed the ball after each turnover to the Hoyas and prevented Georgetown from moving up field with ease.

Waldrum said the forward Thorlakson's efforts highlighted the Irish defense to the extent that she helped the Irish regain possession on several occasions. "[Thorlakson] adds a whole different dimension to the game," Waldrum said. "She's a 90-minute player."


The outcome from the Irish for­wards and strong defensive com­munication limited Georgetown's offensive chances. In all, Georgetown managed just one goal on shot, and Irish keeper Lauren Karas saved Shara McNeill's kick from the right side.

Both Kosup laid the net for the second time this season with 2:25 remaining. Kosup's game­extending goal resulted from expanding to Notre Dame's lead in its final margin, 6-0.

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ND WOMEN'S CREW

Irish compete in two events over weekend

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

On Sunday, Notre Dame raced against 18 other programs at the head of the Elk race in Elkhart, Ind.

Most boats had better rows than yesterday, Stone said, refur­ning to Sunday's race. "We're try­ing to get back to where we were before fall break, and we didn't make it. We were close, but not back there yet, we still need more sharpness." He said this weekend's races provided his team with some great experience, and the team must now get ready for the spring. "If you take a look back, we are definitely closer to some of the other top schools this year than we were last year, and that gives us something to build on," Stone said.

"We have another two weeks on the water this fall, and I think we'll be ready for it." For Saturday, Notre Dame faced Michigan State in the first boat race of the season. Each school entered two boats in the Ggolfweek/Sagarin Performance Index — this weekend, the college golf week, the team's top competition all season, which will continue in California. California, UCO (Central Florida), North Carolina, Northern Texas, California, Texas, Virginia and Washington will all be there.

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"We would be really, really excited," Weis said. "Obviously, [after] the leadership award" — considering the ranking and all that kind of stuff, beating a really tol­ erated team, the team was really excited. We felt good about the way we played."

"It feels good to be 2-0 this weekend..." The Irish had a total of 124 kills and 135 digs on the weekend.

The Irish, who have now won 13 consecutive matches since falling to LSU, have won four top-12 teams this sea­ son, including No. 4 Florida, then-No. 8 USC, then-No. 11 Texas and, now, No. 6 Iowa.

"We talked earlier in the year," junior outside hitter Meg DeRusso said. "You ranked teams and about how that really helped raise the confidence of our girls and as a team together.""Really?"" Weis said. "The fact that we had been in matches like that before, against really tal­ ented teams, really helped. I know that the team was confi­ dent," Weis said. "We had a lot of composure and was just really focused and intense. It was just really fun to be a part of that..."

The Irish downed the Cardinals Saturday 30-28, 30­ 27, 30-27, 30-27 in an intense battle for the Big East lead. Notre Dame then dispelled any woes of a letdown after such an intense match at the win the Bearcats Sunday afternoon 30-24, 30-27, 30-27.

"Today, I think we didn't play the best match of the year or anything," Brown said. "But following up the big win yes­ terday in a big game that was so important for the pro­ gram and the things that we want to do, the things that we want to continue to accompl­ ish throughout the year. I'm very excited for the team. I think all the players are excit­ ed as well."

Considering the exception­ ally short break before facing Cincinnati, Notre Dame didn't have much time to celebrate Saturday afternoon.

"We gave them a film report right away after the match with Louisville," Brown said. "We really hadn't done any­ thing with the team regarding Cincinnati. I think the team did a great job at a great job. [After] an emo­ tional win against Louisville and following it up with an­ other great performance, we're really pleased with how we played against Louisville. We're ahead, and Cincinnati gave us all we could handle."

While the Bearcats were scrappy and hung with the Irish for most of each game, Notre Dame handled them.

"Part of the reason for the sweep was that, once again, seemingly everyone con­ tributed for the Irish," Weis said.

Players on the soon-to-be seen Big East all-conference teams are being accepted.

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Weis would be heading for profes­ sional football and hopes the news keeps recruits from wondering about the future of the Notre Dame coaching situation.

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3:59 into the second period, when junior right wing Michael Bartlett stole the puck in the Princeton zone and passed to Erik Condra. Condra’s shot deflected off to the side, but freshman Garrett Ragan put the rebound home.

“The guy picked up the puck and was going up the ice. I saw that I had an opportunity, so I hit him and the rebounder hit the net and the freshman put in the rebound,” Bartlett said.

At the time of Ragan’s goal, Notre Dame had just returned to full strength after consecutive penalties by Condra and Noah Babbin left them at a two-man disadvantage. Although the Tigers peppered the Irish net with shots for nearly two minutes, Pearce and the rest of the defense did not allow a goal.

“You always give up lots of chances in 5-on-3, but we played really well in (penalty killing),” Pearce said.

Notre Dame picked up a second goal on the power play at the 16:13 mark of the second period. Bartlett set up Mark Van Guilder to the left of the net. Van Guilder, shooting from a severe angle, snuck the puck behind Princeton goalie Eric Laroux.

“The seams were open because their forwards were lazy, so I found [Van Guilder] and he put it in,” Bartlett said.

The Irish outshot the Tigers 30-27, the second time in as many nights they had the advantage in shots on goal.

Princeton 5, Notre Dame 3
The Irish gave up an early lead in Friday night’s game to drop their regular season home opener decision to the Tigers.

Princeton capitalized on several Notre Dame penalties to shift a 1-2 Irish lead early in the second stanza into a 4-2 Princeton advantage by the end of the period.

A holding call on the freshman Ragan at 6:50 into the second led to a Princeton power play goal by Grant Goeckner-Zoeller (2 goals), with the assist credited to Kevin Westgarth (3 assists). Goeckner-Zoeller found plenty of space on the left side to maneuver into the Notre Dame zone and rip a shot past the goal tender Brown at the 7:06 mark for the 2-2 tie.

Notre Dame defenseman Brock Sheahan was whistled for an obstruction-hooking call at the time of the goal, and the Irish found themselves down a man once again.

Princeton struck only 21 seconds later on a Westgarth shot taken from the point that rebounded to center Patrick Neundorfer, who tucked the puck past Brown for a 3-2 Tigers lead.

The Tigers made it 4-2 on an Irish turnover. A badly timed drop pass while entering the Irish zone created a Princeton 3-on-none for an Erik Pritham goal at 12:20.

“I think we did okay in the second period, but a couple of mistakes ended up in our net and we just imploded,” Jackson said.

“I’ve never seen anything like that before in my coaching career. The whole game just imploded totally around.”

The first period ended in a 1-1 tie after both teams scored within a 10-second span of each other. Princeton got on the board first on Goeckner-Zoeller and Westgarth’s first hookup of the night.

The Irish wasted no time in answering after Van Guilder drew a faceoff to winger Tim Wallace. Wallace walked in on net and roofed the puck past Princeton goalie B.J. Sklapsky for the goal.

Wallace scored his second goal of the game 5:57 into the second period to give the Irish a 2-1 lead, with an assist from Matt Amado. Wallace received a crisp cross-ice pass from Amado on a three-on-two rush to bury the goal.

“Timmy Wallace, that was his best effort so far this season,” Jackson said. “I mean not just the goals per se, but it’s good to see him have a real solid game.”

Princeton notched its last goal at 18:31 in the third period on an odd-man rush from defenseman Kyle Hagel, assisted by Pritham.

The Irish struggled on the power play, going 0-for-10 with 23 total penalty minutes on the Tigers. Princeton went 2-for-7 in similar situations.

“We were much sharper with our special teams tonight even though our power play still has the inability to finish,” Jackson said.

Brown stopped 8 of 13 shots, while Sklapsky saved 34 of 37 opportunities faced.

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Losing streak ends as ND defeats Tigers 2-0

By CHRIS KHOREY and KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writers

Jeff Jackson knew it was time to forget about the past. The Notre Dame hockey coach had planned to keep the ashes of last year's disastrous 5-27-6 campaign in the locker room all year, but he changed his tune during the first intermission of a 2-0 victory for the Irish over Princeton at the Joyce Center Saturday night.

"(Before the season), I had them write down everything they hated about last year on 3-by-5 cards," Jackson said. "I made them burn them and we stored the ashes in the locker room in a jar. I thought it would be good to have them hanging over in there to serve as a reminder of what happens if you're not committed. "But in the first three games our second periods were horrible, so I decided to [get rid of them]. They laughed a little bit, but the toilet flushed and last year was behind us."

The motivation worked. The Irish scored two second-period goals and broke their 12-game losing streak and a 22-game wireless streak. Both streaks dated back to Jan. 2, when the Irish defeated Rensselaer Polytechnic 2-1.

Freshman goalkeeper Jordan Pearce earned his first collegiate shutout, making 27 saves in only his second career start. "It's good to get that monkey off my back," Pearce said. "I haven't had a shutout in like three years, going back to my freshman year in high school." Jackson declined to say whether Pearce or junior Dave Brown, who started Friday's 5-3 loss to the Tigers, would start against Michigan next weekend. Both goalies have started two games so far this season.

The Irish got their first goal see PRINCETON/page 22

ND Women's Soccer

Thorlakson leads ND to quarterfinal victory

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Katie Thorlakson once again led Notre Dame to a postseason victory Sunday, as the Irish topped Georgetown, 6-0, at Alumni Field in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament.

Thorlakson, who scored or assisted on 18 of Notre Dame's 22 postseason goals last year, found the net once and added three assists as the Irish advanced to face Marquette Friday in the conference semifinal game in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Just 10 minutes into the match Sunday, Thorlakson and freshman forward/midfielder Brittany Rock assisted on the only goal the Irish needed for the victory, a Kelli Hanks tap-in on the right side.

Rock found Thorlakson on the left side of the box and made a backdoor cut to the goal. After Thorlakson hit Bock in stride, a Hoy defender rotated over to cover Bock, leaving the streaking Hanks open as she approached the net.

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