ND ratios differ from national gender gap
Females comprise 44 percent of University student body but 57 percent and rising of college students nationwide.

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

More than 57 percent of college students nationwide are female — a number that is expected to grow in the coming years — but despite yearly increases in the proportion of women at the University, the current 56 to 44 percent male-female ratio starkly contrasts the U.S. trend.

Women comprise 57.6 percent of college students nationwide, according to an Oct. 28 USA Today article. The 43 to 57 percent male-female ratio grossly diverges from 1960s and 1970s statistics — 30 years ago women constituted 45 percent of university students in the United States.

The current gap shows no signs of narrowing. The U.S. Department of Education estimated that in less than ten years, women will earn 60 percent of bachelor’s degrees and more than half of graduate degrees nationwide.

Gender and enrollment at ND
The Office of Institutional Research said, this semester 56 percent of Notre Dame students — graduate and undergraduate — were male and 44 percent were female, a 13 percent shift in the favor of men from national enrollment averages.

Sociology professor Mark Gunty, who teaches a course on the sociology of masculinity, said in his understanding, Notre Dame’s ratio is based on the space available in residence halls and is not a function of the applicant pool per se.

“The (ratio) at ND is artificial, just as it is at most private, residential-based colleges and universities, especially those of a more selective nature.”

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Panel focused on pregnancy care

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

While pro-life and pro-choice advocates are polarized on many issues concerning abortion, they agreed on one point Monday in LaFortune Ballroom in the Notre Dame Common Ground Project — society does not do enough to protect and provide for pregnant women.

This was the focus of the forum when professors and students came together to discuss, under­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­©

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OIT to initiate wireless authentication soon

By ALICIA CONLEY
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) will soon require students, faculty and staff who want to access Nomad, the University’s wireless Internet network, to provide their Notre Dame user name and password in order to log on.

“It’s one of a series of steps that we’re taking to help secure Notre Dame computer resources better. It helps to ensure that only authorized Notre Dame users are accessing our network,” Katie Rose, project leader at OIT, said Tuesday.

Without wireless authentication, Rose said it is very easy for an unauthorized person to access the University network.

The problem with this is “they’re using resources the University has designated for faculty, staff and students. This can cause excessive traffic that can impact authorized users,” she said.

In spite of having extensively prepared for the Notre Dame community to start using this service, the OIT discovered a problem with the system a few days after it began on Oct. 19.

OIT quickly shut down the service, and on Oct. 24, OIT posted the following message to its Web site:

“The requirement to authenticate to connect to the Nomad wireless network will begin Oct. 24.

SMC athletes assist with football parking

By EMILY LAVELLE
News Writer

Notre Dame football players may not be the only ones exhausted at the end of game days. Tailgates, hours of standing and post-game celebrations often leave fans drained of energy; but for some Saint Mary’s athletes, it is the long hours spent supervising football parking for the 80,000 fans that leave them exhausted.

Each athletic team at Saint Mary’s dedicates their time on one game-day morning per season directing traffic into the Saint Mary’s lots. The athletic teams have been supervising pre-game parking for at least 15 years, if not longer, said Lynn Karchmar, Saint Mary’s athletic director.

The effort of SMC student-athletes helps finance the teams’ expenses and provides unique bonding opportunity, Karchmar said.

To remain consistent with other parking options in the area, Saint Mary’s charges $15 per car and raises between $4,000 and $10,000 per weekend, Karchmar said. The money from each weekend goes into a general fund until the end of the football season, when each team is given an appropriate

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Hesburgh featured in film

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

The exceptional life of University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, which includes extensive public service as well as storied leadership of Notre Dame, has been captured in a documentary to air this weekend on the Hallmark Channel.

“God, Country, Notre Dame” features interviews with three former U.S. presidents, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian, as well as Notre Dame officials, Holy Cross priests and current students.

The film affirms Hesburgh’s faith as the source of his seemingly endless energy and commitment to see HESBURGH/page 6

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh prepares for a scene in the documentary film “God, Country, Notre Dame.”
INSIDE COLUMN

'Tis the season to be offended

The days of 'The Shirt' debates seem to be over. So it's time to move on to bigger and better things to be mad about.

'Tis the season to be offended. My theory is that many of us are still grieving over the loss to USC and need suitable punching bags to take our aggression out on.

One campus issue right now is the seemingly troubled relations between South Bend residents and Notre Dame students. Two students were quoted saying some less-than-nice things about South Bend residents, and in particular those of economic standing less than that of the average Notre Dame student; does that mean that the majority of the student body feels the same way? We're talking about the same student body that spends huge amounts of time working in not only the South Bend community, but also with the people of Appalachia and urban Chicago, among other places of dire need. The perception of snobbish, elitist students is one that doesn't seem to mesh with reality. I'm not saying everyone is fantastically prejudiced and perfectly moral, but I hardly think it is fair to say a large fraction of students are just downright bigots.

Also in the campus scandal mill is a joke/insight about race relations made at a student stand-up comedy event last Thursday. Several students walked away from the event with a sour taste in their mouth, feeling that the joke was intolerant and that those who laughed at the joke were just as bad. Some feel this is telling of the campus climate — that it proves a certain good portion of our student body is insensitive and intolerant. Alright, someone made social commentary about race relations at Notre Dame in the context of the recent passing of Rosa Parks — does that make the student body intolerant and racist? I certainly think not. This isn't even considering whether or not the joke, and by extension its author, was racist. I'd bet my life that if you surveyed every single student, not one would say that they disagreed with Rosa Parks' actions. So apparently we have another example of perception and reality. It's going to be alright, people. People will say things you don't agree with or just flat out don't like. Heck, this is college. Cool down a little and you'll see that not everyone is out to offend you. Once the smoke settles, you'll see that you were making a big deal out of something that never should have been an issue.

Besides, there are bigger debates to be had, like on Supreme Court nominations and foreign conflicts.

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THE FIRST CLASS STEPPERS, A NOTRE DAME DANCE GROUP DEDICATED TO STEP, PRACTICE MONDAY. THE GROUP PERFORMS ANNUALLY AT NOTRE DAME'S BLACK CAFÉ AND LATIN EXPRESSIONS.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU NOMINATE TO THE SUPREME COURT AND WHY?

Andy Makleski sophomore Zahn

"Jeff Mikrut, because Creston thinks he's always right."

Katie Swiss freshman Lewis

"Arnold Schwarzenegger, because he's not a girly man."

Jason Briggs freshman Zahn

"Myself, because I'm a minority."

Catherine Martinez freshman Caravanagh

"Mike Folger, because he's so bad."

Mike Folger freshman Zahn

"Kobe because that would be Kobe."

Katie Rose Hackney freshman Badin

"Charlie Weis, because he's straight nasty."

IN BRIEF

Muslim authors Chadortt Djawamat and Irshad Manji will give a lecture entitled "Removing the Veil: Two Muslim Women's Re-examination of Islam" at 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The joint lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a question and answer session, reception and book signing.

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 TheProvost's Distinguished Women's Lecturer Series. The lecture will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in G-20 Flanner Hall and will focus on "Living Together Unmarried in the United States: Demographic Perspectives and Implications for Family Policy."

Ana Garcia 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 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Newwhale Science Hall. Professor Chris Kolds will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 in room 118 on "God's December vacation and the Journey from the Wedgwood Kilns to the Uncertainty Principle."

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

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OFFBEAT

Man kills buck with bare hands in bedroom

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — It looked like a crime scene, but no charges will be filed after Wayne Goldsberry killed a buck with his bare hands in his daughter's bedroom.

The engagement lasted an exhausting 40 minutes, but Goldsberry finally subdued the five-point whitetail deer that crashed through a bedroom window at his daughter's home Friday. When it was over, blood splattered the walls and the deer lay on the bedroom floor, its neck broken.

Goldsberry was at his daughter's home when he heard glass breaking. He went back to check on the noise and found the deer. "I was standing about this peeking around the corner when the deer came out of the bedroom," said Goldsberry, demonstrating while peering around his kitchen wall. The deer ran down the hall and into the master bedroom—"jumping back and forth across the bed.

Burglar makes pizza, flies with $3,000

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — A pizza parlor burglar paused to make a pizza before fleeing with $3,000. A security camera showed the intruder playing pizza chef after breaking into Sonny's Pizza and Pasta through a bathroom window early Monday, said Lt. Ted Byone of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The burglar put on an employee's shirt after entering the pizza parlor about 2 a.m., then he made a pizza, spreading sauce, cheese and pepperoni over the dough and placing it in the oven, the lieutenant said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Lecturers discuss ‘who counts in the United States’

By LIZ HARTER
New Writer

A professor, a nun, an author and a development program director came together Tuesday to discuss “Who Counts in the United States?” — the second lecture on that topic in the 2005-06 first year theme on St. Mary’s Carroll Auditorium.

This first year theme, which is chosen every spring by a group of professors and the Center for Academic Innovation, is intended to create a sense of intellectual community, particularly among first year students. Tuesday’s lecture to about 90 attendees expanded on the ideas presented by Faith Adiele and Margo Anderson in the first lecture of the series on Sept. 27. “The question of who counts in the Americas begs the question ‘who doesn’t count?’” said Maritza Guevara, professor of English at the University of Wisconsin. Guevara was joined by St. Maria Riely, an Adrian Dominican nun; Betsy Hartman, the director of the Population and Development Program at Hampshire College; and Brenda Cardenas, author of From the Tongues of Brick and Stone. Guevara focused on the concentration of power in the U.S. government, which, she said, is replicated throughout the generations. While there are rules in place that allow nobody to make her or his way into political power and become a senator, congressman or even school board president, that will most likely not happen, she said.

Guevara cited the Bush administration’s view that people are members of the same class as examples in which many of the members of the same class are involved in politics. ‘There’s no people’s rule, so how can we expect a lower class person to count in our government,” she said.

Riely spoke about her work with Catholic social teachings and how “free trade” negatively affects poor countries involved in trade agreements. She cited the new Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which was passed this summer and includes Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic. “Free trade favors the economically powerful countries in this world,” she said. ‘While free trade in widely thought to help poorer countries, Riely said it actually hurts the financially struggling people.” She also said the flood of American imports saturates the economy, overwhelming local and small businesses in countries and making them more dependent on exporting their quickly depleting natural resources.

Hartman focused on the role of white consumers and white workers, who, she said, count in the U.S.

She specified that “young workers” counted because of the growing trend of companies laying off older men and women.

Hartman also spoke on the scarce tactics used by people in favor of population control, like white supremacist groups. She said population control has almost become a National Security Crisis because groups have subtly implanted in everyone’s mind that there are “too many people” and are prone to violence in the Middle East.”

Cardenas, who spoke last, was most focused on Latino Americans in the United States. She lived in a barrio on the Southwest side of Chicago for a few years and said she saw firsthand how the immigrants in America say connected to the country of origin by constantly traveling back and forth. “Not caring if it was legal or illegal,” she said.

Cardenas said there is a bit of cultural syncretism because people are assimilating into American culture but do not want to give up their culture from home.

Cardenas recalled when she taught at Wright College in Chicago; in the class, she had a 48 percent Latino population, but only offered one Latino Studies course.

“If that’s not saying something about how we coexist, don’t know what does,” she said.

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Gender
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GuntY said. "At places with co-ed housing, the mix can be more variable, of course, so the single-sex housing arrangement here contributes to the very stably male ratio of men to women over the years."
But Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said Notre Dame's e n r o l l m e n t reflects its applicant pool which has been "consistently" more male than female since the University began enrolling women in 1972. "While the number of women applicants has definitely increased over the past 33 years, in recent years the percentage of women applicants has remained steady at 47 percent," Saracino said.
Although the percentage of women students has increased in the past three decades, the rate of women who take national averages and men continue to outnumber women on campus.
Professionals enrolled at the University over the mid-1970s and have even more significant change in the 1980s, but for the last five years the proportion of women has increased to 44 percent.
Saracino said although there has been no research conducted to explain why Notre Dame has not experienced a further rise in female enrollment the University is "carefully" monitoring trends in gender ratios - among other characteristics - present in the applicant pool year by year.
"We really don't know why Notre Dame's experience is different," he said. "We only know that it clearly is unique. It is conceivable that we could begin to reflect what other colleges are experiencing."
Sociological implications
The recent trend has caused many researchers to look into the potential sociological implications of the decreasing number of men enrolled post-secondary education.
In the USA Today story of 18 November, writer Michael Gurian said some colleges attract fewer women because those institutions are more direct, competitive, and academically demanding.
Colleges must garner more male applicants to offset declining "male" interest as sports, he said.
GuntY was unsure as to whether Notre Dame's culture of athletics encounters an anti-liberal arts bias among men, but maintained that vestiges of pre-1972 campus life continue to be present.
"Notre Dame's traditions and culture are very strong, some of which date back to its all-male roots," GuntY said.
The USA Today article said the national gender gap is largest at liberal arts colleges.
"We have a broad mix of majors here," GuntY said. "And I doubt that our program offerings have much impact on the gender mix of the student body," GuntY said.
Despite the diversity of curricula offered at the University, GuntY said it is "clear" that some majors are more attractive to males than females.
Although many academic studies cite equitable proportions of male and female students, records from the Office of Institutional Research corroborate GuntY's claim. Of all computer engineering majors, females account for only 10 percent, while 92 percent of all students who major in art history are women.
The enrollment of men in post-secondary schools may also reflect sociological trends in the way men perceive academic and athletic achievement.
GuntY said senior survey results indicated that women at Notre Dame do study more than men; however, the survey results which academic performance is regarded as a benefit or detriment to one's masculinity is mixed.
"At various ages, males might look at academic success in either a positive or negative light," GuntY said. "One type of masculinity clearly associates intellect and expertise as good for male gender identity, and for other types, intellect is deemphasized in favor of physical strength."
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GuntY said women have made strides in academic accomplishments, and the options for women to pursue occupations outside the home are much wider than they were in past generations.
"I would not conclude that the gap in male-female college enrollments is simply a sign of female progress in academia," he said. "I know of no one who would argue that the so-called 'chilly climate of higher education' — the female-unfriendly environments at most colleges — has been replaced by a pro-female climate."
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"Undergraduate Research in Arts and Letters: Opportunities for Students" November 3, 2005 5:00-6:30 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.
Sponsored by the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts and the Office of Undergraduate Studies
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Teenagers riot in France after deaths
PARIS - Tension mounted Tuesday in the troubled suburbs of Paris, after angry youths torched cars, gave police the finger and even a primary school in riling that highlights the division between France's big cities and their poor suburbs, where unemployment rates and disenchantment thrive.

Officials estimate that the northeastern suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois, where the adventurist deaths of two teenagers triggered the riots that began Monday, worked to prevent a sixth night of violence.

Police said 19 people were detained late Monday and early Tuesday in Clichy-sous-Bois and three other suburbs, and 13 remain under arrest. A total of 68 cars were torched in several suburbs, 141 television reported, while police said 21 cars — two of them police vehicles — were set on fire in Clichy-sous-Bois.

Israel allows Gaza border inspectors
GAZA CITY - Israel on Tuesday approved the opening of four inspection posts at the Gaza-Egypt border, a breakthrough after weeks of slow-moving talks aimed at pushing forward giving the Palestinians freedom of movement without Israeli controls for the first time since the 1967 war.

As negotiators tried to resolve remaining disputes over new security arrangements on the frontier, Israel killed two top Palestinian fugitives in a missile attack on their cars, triggering threats of revenge by militants that could further erode the fragile truce between the two sides.

Israel's Security Cabinet agreed to deploy the European inspectors to two Jewish border personnel, who had controlled Palestinian movement in and out of Gaza since capturing the territory in the 1967 Mideast war.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hispanics attend worst schools
WASHINGTON - Hispanic children are much more likely than white or black students to attend the nation's largest and poorest public high schools, a new analysis shows.

Massachusetts, half of Hispanic teens, 56 percent, attend schools with enrollments of roughly 3,000 students — figures that rank in the 90th percentile in terms of size. Only 32 percent of white children and 26 percent of black children attend schools that large, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a non-profit research group that studies the Latino population.

Court debates religious freedom
WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court debated Tuesday whether to let a small Massachusetts church with hallucinogenic tea, the first religious freedom case under Chief Justice John Roberts.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor seemed skeptical of the church's argument that the claim the tea can be banned, but she may not be around to vote in the case.

About 130 members of a Brazil-based church have been in a long-running dispute with federal agents who seized their tea in 1999. The hessaca tea, which contains an illegal drug known as DMT, is considered ``a sacrament for its members of 0 Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao do Vegetal.

Bush plans for flu pandemic

President outlines $7.1 billion strategy
WASHINGTON - President Bush outlined a $7.1 billion strategy Tuesday to prepare for a possible worldwide flu outbreak, aiming to overhaul the vaccine industry so eventually every American could be inoculated within six months of a pandemic's beginning.

Such a huge cache would take until 2014 to produce, Bush's goal is 2010 — and his plan drew immediate fire from critics who said it wouldn't provide enough protection in the meantime. States, too, got an unpleasant surprise, ordered to purchase millions of doses of an anti-flu drug with their own money.

The long-awaited strategy also stresses expanded emphasis to detect and contain the next super-flu before it reaches the United States, with particular attention to parts of Asia that are influenza incubators — a global focus that flu specialists have insisted the government adopt.

"Early detection is our first line of defense," Bush said in a speech at the National Institutes of Health. He called on other countries to admit when super-flus occur within their borders so the nation can afford to ignore this threat," he said.

At the same time, Bush sought to reassure a public jittery over the spread of bird flu, which has killed at least 62 people in Asia alone, and could spread the death or destruction of tens of millions of birds.

There is no evidence that a human pandemic, of H5N1 or any other type, is about to start, Bush said repeatedly.

Since have been three flu pandemics in the last century and the world is overdue for a reassessment growing that the bird flu could provide the spark if it one day mutates so that it can spread easily from person to person. "Our country has been given fair warning of this danger to our homeland, and time to prepare," Bush said.

Topping Bush's strategy:
• $1.2 billion to stockpile enough vaccine against the current H5N1 flu strain to protect 20 million Americans, the estimated number of health workers and other first-responders involved in a pandemic.
• $1 billion for the drugs Tamiflu and Relenza, which can treat and prevent flu in flu in the federal stockpile. States were told to buy 31 million treatment courses, but Bush is focusing only a quarter of the states' anticipated bill.
• $2.8 billion to speed production of vaccines — including better-matched strains — by learning to manufacture them in faster-to-handle cell cultures, instead of today's slow method that relies on millions of chicken eggs.
• $251 million for international preparations, including training early-warning systems to spot human infections with novel flu strains.
• $105 million for state preparations, including determining how to deliver stockpiled medicines directly to patients.
• $56 million for test poultry and wild birds for H5N1 or other novel flu strains entering the U.S. bird population.

Bush administration officials say the health threat is now on the horizon.

A call for Congress to provide liability protection for makers of a pandemic vaccine, which unlike shots against the regular winter flu would be experimental, largely unused.

Bush's announcement came after his administration was battered by critics about its lethargic response to Hurricane Katrina.

Public health specialists, h clustered on the strategy but awaiting details, called it a good start.

"It's a historic step in the right direction," said Michael Osterholm of the University of Minnesota, who advises the government on infectious disease threats.

Rumsfeld changes Marines' role

Corps joins U.S. Special Operations Command to combat new terror threats
WASHINGTON — In a historic step designed to better the military's ability to fight a global war on terrorism, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that he was transferring the Marine Corps to U.S. Special Operations Command, the organization in charge of SEALs, Green Berets and other comes.

It is the first time since the command was created in April 1987 that the Marine Corps has been included, and Rumsfeld said the change reflects a need for the Pentagon to continue to adapt to the tactics of an adversary like the al-Qaida terror network that uses unconventional means to counter American firepower.

"It's important that we continue to assess and adapt because of the nature of the enemy that we face," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference. "It's an enemy that believes that we, the free and civilized world, don't have the stamina or the will to sustain a difficult effort over the necessary period of time."

Special operations forces, which train to perform a variety of sometimes-clan-клонable missions behind enemy lines, have taken on a more prominent role since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks as the Pentagon adjusts to fighting a shadowy enemy. But the Marine Corps for years has resisted being integrated into the Special Operations Command because its leaders feared diluting their special-sea-based missions.

The Marines argued that they already had inherent special operations capabilites, such as reconnaissance teams. Also, the idea of creating an "elite" element within the Marines — as the Army, Navy and Air Force have within their services — ran counter to a service culture that says Marines is more elite than another.

Associated Press

President George W. Bush discussed his administration's strategy for facing the threat of bird flu on Tuesday at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Bush said he wants to stockpile enough vaccines to protect 20 million Americans.

Local News

Governor orders tribute for Parks
INDIANAPOLIS — To honor civil rights icon Rosa Parks, Indiana's top elected official declared Tuesday the late civil rights icon a "Parks Day," urged Hoosiers to reflect on a nonviolent, non-Western tradition of peaceful protest.

"They fought for equal rights, not violence or hate," Daniels said at the Capitol.

Former President Clinton is among the dignitaries expected to attend her funeral Wednesday in Detroit.

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Senateto question oil industry

Congress calls on oil companies to use $96 billion profits to alleviate energy costs

WASHINGTON Top executives of three major oil companies will be queried next week by senators after their companies reported record profits this year that shouldn't be used to pay forControlling energy costs, the Senate said.

In Brief

SEPTA employees to remain on strike

PHILADELPHIA—Resolute, angry transit workers vowed Tuesday to remain on strike for weeks or even months if they don't get an acceptable contract, a grim prospect for hundreds of thousands of riders forced to find other ways to get around.

City buses, subways and trolleys were idle for the fourth day as employees of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority walked picket lines and settled in for what some predicted would be an extended work stoppage.

Costs between SEPTA and the Transport Workers Union were to resume Tuesday. Several talks had failed Saturday night, and about 5,300 union members walked off the job for the first time since 1986.

Union and SEPTA representatives huddled separately with a mediator.

"I'm lonelier than the Maytag repairman. We're sitting at the hotel, waiting for the union negotiators," said SEPTA spokesman Richard Maloney.

SEPTA said union leaders rejected a contract offer that would have required employees to pay 5 percent of their health insurance premiums. Veteran workers currently pay nothing. SEPTA's offer also included a 9 percent pay increase over three years.

Dollar rises on strong economic news

SAN FRANCISCO—Knight Ridder Inc.'s largest shareholder wants the nation's second-biggest newspaper publisher to seek a buyer, contending there are few other options left for a company that has been rapidly losing favor with investors as more advertising shifts to the Internet.

"In light of limited revenue growth across the newspaper industry and the difficulties the company has faced in realizing fair value...for its shareholders, we believe the board should now pursue the competitive sale of the company," wrote Bruce Sherman, PIM's chief executive officer.

Japan to end U.S. beef ban

Associated Press

TOKYO — The risk of mad cow disease in U.S. beef is nearly as low as Japanese beef if proper precautions are taken, according to a government panel released Tuesday. The decision is expected to lead to an easing of an import ban that has caused tensions with Japan.

The panel on mad cow disease found there was a "lower, but not negligible" risk and recommended that Japan lift the ban.

Media reports say the decision will lead to the resumption of imports of beef products from U.S. cows younger than 21 months old as early as the end of this year. No case of mad cow disease has ever been discovered in animals of that age.

Before the ban, Japan was the most lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef, and an increasingly impatient Washington has pushed hard for a resumption of the trade.
Kick Off Night

7 PM Legends

Pick up your application tonight!
WASHINGTON — Declaring the existing tax system “has become a running joke,” a presidential panel on Tuesday recommended rewriting the nation’s tax laws by eliminating virtually every deduction and credit and replacing them with simpler benefits for more taxpaying citizens.

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The nine members of the commission's recommendations will be unpopular.

Many stand waiting to defend their breaks, deductions and loopholes, and to defeat our efforts, the group said in a letter to Snow.

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Both would eliminate most deductions and credits in an effort to simplify taxes and correct complicated calculations. The second of the two tax systems aims to reduce the tax burden by simplifying taxings and investments made by businesses and families.

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Snow and the panel's members urged tax payers to look at the package as a whole, not to concentrate solely on benefits lost.

Very quickly, however, the panel heard criticism of their decisions to limit or scrap deductions for mortgage interest, health insurance premiums and state and local taxes.

Unfortunately, President Bush's tax panel is a Trojan horse, using so-called simplification to codify some of the president's proposals for increasing the tax burden on some Americans.

Both proposed tax systems would abolish the alternative minimum tax, a levy originally drafted to protect wealthy individuals from escaping taxation but increasingly reaching more middle-income families.

Under one plan, individuals would pay no tax on dividends paid by U.S. companies and exclude 75 percent of their capital gains from taxation. Under the second plan, all investment income would be taxed at 15 percent.

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Seeing Parks as a hero

"You may go on and do so." With those words, Rosa Parks, a 42-year-old African American seamstress, lit a fire that would consume the racist environment of Montgomery, Ala.

Last week we lost a national treasure. Rosa Parks is a popular and powerful symbol of courage and non-violent action. Her refusal to move to the back of the bus put a face on the shameful segregation policies of the American South. Now with her gone, the movement is going to work trying to derive some greater lesson from her life. True, Parks was an active member in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and served as her chapter’s secretary. True, Parks had attended a training prior to her arrest that fortified her for taking direct non-violent action. True, she was a part of a community organizing for civil rights, and perhaps without that preparedness, Parks’ actions would not have been the springboard for the protests and mobilizations to follow. Yet, holding her up as a hero is neither inappropriate nor misplaced.

Rosa Parks was a leader. Her action was courageous. In those times, blacks were treated as children and whites understood themselves as smarter, superior and more powerful. The words of a bus driver to a seamstress were no good as law. So on that bus and in the news reports, Rosa Parks was going to move from her seat and submit to arrest was a heroic and gutsy move. Rosa Parks was a leader. Her action was courageous. In those times, blacks were treated as children and whites understood themselves as smarter, superior and more powerful. The words of a bus driver to a seamstress were no good as law. So on that bus and in the news reports, Rosa Parks was going to move from her seat and submit to arrest was a heroic and gutsy move.

Rosa Parks was a part of a growing movement, but certainly not an automated one. To hold that within collective action, people stop thinking and acting for themselves. On the contrary, people within community organizations should be given strength of support to act individually on their anger and stand for themselves. There is no "I" in "team," but there is a pretty central one in "win." We need leaders to show us the way, guide us by example and show us what is possible. Rosa Parks suffered the daily stab of discrimination and dehumanization from Jim Crow and moaned anyone else in the movement. A black life was worth nothing to society. Rosa Parks had her own personal reasons apart from the movement not to move to the back of the bus, so we should not diminish her action as bold.

Dreamers of the next social movement say we should hold Rosa Parks up as a hero, but look at the other leaders who mobilized around her civil disobedience. The fact is that all those people are men, and even in the Civil Rights Movement, a woman’s voice was worth more than those of women like Parks. It is a shame no one remembers that all those people were men. We should uplift the life of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., but I do not think that putting them in the rank and file with any better will be of much help off if we forget Parks now that her flying witness has expired.

While we can have memorials and holidays to presidents, military leaders and unnamed, one has to have at least one to American female civil rights leader and fortune. We should take the time and space to remember the strength of African Americans during the civil rights movement — even if channeled through the life of one woman. We should uplift the life of Rosa Parks so our children and our children’s children can always remember — even if imperfectly — that she stood up for her dignity by stayed seated and changed the course of history. I feel it is in order to start — or join in a campaign to have a national holiday to Rosa Parks and even perhaps a memorial statue in Washington D.C.

Maybe money and energy could be better spent fighting for a civil rights movement in Africa. A holiday probably will not change the world. However, there will always be time for fighting injustices unfortunately do not go away easily. People of courage, like Rosa Parks, will lead us. If we do not seize this opportunity to honor her and lobby for a national and remembrance of Rosa Parks, we let the failings of the past memory and disregard for the past from our minds. For us at Notre Dame, it could be another day we have to go to class while other students get to frolic. Yet I think it is a very small thing to do.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Letter to the Editor

Comedy a useful tool

I saw the "Joker" comic where Kimberly Baker was so offended by her Nov. 1 Letter to the Editor; yes, I am a woman, and I can much do not want to be reduced to an object for the pleasure of itself organs. However, I found the "Joker" comic funny anyway. Why? Because it is any Notre Dame student who has attended a Halloween party on or off campus knows, it’s not too far from the truth. Comedy helps us to realize how ridiculous we really can be. It’s a tool to smash social and gender roles. That’s part of what makes things funny and also part of its value in society. If The Observer printed an article about how 60 percent of Notre Dame girls plan to dress as a slutty something-or-other for Halloween, it wouldn’t be nearly as striking as a comic making that fact to the extreme and pointing out just how ridiculous it is to be a slutty blender, or yes, even a slutty Helen Keller.

Similarly, Ashley Williams seemed to make her point in her Oct. 31 letter. Comedy can sometimes be one of the most effective tools to persuade people that things they don’t even think about — where they sit in the dining hall, what they dress up as for Halloween — can actually impact society in a negative way. It allows one to make a point without the potential ugliness of saying directly. “Your Halloween costume is slutty, and as such, you are cheating women.” Baker wants to berate some guy for the objectification of women and, apparently, the destruction of humanity, she should have walked around on Halloween, and personally reprimanded every girl in a French maid’s outfit — although that would make her a lot less popular than the people who just decided to have fun out candy.

Elizabet Deak
junior
Ferdy Hall
Nov. 1
Making us think

I wonder if Ashley Williams, the non-Catholic, minority-minded female who was outraged by the events surrounding her Halloween weekend (Oct. 31 Letter to the Editor), would laugh at a man falling on a banana peel. Would he be white, black, Asian or Hispanic? If we cannot control the bad things around us, the human condition forces us to laugh at them. To quote "Seventh's Travels" (a 1941 film), from a time when few people were laughing, "There's a lot to be said for making people laugh. Did you know that's all some people have? It isn't much, but it's better than nothing in this cockeyed cara-
van of a hurricane has no motivations and no targets. To impute a will on an act of God is to understand the ineffable. I'm sure the student involved had no intention of mocking the grave losses people suffered or the lives lost forever. Would you have been as upset if they had parodied the less recent Katrina or the Kathnari's earthquake? I think an earthquake would be a hard costume to achieve, myself. As regards Williams' critique of the student stand-up show, I think it's a good example of how the media can influence the opinions of others.

Quinn Eide
\author{senior}
\affiliation{Off-campus Oct. 31}

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Oh, Sweetie, Can't We Mars, Fool me? I bought you a Prostitute.

Jared Rizzi
\author{class of 2005}
\affiliation{Nov. 4}

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ordinance goes too far

Off-campus policies unfair

Are we ND?

I especially enjoy the football game cheer in which the cheerleaders direct the entire stadium to echo "We Are ND" around the bowl because it reminds me of the drive to my first home game. As we were driving down the inter-
state, I couldn't help but notice all the signs and flags hanging off of cars, vans and RVs, and written on many of them was that cheer. The cheer reflects the unity of this amazing institution, and over my past three years here, that unity has shown itself time and time again.

Since freshman year, I have been invited to New York City, the Jersey shore, Miami, San Diego, Philadelphia and Chicago, and each time I was able to stay in an ND alum or student's house, absolutely free of charge, without meeting the alum or parents of the student beforehand. I love how at home football games, there is always some tailgate of some friend to go to, and every ounce of food and drink is theirs to share. I love how when I graduate from this school, the simple fact that an ND class ring is on my finger could get me places others might better deserve. As students, we are privileged to attend Notre Dame, and it is our duty to continue that unity which has been built up over the past 100 years.

With that said, it sickens me that the unity this school thrives off of, the unity that makes Notre Dame separate from any other school, is being destroyed by the "they had it coming" and "it's not my problem" mentality found around campus after the eviction news. After reading my daily dose of Viewpoint, I became more angry by the desec-

ation response than the simple fact that we are being target-
ed by the city. I agree with upholding the law, but this ordi-

cance response is not a cost effective way to handle the issue. The simple fact that an ND student sounds, the police responded pretty non-chalantly. After the residents gave the police a description of the person that only 15 minutes earlier had negli-
ciously stopped at their door and given his name, the police acknowledged the identity of the suspicious man and told the female residents that he was harm-

less, but to call if anything else happened. I realize that there are isolated cases and that we

finally, it is important for Notre Dame to consider the current plight of the student. More and more students are going to live off-campus, not only because of the rules found in each dorm, but also because of Notre Dame's burgeoning student population. If off-campus locations are going to continue to become more stringent in regard to social activities, more and more off-campus problems will occur in the future. Notre Dame either needs more centralized off-campus housing or they need to work with South Bend to create student apartments that allow a reasonable amount of social activity. It is short-sighted and naive to think that college students are not going to drink, especially those who are 21 and living off-campus. Until this simple fact is real-

ized, no solutions can be seriously proposed.

Williams, the
case of the Legends Stage that I not only find the joke she mentions funny, but highly topical to the Notre Dame crowd. How many people have noted this self-segregation of the dining halls and won-
dered why it exists? How many people, conservative and lib-
eral alike, have wondered if it is a sign of something wrong? By parodying the things we think are wrong in life, we are making us think.
Subpar 'Saw' sequel fails to deliver scares

By VINCE LABRIOLA
Scene Critic

The obligatory sequel to one of the biggest horror sleeper hits since "The Blair Witch Project," the gory, stomach-churning "Saw II" is a cheap, macabre Halloween treat, but fails to deliver enough creativity (and, strangely enough, violence) to stand up to its rather noteworthy predecessor.

Directed by first-time director Darren Lynn Bousman, "Saw II" goes through all the requisite motions to deliver an entertaining but creatively disappointing second meeting with the maniac who gives the deaths of people (including human mutilation and depravity, the original "Saw" was filmed on a bare-bones budget and draws noteworthiness and admirable comparisons to another slasher/gore/horror masterpiece, George Romero’s "Night of the Living Dead," at least). The - more recently - "Blair Witch" sequel gets the Hollywood gloss, but the originality present in its predecessor (which includes the disgusting bathroom/torture chamber of the first film), or the deaths are left off-screen, and "Saw II" just doesn't deliver on its promise of the gore that was so shocking in the original. It's not depraved enough.

The biggest problem with the film is how the decision to concentrate on the tension between the non-corporeal Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) and the detectives is left up to the audience. The film is crippled by several huge horror-film cliches that mar the overall quality of the film. Nevertheless, "Saw II" delivers several truly nauseating moments that, by themselves, deserve recognition. In particular, the film exploits psychological fears of needles to great (and gruesome) effect — in short "Saw II" is not a film for the squeamish or faint of heart.

However, interestingly enough, the biggest problem with the film is love restrained it is with regards to the violence displayed on-screen. In a film such as this, where violence is pushed to the forefront of the experience, it is strange and anticlimactic to see that several of the deaths are left off-screen, and when a killing does take place front and center, the result is largely unimaginative, given horror-film standards. Simply put, "Saw II" just fails to deliver on its promise of the gore that was so shocking in the original. It isn't depraved enough.

Great acting carries witty, charming 'Prime'

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

Thank Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher for turning society on to the whole "older woman, younger man" thing.

In Ben Younger's "Prime," Uma Thurman plays the part of Rafi, a 37-year-old divorcee whose biological clock is ticking-ticking. Having recently left a nine-year marriage, she is more desperate than ever for the fulfillment she believes can only come from the neonatal of a baby. Justifylable as it is for one to move on with her life, Rafi falls quickly for the attention of David, the younger guy, played by hunky newcomer Brian Greenberg. David, just about as cute as can be, proves to really be just a boy, as he is nearly 14 years her junior.

Despite the age difference, the two love at first sight — kind of thing. Nonetheless, Rafi questions finding herself in love with a boy or not she is ready for romance, especially given David's age and slight immaturity. Desperate for guidance, she confides everything to her zany psychotherapist, Dr. Lisa Mertzger (played by always-outstanding Meryl Streep). Lisa's character has much in common with Rafi; she too is a little off-beat, and, like Rafi, has had some fun with life, as it is probably no more than a harmless fling.

Rafi's character soon discovers that David's new sexual-ity-invigorating companion happens to be her son. Yet aside from being her good little Jewish boy, David also happens to be a free spirited artist with his eyes wide open. His romantically rebellious streak finds him caught up in a whirlwind relationship that is both exciting and suspenseful for the viewer. Thurman provides the perfect dramatic performance, Streep adds the priceless humor. Caught between a relationship with her patient and her only son, Lisa faces a strenuously sentimental and ethical burden. The thought of her son finding love in a non-Jewish woman turns out to be the most traumatic thing that could happen in her life. Lisa is seemingly liberal in most things outside her personal life, but Streep fidgets, pouts and stammers her way through the gushy details of Rafi's sex life, she brings an amazing comedic performance to this provocative motherly turmoil.

Outside of the expected love-dovey type scenes, there is just enough comedy from other supporting characters to balance the dramatic. For instance, what would a young girl living in New York City be without her stereotypical gay friends? Rafi's closest friends, a couple of trendy homosexual guys, are more like her family, as she depends on them for advice and approval of her young lover. On David's side is probably the most hilarious character in the movie. Morris, played by Jon Abrahams, is a complete buffoon, as he gets his kicks by throwing cream pies in the faces of women who will not give him a second date.

Finally, there are David's bickering grandparents/roommates who are just so cute they can't be anything but loveable.

All in all, the plot is less predictable than it seems. The ways in which things play out are less conventional than other traditional romantic comedies — it has a little bit of an edge. Most of the actors step up to playing characters that are refreshingly life-like. For those looking for light-hearted laughter and quirky romance, or for fans of Thurman and Streep, "Prime" will likely not disappoint.

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DIRECT KICK

Notre Dame's seniors enter the Big East Tournament with one goal — to keep the season alive.

Pictured above, from left to right: John Stephens, Tony Megna, Jon Mark Thompson, Ben Crouse, Justin Michaud and Dale Rellas
up-and-down season still valuable for Irish

The Irish could never quite put this season on cruise control. There was always another roadblock in the way, another detour or bottleneck. It was never a smooth ride and the Irish could never hit its stride. This season is over, but that doesn't matter now. The regular season is over, and the Irish head into the Big East Tournament with a new appreciation of what they're playing for.

Although the regular season won't be remembered as a dominating performance... history could still be made.

Irish captain John Stephens said, "We lost some pretty strong personalities, so it's been a learning process kind of for everyone." Sawyer was a two-time all-Big East pick while Goldthwaite and Stewart were MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalists. In a way, losing the "stars" gave the players more of an equal footing on the team. "I think it's given a lot of guys kind of an ownership stake in how the team's going to do and that led to maybe some rough times but hopefully that will pay off down the line," Stephens said. "Even some of the younger guys are taking more of a leadership role than they have in the past, and it hasn't been as dominated by the top guys, by the seniors.

The season reflects a senior class forced to fill some impossible big shoes and lead their team to a not-too-flashy conference tournament with a new appreciation of what they could have accomplished. They, too, were thrust into the spotlight this season and St. John's exit lane without a fight. Notre Dame isn't getting in an exit lane with a fight for sure.

This season didn't look fancy. But it could pay dividends next year and in the future. Clark has taken the differences between last year's Irish and this year's edition in stride.

"Last year's team was a team where pretty much everybody came back," he said. "And next year's team will be a team where pretty well everybody comes back."

In 2006, this year's underclassmen will be seasoned veterans. They'll appreciate a season where they couldn't take masking the NCAA's for granted. They also learned how to play with everyone on the roster, freshman to senior, dealing with injuries and off-the-field problems.

"Everyone's had a stake in the season," Stephens said. "And hopefully it will pay off."

But the season isn't over. And although the regular season won't be remembered as a dominating performance in one of the nation's toughest conferences, history could still be made.

"They're still in a very similar position where we've been previous years and maybe they can even take it further than previous years," Clark said. "That's still in their hands... This is an opportunity for this team to take it to places this team has never been. It's still all to play for."

There might have been construction holdups along the way. But Notre Dame isn't getting in an exit lane without a fight.

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2005 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

The top six teams in each eight-team division advanced to the conference tournament.

RED DIVISION

1. South Florida (vs. winner Rutgers/West Virginia)

The Bulls captured the Red Division crown in their first year in the Big East. African American forward Jordan Seabrook leads the team with 27 points.

2. St. John's (vs. Providence/Notre Dame)

The Red Storm struggled in their past two contests, falling to Villanova 5-0 and tying Rutgers (Oct. 24). St. John's outlook is optimistic for the last four games.

3. Cincinnati (vs. Providence/Life)

Bearcats forward Kenny Anah has scored at least one goal in eight of their last 11 games. Eight Cincinnati players have scored goals this season.

4. Villanova (vs. Connecticut)

The Wildcats' Jackson is recently named Big East offensive player of the week at St. John's and Syracuse.

5. Rutgers (vs. West Virginia)

The Scarlet Knights are 2-2 in their last six games. They have scored 18 goals in the past nine contests, giving up 21-9 in the stretch.

6. Syracuse (vs. Notre Dame)

The Orange are 2-3 against nationally-ranked teams this season, but all three defeats have come by just one goal each.

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2. Seton Hall (vs. winner Providence/Cincinnati)

The Pirates beat Seton Hall 1-0 on Oct. 22. They could face the Huskies in this year's tournament finals.

3. Notre Dame (vs. Syracuse)

The Irish topped Seton Hall 4-0 in their last regular season game. They need to place well in order to earn an NCAA berth.

4. West Virginia (vs. Rutgers)

West Virginia is making its second consecutive tournament appearance. West Virginia goalie Nick Noble has given up only 15 goals in 19 games.

5. Georgetown (vs. Villanova)

The Hoyas have appeared in the conference tournament in 13 of the last 14 seasons, losing 1-0 in overtime to Seton Hall in the 2004 semifinals.

6. Providence (vs. Cincinnati)

The Friars have made the tournament more than twice. Providence played at this level on Sept. 18, with the game ending in a 1-1 tie.
Silently supportive

Notre Dame's six seniors do not boast incredible stats, but they have set examples as hardworking leaders

By KREVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Justin Michaud has had a huge impact on this year's Notre Dame men's soccer team. His impact, however, has come mostly off the field. Michaud entered the season batting senior and starting goalkeeper for the first time. Stephenson has been the team's backup goalie for three years and has made only a few appearances for the team. Stephenson was a valuable player for the team, but he has never been a regular starter. He has always contributed to the team's success, but he never gained the recognition he deserved.

This year, Justin Michaud has had a huge impact on the team. His experience and leadership have been invaluable to the team. He has been the team's number one keeper for three years, and he has never been surpassed by anyone else. Michaud's dedication and work ethic have been a shining example for the rest of the team.

The team's success is due in large part to Michaud. He has been a leader both on and off the field. His work ethic is unmatched and he never gives up, no matter what the situation. He has been a mentor to his teammates and has helped them improve both on and off the field.

Michaud's impact on the team has been significant, and his work ethic and dedication have been an inspiration to his teammates. His contributions on and off the field have been invaluable to the team's success.

By KALUZNY
Sports Writer

Irish senior forward Tony Megna pushes the ball uphill during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Louisville Sept. 23. The Irish seniors have helped Notre Dame to a 5-1-8-2 record this season, including a 2004 Big East regular-season title and a 2003 conference tournament championship.

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"It shows that working hard throughout your four years, you can go out and become what you want," Crouse said. "It shows that anyone can really just work hard and overcome some odds. It's nice to finally play and do what you love.

If the Irish succeed in the Big East Tournament this week and advance to the NCAA Tournament, it might not be because of numerous big plays from seniors on the field. However, the team advances in postseason play, though, the six members of the senior class will have played a huge role in their on-the-field contributions, in their attitude off the field and in their mentorship of their teammates.

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Stating their case

The Irish must excel this week if they plan on going to the NCAA tournament

By KATE GALES
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The Irish have some unfinished business, a little more motivation to win tonight’s 7 p.m. home game against Syracuse. If Notre Dame loses at Alumni Field tonight in the first round of the Big East tournament, their NCAA Tournament hopes will be in serious jeopardy.

“I guess it’s a new type of pressure, because we’ve always known we would make the NCAAs either way,” senior captain John Stephens said.

The Irish defeated Syracuse 1-0 on Sept. 15 in New York. They have a seven-game winning streak against the Orange, who are seeded sixth in the Big East conference’s Red Division. Notre Dame enters the contest the No. 3 seed from the Blue Division.

“If we have the same urgency that we approached Seton Hall with, we’ll be fine,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

In their final regular season game after a 3-0 loss to No. 5 Indiana, the Irish upset No. 16 Seton Hall in a lopsided 4-0 victory. Stephens called the game the highlight of the season as forward Joe Lapira tallied two goals and an assist while goalies Chris Cahill and Justin Michaud combined for the shutout.

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Stephens said the team is eager for the matchup against Syracuse.

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Stephens summed up Irish hopes as they enter the Big East tournament in one last attempt to prolong the year.

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by the numbers

Consecutive NCAA tournament appearances by Notre Dame. If the squad fails to make this year’s field, it will be the first time since Irish coach Bobby Clark was at Stanford in 1996 that he didn’t lead a team to the NCAAs.

7 Home losses this Irish senior class has suffered in the last four seasons. Notre Dame dropped three games at Alumni Field this season but was undefeated at home in 2004.

Shots on goal Irish forward Joe Lapira has recorded in 2005. This number leads the team and is 36 more than any other Notre Dame player.

2 Irish players—midfielders Ian Etherington and Greg Dalby — named to the preseason all-Big East team. Postseason honors have not yet been released.

10 Shots this season by Huskies goalie Adam Schuerman. The senior now owns the school record with 34 total in his career.


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“Now we have to start putting it together for the Big East tournament,” Clark said. “I think the big thing now is we’re pretty well aware of what this game means and we’ve got to go for it. You’ve got to take it as though it might be your last game and you’ve got to get going.”

The team finished the regular season 10-6-2, very much on the borderline of consideration for the NCAA tournament. Clark isn’t looking quite that far ahead, however.

“You’d better make sure that it’s not our last game — that’s our attitude,” he said. “I think we had a great attitude last Saturday and we’ve got to bring it back again.”

The Irish ended the season winning three of their last four games. Aside from Seton Hall, they defeated Providence and Pittsburgh on the road with one-goal margins of victory.

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MOVIE REVIEW

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

For some reason, the powers that be at Revolution Studios thought it was a good idea to drop 18 million dollars into the hands of director Rupert Wainwright, giving him free reign to a 21st century remake of "The Fog." Before the script was even written, "The Fog," a remake of horror kingpin John Carpenter's 1980 version, is a failure on multiple fronts, not the least of which is its paper-thin excuse for a plot.

One hundred years following the mysterious, under-haunted founding of Antonia Bay, a sleepy, isolated coastal town, vengeful spirits return to wreak havoc on the descendants of the town's first settlers. Inhabiting a supernatural, miasmic fog, these spirits plague the characters at inopportune moments throughout the film.

If the plot sounds hokey, it is. There are countless, classic horror films that arise from similarly thin plots. But the reasons they succeed - and linger around Halloween season - are the genuine thrills, scares and heart-pounding, nail-biting scares that keep the audience into the action. While "The Fog" attempts to play off the genre's rich traditions, it fails on all three of these fronts. The film's apparitions come across more as mild annoyances than palpable threats, easily avoided and lacking any real peril.

The cast of "The Fog," a motley collection of Hollywood's rising young stars, put on a brave face and try their best with the film's lean material. But they don't have nearly the colossal amount of charisma needed to right this sinking ship. Tom Welling and Muggio Grace, who play ill-fated lovers Nick Castle and Elizabeth Williams, have amassed plenty of experience from starring roles in two popular television dramas, "Smallville" and "Lost" respectively. But their characters are so two-dimensional, it's hard to empathize with their woeful predicament. In fact, one of every three lines Welling spouts off seems to be, "Come on. We need to keep moving." As he herds the survivors of the fog from one town locale to the next, this doesn't exactly qualify as riveting entertainment.

Selma Blair's ("Hellboy") character, Stevie Wayne, is thrown into the mix as part of a love triangle. But the lack of any real passion, or even empathy, between the characters dashes another of the film's attempts to rise above its cookie-cutter nature. And does it even qualify as a real love triangle if Blair and Grace's characters exchange hardly a dozen words?

DVD REVIEW

By MARK BEMENDERER
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John Carpenter was the master of 80s horror. Examples of his dominance are films like "Prince of Darkness" and "The Thing," both masterpieces in their respective genres within the horror industry. But these horror movies were simply additions to an already strong base in horror. His follow-up film in the genre, "Halloween," launched a successful series and established Carpenter's throne in the genre. His follow-up film, "The Fog," cemented his role as a horror maestro.

Reprising his second collaboration with the still young Jamie Lee Curtis, "The Fog" was a suspenseful tale of revenge from beyond the grave. In the film, a northern California fishing town is visited by a particularly thick, unsettling fog. As the plot unfolds, however, it becomes clear that the fog is hiding malevolent beings, ghosts from a leper colony the town was built upon over 100 years ago. They were wronged many years ago, and every hundred years they return to take their revenge.

Much of the fright the movie contains is drawn out suspense. Carpenter uses music and shot composition expertly to create a terrifying, ominous atmosphere.

The prevalence of the aforementioned fog also creates a sense of claustrophobia for the audience, so it can never be sure what is hidden just out of view. The audience will find itself asking, "Was that a shadow, or was that a ghost?"

The ghosts in the movie aren't the standard Hollywood vasl edition either. These ghosts can be particularly gruesome, as they are more akin to zombies that actual ghosts. Instead of the glowing apparitions that are expected from Hollywood ghosts, the audience receives dripping, leprosy-moving corpses.

Location helps the atmosphere. All of the settings have an ominous feel to them, even without being covered in fog. The fog-drenched old church, the lighthouse and the coastline itself all lend to a creepy, unsettling atmosphere. They are so effective, they should almost be considered rich characters within the film unto themselves.

All of the principal actors within the film do a commendable job of conveying the situation. Jamie Lee Curtis, Janet Leigh and John Houseman, all perform convincingly, a trail that can often be lacking in horror films. It's also interesting to watch the play between Curtis and Leigh act on the same screen, being mother and daughter. Hal Holbrook does a particularly well-done job in his performance in his role as the frightened priest Father Malone. He realizes too late what is happening to his town, and becomes the proverbial captain of the sinking ship. Carpenter would go on to create a similar role to Father Malone in the "Prince of Darkness." Of course, by modern standards the movie hasn't stood well the test of time. The dated dialogue may be enough to turn some people off, as well as the now cliché special effects and scare techniques. What was once considered shocking has become diluted over the years through repetition, dulking much of the movie's impact.

However, newcomers to the realm of horror will find plenty to like within the film. The blood is non-existent, something that many people appreciate when watching a movie. The scares are also not too cheap, as they are mostly drawn out through suspense.

Horror film buffs would also do well to watch "The Fog," as it has played an obvious influence on modern horror. It was such an influential movie in its time that over twenty years later, a remake was created. But there's simply no beating the original when it comes to scares.

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THE FOG Special Edition

MGM Home Video

The Fog

Director: Rupert Wainwright
Writer: Cooper Layne
Starring: Tom Welling, Maggie Grace, Selma Blair and Ray Davis

Probably not.

While Wainwright and the rest of his crew cranked up their artificial fog machine throughout the film's rural scenes, the novelty of the following effect quickly wears out its welcome. In fact, it seems like the film's budget was geared more towards creating computer-generated fog banks than any other chilling set pieces. None of the hazards pose much of a challenge for the film's intrepid heroes as they run disjointedly from one fright to the next, unfortunately dragging the audience along for the ride.

So far, "The Fog" has taken in over $25 million in its theatrical tour of mediocrity. And it's likely that semi-strong DVD sales will help drop a tidy sum of money into the pockets of the film's financiers, which is the real travesty of "The Fog." Its success will probably fuel the vicious cycle of Hollywood studios dropping money into unnecessary films. Even before a script is written.

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LEGENDS EVENT

Coen Brothers’ ‘Fargo’ will show at Legends

By CHRIS MCGRADDY
Assistant Scene Editor

The human condition is often depict­ed in modern society as tragic and pettiness is a masterful portrayal of these very conditions.

The film, released in 1996, is skillfully written by Joel and Ethan Coen, who are known in Hollywood as simply "the Coen Brothers." 'Fargo' is considered by many to be the Coen Brothers' best work.

The film is a poignant example of American cinema at its best, combining facets of suspense, drama and a keen insight into human nature to provide a vividly engrossing visual and intel­lectual stimulation.

Perhaps the opening scene of the movie offers the most insight into the dark direction of the film. The opening strains of the film's score, composed by Carter Burtwell, first provide the viewer with a feeling of the frigid loneliness of the far north reaches of United States.

However, this feeling is sharply con­trasted with the stunning visual images of the frozen tundra of North Dakota. As the music progresses, the rural feel gives way to a hauntingly chilling ambiance, foreshadowing the dark elements to come.

"Fargo" stars William H. Macy as an older female audience, lacks most of the elements which made that show so appealing.

Related" follows the lives of four "closer than close" sisters who depend on each other in just about every aspect of their daily lives. The Sorelli Sisters are a little mixed up, as each one battles with some sort of distinguishing strain of the frozen tundra of North Dakota.

But, the show's creator, Liz Tuccillo, was a writer for female favorite "The WB's attempt to capture the competitive Monday-night spot. The show aspires to be a family-friendly "Sex and the City," so how does a show with such a highly regarded staff fall into a pit of immense disappointment?

The set-up has the potential for an exhilarating female audience, but how­ever is writing the script will have to implement a bit more creativi­ty.

There are more to life than a little money, you know," Gunderson offers her positively-minded insight into the desperate mind of the desperate man's mind as she speaks to one of the kidnappers.

The cold climate depicted throughout "Fargo" is compared effect­ively with the cold feelings that perme­ate several of the main characters' hearts. These subtle nuances are the aspects that elevate "Fargo" from being a good film into being a great film.

"Fargo" will be showing this Thursday at midnight as part of Legend's "Breath and View."
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Detroit continues its early-season success, down Chicago 4-1

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Shawn Bates scored with 28.2 seconds left in overtime and the New York Islanders recovered from two straight losses to beat the Boston Bruins Tuesday night.

The Islanders outscored the Bruins 4-1 in the second period of an 8-0 victory of the third straight game.

Jason Williams had a goal and an assist as the Islanders (13-2-3-1) posted their fourth straight win.

Bates, a Massachusetts native, took a breakout pass from Jason Blake in front of defenceman Jiri Vennin and beat New York goalie Hannu Toivonen. His quick shot got through for his second goal of the season.

Joe Thornton tied it for Boston with 1:01 left in the third period, but the Islanders returned to their winning ways in the second period after a 5-1 loss to the Red Wings last week.

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Detroit's first goal enabled the Bruins to earn a point for the sixth straight game.

Boston goalie Tim Thomas earned his 14th win of the season through a 4-3 loss in the third period by beating Toivonen with a 50-foot wrist shot.

Shaping in for regular New York goalies Rick DiPietro (bruised knee), made 29 saves in his second game as a starter. Toivonen stopped 19 shots in his third start in place of Andrew Raycroft, out with an injured hamstring.

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## Drug Testing

WASHINGTON — Aiming to spur baseball and other sports to adopt tougher steroids policies, Sens. Jim Bunning and John McCain are reintroducing legislation that would standardize drug testing and penalties for professional leagues.

The new bill combines two already proposed separately by Bunning, a Kentucky Republican who was elected to baseball’s Hall of Fame in 1996, and McCain, an Arizona Republican. Running a former major league pitcher, said the new legislation would be introduced Tuesday or Wednesday.

“We have heard a lot of talk from professional sports leagues that they would do something to clean up this mess, but so far it has been just that, a lot of talk,” Bunning said Tuesday during a conference call with reporters. “Hopefully Congress’ action will light a fire under their feet to come to an agreement before we do it for them.”

Like the earlier bills from Bunning and McCain, this one is based on the Olympic model, calling for a two-year suspension for an athlete who fails a steroids test for the first time and a lifetime ban for a second offense. Athletes would be tested at least five times a year, three during the season and two in the offseason. The proposal has a provision urging leagues to erase records achieved with the help of performance-enhancing drugs.

Three House bills with similar testing minimums and punishments have been proposed, including one sponsored by Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican who chairs the Government Reform Committee. That panel heard the March 17 hearing with Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire and baseball officials.

“If pro sports leagues don’t get a handle on this problem on their own, members of Congress will be more than willing to do it for them,” Davis spokesman Dave Martin wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. “No matter which bill ultimately moves forward, one thing is certain: In the absence of self-initiated progress, legislation becomes a matter of when, not if.”

## New steroids legislation in the works

Associated Press

## In Brief

**Big Ben questionable for Sunday’s game vs Packers**

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger’s right knee injury apparently isn’t serious, but Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher isn’t ready to say if his quarterback will be ready to play Sunday in Green Bay.

Roethlisberger underwent an MRI exam Tuesday, about 12 hours after the Steelers’ 20-19 victory over Baltimore, and was given a preliminary diagnosis of a strained posterior capsule. The injury affects the range of motion of the knee and can be very painful.

“All indications are fine, and we’ll get a further update as the week goes on,” Cowher said Tuesday. “There’s nothing serious coming out of the game as we speak. Hopefully it’s something he can continue to work through, and we’ll rest him when we can and see where he is at the end of the week.”

The Steelers have a short week of practice before their first trip to

Green Bay (1-6) in 10 years, but it is unlikely Roethlisberger will attempt to practice Wednesday.

**American League Gold Gloves announced**

NEW YORK — Seattle outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, Minnesota outfielder Torii Hunter and Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez were the fifth straight Gold Gloves on Tuesday.

Boston catcher Jason Varitek, Texas first baseman Mark Teixeira and Toronto second baseman Orlando Hudson were first-time winners, while New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and Toronto outfielder Vernon Wells won for the second straight season.

Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers won for the fourth time overall and second in a row.

“Defense usually doesn’t make many headlines, but it goes a long way towards winning baseball games,” Jeter said in a statement. “There are a number of ways to make an impact during the course of a game, and playing solid, sound defense is one of them.”

**Georgia QB practices ahead of schedule**

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia quarterback D.J. Shockley was back in practice Tuesday — though only on a limited basis — just three days after a sprained knee kept him out of a loss to Florida.

Shockley, wearing a green non-contact jersey and a brace on his left knee, did not participate in the scrimmage portion of the practice.

The senior reported no soreness after working in other drills.

“He looked pretty good. He’s a natural born leader and he was leading out there,” said backup quarterback Joe Tressel, who filled in as the starter in Saturday’s 14-10 loss to the Gators.

Tressel said he still took most of the snaps with the first-team offense Tuesday, but Shockley is expected to start in No. 11 Georgia’s next game against No. 17 Auburn on Nov. 12.
Cincinnati registered to time lead before holding off the previously told The Associated Press. "We know they're a real good team. That was my first game where I thought, 'Wow, what a good hire here.'" USC (8-0, 5-0) is favored by a whopping 23 points over the Cardinal (4-3, 3-2), who are coming off a 30-27 overtime loss to No. 7 UCLA in a game they led 24-3 with 8 1/2 minutes remaining.

"They really controlled the football game throughout," Carroll said. "Within a dozen plays, the game absolutely flipped. There were a number of ways they could have gotten it done. On the other side, UCLA was really executing in the fourth quarter." Carroll said that knowing Stanford coach Walt Harris, he expects the Cardinal to respond in a positive way to the tough loss.

"It's been coaching too long to let his team not respond," Carroll said. Carroll and Harris have a long personal history. Carroll was the first player Harris signed to a letter of intent while a young assistant coach at the University of Pacific, where Carroll played a safety in the early 1970s. "He's done a great job, and on a personal note, I'm very excited about all the things he's accomplished," Harris said. "He's a great guy and a great coach."
Milwaukee edges Philadelphia 117-108 in OT

New Orleans thumps visiting Sacramento

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Redd thought for sure his tying 3-pointer would clank off the back of the rim.

Instead, the ball went through, capped a comeback comeback and propelled Milwaukee to a fantasia finish in the season.

Redd hit the game-tying 3-pointer in regulation and scored 30 points to lead the Bucks to an overtime win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night in the season opener.

"That's a shot that all NBA players love to have, that last second shot," Redd said.

And the Bucks loved that he took it. Redd's 5-pointer with 1.6 seconds left tied the game at 102-102, brought the Bucks back from seven points down with three minutes left and helped make Terry Stotts a winner in his Milwaukee coaching debut.

"For a young team, a team that's coming together, to get the first one on the road is a good sign," Stotts said.

T.J. Ford scored 16 points, 14 assists, and nine rebounds in his first game after cervical spine surgery cost him all of last season. Andrew Bogut, the NBA's No. 1 draft pick who was college player of the year at Utah last season, started for the Bucks and added 13 points and nine rebounds.

Allen Iverson scored 35 points and had nine assists, and Chris Webber added 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for the Sixers.

The loss spoiled the return of Maurice Cheeks in his Philadelphia coaching debut. One of the most popular players in franchise history, Cheeks returned a retired No. 10 jersey and a Magic Johnson championship banner hanging in the rafters.

Now, he has his first loss as a coach.

"All the emotion is gone now," Cheeks said. "This was not the way I wanted the season to start.

The Bucks totally took over in overtime, scoring all but six points. Redd hit a pair of jumpers and Bogut was a force inside, converting a three-point play for a 113-104 lead.

Stotts placed modest expectations on Bogut.

"He doesn't have to be our offensive force," Stotts said. "We don't need him to feel like he has to score every time he touches the ball.

New Orleans 93
Sacramento 91

OKLAHOMA CITY — They're still officially the team from New Orleans, but judging by the roaring capacity crowd and the startling success of their franchise in the city, the first of 35 Hornets home games in Oklahoma City.

The celebration began with a street party outside the Ford Center for pre-game introductions, and fans didn't sit down until Brown scored inside for the Hornets' first basket.

The late-starting Hornets! — The San Antonio Spurs celebrated last season's success and started their title defense.

Tony Parker scored 14 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and newcomer Michael Finley added 11 points in the period for the Spurs, who defeated Denver in the opening game for both teams Tuesday night.

Before the game, San Antonio unveiled its third championship banner in the rafters of the SBC Center and NBA commissioner David Stern was on hand for the team's returning players to receive their diamond-studded title rings.

San Antonio trailed most of the second half until Finley hit a 19-footer to put the Spurs up 79-78 with about nine minutes remaining in the game.

Finley, who finished with 16 points, then added another jumper followed by a 3-pointer.

The Spurs went 13-4 for-16 from the field in the fourth quarter.


The Nuggets, who were elimi­nated in five games by the Spurs last spring in the first round of the playoffs, were without head coach George Karl.

He is serving a two-game sus­pension for making improper contact with a prospect over the summer. Assistant coach Scott Brooks took Karl's place on the Denver bench.

And for most of the game, they were also without key reserve Nene, who limped to the first quar­ter with a leg injury.

Duncan, who scored eight straight points midway through the first period, stole the ball from Nene under the Nuggets' basket and then made a layup at the other end to give San Antonio its first lead at 20-19.

Nene hobbled off the floor at that point to see what the team described as a strained right anterior cruciate ligament. He did not return.

Dallas 111, Phoenix 108, 2OT

PHOENIX — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks erased a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Phoenix Suns in double-overtime.

The late-starting season-opener Tuesday night ended just after midnight, local time.

Nowitzki sank a pair of long jumpers and Keith Van Horn made a 3-pointer in the second overtime. After Van Horn made one of two free throws with 23.7 seconds to play, Steve Nash missed what would have been a game-tying 3-pointer at the final buzzer.

Nowitzki had 28 points and 15 rebounds and Jason Terry added 23 points for Dallas, including the game-tying layup at the end of the first overtime. Josh Howard added 16 points and 11 rebounds. Van Horn scored 15 and Marquis Daniels 13.

Nash scored 30, the same he averaged against his former Dallas team in last season's Western Conference semifinals.

He added nine assists and eight rebounds, but had six turnovers. Rajon Rondo had 18 points in his first game for the Suns. Shawn Marion had 13 points and 16 rebounds, but was just 4-for-12 shooting overall.

Dallas trailed 83-66 with 7 1/2 minutes to play in regulation and 101-96 with 36 seconds left in the first overtime.

Nowitzki sank three 3-pointers in a row in overtime, built a 20-point lead that forced overtime, then Marquis Daniels sank a 3-pointer with 29 seconds to go in the first over­time, setting up Jason Terry's layup at the buzzer that tied it at 101-101 to force the second OT.
Penalties on the line area of focus for Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wasn’t all smiles in the bye week following a 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22.

Notre Dame coaches spent chunks of practice time last week addressing the amount of penalties along the offensive and defensive lines of scrimmage.

“One of the things I was disappointed in [was] we had some line of scrimmage penalties in previous games, and in practice we continued to have some line of scrimmage penalties,” Weis said.

The Irish committed six line of scrimmage penalties against BYU on Oct. 22 — three false starts, two offsides penalties, one illegal procedure.

Weis said he and his coaches intentionally changed snap counts to test the discipline and patience of the linemen during the bye week. And what happened when somebody jumped? “They were penalized appropriately,” Weis said.

Coaches also spent the team’s second bye week of the season doing much of what was expected — resting injured players, bringing along backups and recapitulating.

Vols “Q” no different

With the resignation of Tennessee offensive coordinator Randy Sanders, the Volunteers will begin to split play-calling duties between multiple coaches Saturday.

But Weis clarified Tuesday that Tennessee’s changing of the guard on offense does not mean it will be gussying from a completely different playbook.

“There will be no difference ... who’s calling the plays,” he said. “It’s just like if I turn the play calling over to somebody else, it would be the same list of plays. It’s just ... the order in which you call them.

“It’s not going to change. Game planning is game planning. It’s just how you call the plays on game day, that’s all. We won’t know that ‘til after we have played a game.”

Full house

Pep rallies for the remaining three Irish home games will require tickets for non-Notre Dame student fans who wish to attend, the Notre Dame athletic office announced Tuesday.

For Friday night pep rallies that preceed games against Tennessee (Saturday), Navy (Nov. 11) and Syracuse (Nov. 18), members of the public will be required to wait in line at 3 p.m. on the day of the rally to pick up tickets at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center.

There will be a limit of two tickets per person, and the tickets will be free. The athletic office said ticket lines will not be permitted prior to 2 p.m.

Notre Dame students do not need tickets to attend and can enter the Joyce Center beginning at 5:15 p.m. at Gate 11 each Friday. Dears are open to members of the general public who have tickets at 5:45 p.m.

The athletic office cited “demand from Notre Dame students and University needs” as reasoning for the decision, which becomes the next in a series of attempts to address or accommodate fanfare surrounding the 2005 Irish.

Thousands of fans were turned away from the Joyce Center for the season’s first, and the University reacted by moving the Southern California pep rally to the Stadium for the night of Oct. 14.

Weis’ biggest test yet

A reporter asked Weis Tuesday if it’s true the coach scored a 1600 on his SAT.

“That’s a misnomer,” Weis said. “Let’s look at it this way. If I said ‘yes,’ I’m either smart or a liar, okay? If I said ‘no,’ what do I gain from saying that? Let’s leave it ambiguous.”

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NFL

Billick concedes division

Despite Ravens’ slow start, coach still eyes wild card opportunity

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens put forth a marvelous performance against the Pittsburgh Steelers, backing a fine effort by a depleted defense with a attack that scored more points than in any game this season.

And still the Ravens lost.

“Now what?”

Coach Brian Billick conceded Tuesday that Baltimore (2-5) has virtually no chance to win the AFC North, but expressed hope his team could derive enough positives from Monday night’s 20-19 defeat to mount a charge at a wildcard berth.

“We’re going to have to get on a heck of a run. We’re cognizant of that,” Billick said. “But until somebody tells us that mathematically isn’t going to happen, that’s the book you have to hold on to. That’s where you generate your enthusiasm. Why give up on that hope?”

If the Ravens played earlier this season as they did against Pittsburgh, then reaching the playoffs wouldn’t be nearly as imposing a task. Operating without injured starters Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and Anthony Weaver, the Baltimore defense forced two turnovers and held the Steelers to 241 yards.

The offensive was efficient, too. The Ravens were averaging an NFL-worst 11.5 points per game before breaking loose for five scoring drives, 20 first downs and 25 pass completions. Although Baltimore could have used another touchdown or two instead of getting four field goals from Matt Stover, Dave Zastudil still earned only twice.

“There are some things we can definitely build on,” Billick said. “We matched our passion and intensity with a certain level of execution that maybe we haven’t put together compared to the other games we lost.”

The Ravens didn’t expect to lose to Tennessee, Detroit and Chicago, but they did. That’s why they were a heavy underdog against a Pittsburgh team seeking its 11th straight home victory Monday night.

The Steelers extended their streak with a late field goal, but the Ravens had nothing to be embarrassed about.

“It was painful last night, but there was a sense of accomplishment to the degree that they stepped up to the challenge,” Billick said. “You don’t give that a lot of credit in pro football because at the end of the day it doesn’t add up to much. But I think they felt good about themselves — within that context. And they should.”

In other words, a moral victory doesn’t mean a thing in the standings, but could go a long way toward fueling the Ravens with the confidence they need for the rest of the season, beginning with Sunday’s home game against the division-leading Cincinnati Bengals (6-2).

Billick gave the players Tuesday and Wednesday off, hoping a 48-hour break will enable them to regroup emotionally and physically from Monday’s disappointing loss. If the Ravens are to win, they can’t afford any drop-off in the hunger they took with them to Tennessee.

“That’s why they have the extra time. We have a big game coming back here at home against a division rival. There’s a challenge there,” Billick said.

“Hopefully, we can hold onto (the emotion) and not be worn out from the week before, nor wear ourselves out this week, because we’re going to have to have the same level of passion and intensity for Cincinnati.”

The Ravens may have a few more players, too. Billick said there’s a chance that Weaver (torn), receiver Mark Clayton (knee) and fullback Ovie Mughelli (ankle) could return Sunday.

But Lewis (thigh) is out for at least two more weeks, and Reed (knee) and quarterback Kyle Boller (too) almost certainly won’t play.

“An extra week of practice here, Anthony Wright this week, because he felt soreness in his right hip today, playoffs worth of practice and is not yet ready to run the ball,” Billick said.

The “time frame we were hoping for just isn’t happening right now,”’ Billick said.

Wright went 25-for-44 for 252 yards against the Steelers. But it’s far from over for Billick in the first game of the season, he has thrown for six touchdowns and been intercepted nine times.

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"We played well as a team," she said. "We were vocal and unified ... It would have been easy for us to use the adversity as an excuse, but the team didn't. They gave everything they had."

The loss was Saint Mary's third to Alma this season, all in three games.

The Belles knew from previous meetings that they would have to combat a powerful Alma offense with solid, scrappy defense, and they did just that. Anne Conack, the MIAA leader in digs per game, recorded 22 digs Tuesday. Karla Helfman also added 15 digs to solidify the defense.

Schroeder-Biek was thrilled to see her team's intensity at its highest level of the season.

"That's the most everyone on the court has competed all season," she said. "Earlier it was four or five players that brought intensity and really played to win. Tonight, everyone gave everything they had, they fed off each other and played the best they've played all season."

The Belles finished the season with an 11-19 record, 5-12 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's nearly doubled its win total of six from last season and finished tied for fifth in the conference, two places higher than last season.

Entering the season, Schroeder-Biek set a goal for her team to host an MIAA play-off game by finishing fourth or higher. The Belles fell one place short.

Schroeder-Biek deemed the season a success, especially considering Saint Mary's did not have any setting experience on its roster entering the year.

"We were definitely down in the setter position coming in, but we had so much talent we thought we could host MIAA," she said. "Even though we did feel one place short, I'm proud of how we finished up. We need to carry this momentum into next season."
Thomson was low post. Saint speed,” freshmen. engineered the able to tap the left foot, a goal Mackenzie described as “off-speed,” to pad the Saint Mary’s advantage. “They suddenly stepped it up,” Mackenzie said of her two freshmen. “It was really a great overall team effort.” The Belles suffered some first-half woes after missing several golden opportunities. Lauren Hinton skied a ball high over the Kalamaazoo net, and sophomore forward Cat MacMillan pushed a shot wide, but the Belles were confident they would eventually get it together. “We created really good chances for ourselves, but we couldn’t finish early in the game,” Mackenzie said. “We really controlled 85 percent of the game.” Seniors Shannon Culbertson, Carrie Orr and Maura Schoen played solid in the back and at midfield to end their collegiate careers on top with a win. Ashley Hinton contributed on the defensive side of the ball as well to keep the Hornets from mounting a strong offensive threat and was helped out by strong play from goaltender Laura Heline and defender Justine Higgins. The win gives the Belles 31 points in MIAA play, well out of reach of the fourth-place Hornets, who trail by seven points with only one game left to play. “It’s a great step for our program to take that next step up,” Mackenzie said. “We’ve been hanging around the middle of the pack for awhile. I hope it gives our women the motivation to work harder in the off season, and hopefully it will make our program more attractive to some players coming in.” The Belles are already looking to improve on their fortunes for the 2006 campaign and someday hope to challenge for the coveted MIAA title. “We have a pretty big task in hand in replacing our seniors, who have been rock solid in the back all year,” Mackenzie said. “We’ll have to build for what players are returning and what players I’m trying to bring in for next year. As a coaching staff, this is our second year, and I think the continuity that the staff can bring to the program will help us out next year as well.” Contact Kyle Cassity at kcassity@nd.edu

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The Indianapolis spur was led by the first shooting of junior point guard Mandy Geryak. Geryak scored 14 in the first half and would lead with 23 points and five assists. Her layup with 9:54 remaining gave the Greyhounds their first lead of the game at 24-22. “I think she was really the player of the game was (Geryak),” McGrady said. “I thought she played really well.” Notre Dame bounced back, though, and began to pull away from Indianapolis with a 22-7 run to close out the first half. Sophomore guard Amanda Tsipis entered the game with less than three minutes remaining in the period and provided an immediate boost for the Irish. Tsipis had two points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal in the four minutes before intermission to help Notre Dame regain control of the game. McGrady was thrilled with what she saw out of the reserve guard, who finished the game with four points and three rebounds. “She was a great spark,” McGrady said of Tsipis. “She’s really worked on her shot all summer. And that’s one thing that she feels that is a good role for her, because we don’t have a lot of three-point shooters on the team.” I was really pleased with the way she came off the bench.” The first half ended when Duffy found Courtney LaVere inside, and the senior forward hit a turnaround in the paint as time expired. Notre Dame took a 41-30 lead into the locker room. In the second half, Indianapolis was unable to make up any ground. Freshman Chandra Smith scored six points for the Irish in the second period, while sophomore guard Charil Allen — slowed by a recovering knee — added seven points of her own after the break. Despite the victory, McGrady came away from the game concerned about certain aspects of the team’s play. “We don’t rebound, and we need to be better defensively,” McGrady said. “We’ve got to really address that. We don’t have anyone on the team we can really count on to rebound.” Notre Dame will look to improve in these areas in its next exhibition game against Ferris State on Nov. 10 at the Joyce Center.

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"I think no one wants to turn the ball over going into the end zone two weeks in a row. I mean, we’d just almost a fluke. There’s a difference between that and being inconsistent. We’ve been inconsistent, it’s different than when you lose on one critical play."

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**ACROSS**
1. Ump's call, in some
2. Like some committees
10. White-bearded type
14. Rectangular cereal
15. Papal topper
16. Run perfectly
17. Eastern nurse
18. Overthrow, say
19. Prelude to a solution
20. Marinated dish
22. Gamays
26. Eleanor's follower as first lady
26. Sing-along, of sorts
27. Group in power
29. Azaja's relative
30. Banded stone
31. "Yikes!"
32. TV's Arthur
36. Compound with a hydroxyl group
37. It's typically thrown eight feet
38. Like a Playboy Playmate
39. Scram
41. "Manga" (1940's?).
42. They form bonds
44. Unjust accusation
45. Flower-arranging art
48. Shia, e.g.
49. Some back-and-forth, briefly
50. Variety of peas
54. Stadium section
55. Baker of song
57. Cooper (popular car)
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**DOWN**
1. "Scream"
2. Signed words
3. Cold feet, so to speak
4. Prime bit of trail evidence
5. Drill directive
6. Diggers
7. Must (boy)
8. Y. Plata (Montana's mayor)
9. Space in Indian cuisine
10. Column
11. Part of a TV for Best Foreign Language Film
12. Rosetta stone language
13. DemagNetize, maybe
14. Eden's land
15. Painstirring preposition
26. "Funny Girl" director Garson
28. Big Indian
29. "Omgosh!"
30. Be slack-jawed
31. Tobacco units
32. TV's Arthur
33. A Golden Globe brandy
34. Part (Montana's state)
35. European erupter
36. Stretch out
37. Source of some brandy
38. Year
39. Best qualified
40. Eastern "way"
41. Turned into
42. Pulled around
43. P.D.Q.
44. All fired up
45. Too full
46. Gun holder
47. Shortest iron, in golf
48. James
49. Like olives or peanuts
50. Nat. Adoption
51. Plains Indian
52. 3003 Afghanistan
53. Ten that won a Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language Film
54. Uncle Remus life
55. European erupter
56. P.D.Q.

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**Crossword Tips**
- Crossword puzzles are a fun way to challenge your mind and improve your vocabulary and problem-solving skills.
- Remember to use all of the clues provided to help you solve the puzzle.
- Keep a dictionary or a thesaurus close by to help you find the right words.

**Horoscope**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** LaToya Robinson, 24; Audrean Gary, 51; Jenny McCarthy, 35; Kyle Lovern, 48.

**Happy Birthday!** You may face some obstacles, but don't use them as an excuse to stay down or dwell on any project you have slated for completion this year. Stay on top of whatever it is that you want to accomplish, and don't be afraid to delegate your tasks. You have to be the leader. Your numbers are 3, 5, 10, 13, 16, 23.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your financial situation will change notably, so keep a close eye on what's happening with any money venture that you may be involved with. Your goals can be reached today if you state exactly what you want.***

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Do not find yourself in a difficult situation if you stay control today. Anger will not help matters. It's better to communicate and work with others instead of going against the grain.***

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You can expect everything to spin out of control. Changes regarding a money matter will not pass out. Realize someone you are close to that you will follow through with your promise.***

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You have everything you need, and it is up to you to realize it or not. Stop being so paranoid and start enjoying the trials of your labor. A new opportunity is on the horizon, and if you respond quickly, you will profit.***

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Go out at least for today of the trials and tribulations that are building you down. You will only waste your time if you try to sort these matters out, as nothing can be resolved professionally, but personally you can.***

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out of the house and away from the pressure being pushed your way. Spend time with people who think the same way you do. The more you clean up your future plans, the bigger your chance to form a plan.***

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Money will be on your mind, and if that means you have to take a short trip to go for fun, then go for it. You will get away.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will gain the attention of someone who knows the ins and outs of what you are trying to accomplish. A chance to make your move is available. A conservative approach will get you the support you need.***

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to what you know. If you try to fake your way through something, you will end up being talked about behind your back. A change in your personal life may have you feeling insecure.***

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The more you do for others, the more you will get in return. A change in your personal life may leave you feeling insecure.***

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't do so much for others that it causes you to lose sight of your own responsibilities. A problem can develop if you don't know when to stop. Don't waste too much waiting for others.***

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Just when you think you are ahead of the game, someone will hurl a punch at you. Keep everyone guessing and you stand a much better chance in the end. No promises made will follow back. A change in your personal life may leave you feeling insecure.***

**Jumbles**

UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOUR JUMBLES:

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**Updated Crossword Details**

- The Observer offers various sections such as horoscopes, jumbles, and crosswords to cater to different audience needs.
- The Observer provides puzzles and brain teasers for readers to engage with, promoting mental agility.
- The publication encourages community participation by offering crossword tips and encourages readers to submit their solutions.

**Jumbles:**

- The Jumbles section offers a challenge to readers to unscramble the given words, requiring them to think creatively and strategically.
- It serves as an engaging activity for readers, challenging their linguistic and problem-solving abilities.

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**The Observer:**

- The Observer is known for its comprehensive coverage of local and national news, offering readers a diverse range of content.
- It emphasizes community engagement by featuring various sections like jumbles, horoscopes, and crosswords, encouraging readers to stay informed and entertained.

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**Horoscope:**

- The horoscope section provides personal horoscopes for each zodiac sign, offering readers insights into their day-to-day life.
- It highlights key characteristics and offers advice based on astrological predictions, providing a sense of guidance and synchronicity with the stars.

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**Conclusion:**

- The Observer is a valuable resource for readers, providing a mix of news, puzzles, and horoscopes, catering to a wide audience.
- It demonstrates the publication's commitment to engaging with readers through interactive and informative content, fostering a community connection.

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**The Observer:**

- Provides a comprehensive news service for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community, including a crossword puzzle and horoscope section.
- Encourages community engagement and personal growth through various activities and content.
**THE OBSERVER**

**Saturday, November 2, 2005**

**SPORTS**

**ND Women's Basketball**

**Gone Greyhounds**

Irish cruise in first exhibition game as Duffy leads with 18

By KEVIN BRENNAN

Sports Writer

Despite some early first-half struggles, the Notre Dame women's basketball team started the preseason off on the right foot Tuesday with an 84-59 exhibition win over the University of Indianapolis at the Joyce Center.

Senior captain Megan Duffy led the way for the Irish, scoring 18 points and dishing out seven assists while turning the ball over just once in 32 minutes. Duffy connected on four of her eight attempts from three-point range in the game.

Center Melissa D'Amico added 16 points and seven rebounds for Notre Dame, while freshman guard Lindsay Schrader record 12 points and seven rebounds in her collegiate debut.

The Irish started the game off strong, jumping out to a 13-3 advantage. Five minutes into the game, though, Indianapolis switched from man-to-man to a zone defense. Notre Dame struggled to score and the Greyhounds capitalized, going on a 21-7 run.

"We were unprepared for the zone," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "That was our biggest problem. They played all man-to-man last year."

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ND Women's Basketball

**SMC Volleyball**

Alba sweeps team in MIAA quarterfinals

**Football**

Volunteers are setting no 'trap' for the Irish

Weis vows team will not take troubled Tennessee lightly this weekend

By PAT LEONARD

Sports Writer

The "trap" is to assume a 3-4 team is not as competitive as a 5-2 team. The "trap" is to expect a Notre Dame victory as automatic Saturday.

But Notre Dame coach Charlie Weiss made himself clear at his Tuesday press conference—there's no such thing as a "trap" against Tennessee.

"This is the scariest 3-4 team that you're ever going to go against, because they're capable of beating everybody every week," Weiss said. "And they know it. Our guys know it, too."

Tennessee's defense has given up only three passing touchdowns in seven games. Their four losses have come against teams with a combined record of 26-6, and that includes a loss to undefeated Alabama (8-0), who scored just six points on the Volunteers in a 6-3 decision.

"I know it's going to be a tough challenge, especially from the game we had with them last year it was down to the wire," Notre Dame running back Darius Walker said. "So it's probably going to be another one of those kinds of games."

Notre Dame beat Tennessee, 17-13, last season. Weiss said his plan this week is to hammer home to his players that the Volunteers have the talent, size and will to beat any team in the country. And how will his team react?

"All you have to do is watch the tape," Weiss said.

That game tape will show a Volunteer offense that is struggling.

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Sports Writer

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Alba sweeps team in MIAA quarterfinals

Year ends with a hard-fought playoff loss to talented Scots

By RYAN KIEFER

Sports Writer

If the goal of a team is to play its best at the end of the season, the Saint Mary's volleyball team achieved its season goal Tuesday.

Despite losing 30-25, 30-25, 30-23 in a season-ending match in the MIAA quarterfinals to Alma, the Belles played with determination and heart, characteristics that marked the team's play all season.

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