ACE provides relief for Gulf Coast

By KATE ANTONACCI
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The fall break trip organized by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) to a Gulf Coast area devastated by Hurricane Katrina ended in prayer under a 400-year-old live oak tree that had survived the storm — unlike nearly everything around it. "Everything around the tree had been destroyed: houses torn to bits, boats thrown up on the lawns, cars overturned and a church completely gutted," said Thomas Bambrick, an ACE assistant director who traveled in the Gulf Coast from Oct. 16 to Oct. 21 with a group of Notre Dame students. "As Father Tim Scully led the group in prayer, a powerful sense of hope prevailed, as people reflected that blessings and moments of grace often accompany tragedy."

ACE organized the trip to Biloxi, Miss., to fly in relief aid and neighborhoods destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. "I went because I feel it is important to help in whatever way possible," senior Mike Zintsmaster said. "One of our hosts ... had a fine quote: 'There's nothing worse than the man who does nothing because he can only do a little.'"

There's never a dull moment in city cabs

By NICOLE ZOOK
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Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, thousands of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students flood the streets of South Bend, leaving campus behind to forget the stress and rigors of their everyday lives and have a good time.

But what most students forget is that while they are having a blast, many South Bend residents are hard at work — and for some, like the cab drivers who cart the students around town, their work is not as glamorous.

Michigan Taxi driver Robert, whose last name has been withheld for privacy reasons, allowed The Observer to ride along with him Wednesday night.

College closely guards its seal

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Junior class president Holdi Geppinger never expected to encounter resistance from the administration when she designed a fleece jacket emblazoned with the Saint Mary’s seal for a class fundraiser. I wanted to make the fleece look classy with the college crest on the front,” Geppinger said. “I noticed that it was on many items in the bookstore, such as shot glasses, cards and folders. So I did not think it would be a problem.”

Geppinger’s design was rejected by the administration because it incorporated the College’s official seal, which is closely guarded by Saint Mary’s to protect its veracity.

Nick Farmer, the director of marketing communications, said the seal gained popularity in the past few years due to its “design and official appeal.”

“Unfortunately, using the seal as a general stamp for use on everything from flyers to clothing is not appropriate,” Farmer said. “While the seal is allowed for select projects, the College works to protect the integrity of the seal as a symbol reserved for official use by the president and Board of Trustees.”

The initial rejection of the fleece was not well received by Geppinger and the junior class board.

“I asked my board to go around campus and take note of all the places they saw the seal,” she said.

Together, Geppinger and the board noticed the seal was used not only on several bookstore items, but it was also incorporated into the architecture of the College.

With the help of the Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm, the board was able to receive approval from the Board of Trustees and the administration to use the seal on the fleece.

“Dr. Timm was so helpful,” Geppinger said. “She helped us gather all the information and then gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees.”

Students stoked for Saturday’s match-up

By LUISA CABRERA
News Writer

Last weekend may have been inundated with Halloween events, but the lack of a home football game left Notre Dame students itching for Saturday’s match-up against the Tennessee Volunteers.

The bye week followed home games against the University of Southern California and the Brigham Young University, making up an unusual five-game home stand over six successive weekends.

Megan Spokes, a junior, said last weekend increased her anticipation and expectations for the coming game.

“I feel like a bye week just magnifies your excitement for a game, especially when we played so well against USC after our last bye week,” she said. “The team has had a rest with all the students and fans. Everyone should be ready to go for Saturday.”

After the 5-2 Irish have started strongly this season, students like sophomore Nicholas Zehrbach are confident the football team will capture a win against the Volunteers.

“I’m excited, but then again it’s just another easy victory for the Irish,” he said. “I think the fact that we got much better over the off season, while Tennessee obviously hadn’t.”

SMC dining options cater to busy students

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

With busy academic, athletic and social schedules, not all Saint Mary’s students can eat dinner at the dining hall during the normal hours of 4:30 to 7 p.m. — but now they have alternative options.

Board of Governance student services commissioner Kate Wallach proposed the establishment of a new choice. Along with student body president Kellye Mitro, vice president Susan McElhuff and dining hall general manager Barry Bowles, Wallach helped create a pasta bar at Dalloway’s.

The pasta bar is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., when the normal dining hall hours have ended.

“Students should not be penalized for missing dinner due to a rigorous practice or study regimen,” Wallach said.

The pasta bar was an attempt to meet those needs, as well as extend the late dinner option to others.

The pasta bar is self-serve and includes breadsticks and salad at the exchange of one dollar.
INSIDE COLUMN

On being unique

I'm pretty much your standard Notre Dame student. Attention is often brought to the apparent homogeneity of our student body, and after being mistaken for another person three times in one day last week, I began to think maybe I am just another face in the crowd. The charcoal grey and black North Face jacket, the white T-shirt, the intentionally distressed jeans with iPod clipped securely to the front pocket—all of these things clearly are not helping me "stand out" from my peers.

And lest we forget my first name is undoubtedly the most frequented on campus. In fact, I've stopped responding to it altogether. If I hear a "Hey Katie!" from across the quad, the person might as well be yelling "Hey Emily!" or "Hey Megan!"—or "Hey Chinedum!" for that matter. My last name doesn't add much in terms of individuality either. Just think of all the Perry's in the world. Steve Perry (lead singer of Journey), Aerosmith), Matthew Perry (Chandler Bing of "Friends") and Lake Perry (Bryan McKay of "Beverly Hills, 90210") to name a few.

Now, I am either destined for greatness—or perhaps television obscurity—or my name is fairly common. Unfortunately, I think it's the latter.

So, is that it? Am I really just a cookie-cutter product of the society in which I live?

Nah. The way I see it, it's like my fourth grade teacher Miss Lannier used to tell us every morning after the Pledge of Allegiance. "We are all special in your own way!"

I think we all look back at those elementary school moments, chuckle to ourselves and say, "Wow, my teacher was such a tool." And your teacher may very well have been a tool—I know mine was—but she may have had a point.

We might be religiously homogenous in name, we might be racially homogenous at Notre Dame, we might be socioeconomically homogenous at Notre Dame—but I don't think we are, in a general sense, homogenous at Notre Dame. I probably look the same as a lot of kids here, or maybe have the same name. But I'm sure I am not the exactly same as everyone else.

After all, the reason I am wearing my North Face jacket is to hide a hot chocolate stain on my white T-shirt, because I am uniquely clumsy. And I'm wearing distressed jeans because—OK you caught me. But do you believe me if I tell you my current iPod playlist of choice is an 87-song tribute to Bruce Springsteen, because I uniquely believe him to be the greatest human being alive? It's true—unlike the rumors that he was going to play at our pep rally, which I believed because I am uniquely gullible. And yes, I am still uniquely bitter.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR GIVE A LECTURE ON CAMPUS AND WHY?

Daniel Kirkconnell freshman Keough

"Lou Cacavini, because he looks good in a Speedo." - Katie Perry

Gretchen Ryan senior PW

"Jesus, because I have a lot of questions to ask him." - Katie Perry

Matt Walters freshman Keough

"David Hochstetler, because he walks the halls naked." - Katie Perry

Max Hand freshman Keough

"Jimmy Buffet, he likes to drink beer and play music." - Katie Perry

Pat Nugent freshman Keough

"White Goodman, because he is the beacon of human physical perfection." - Katie Perry

Timmy Falvey junior Dillon

"Shaquille O'Neal, because he's the Diesel—and also my hero." - Katie Perry

OFFBEAT

Baggy pants fall, trip up suspected thief

FERNDALE, Mich. — A man suspected of stealing discs from a video store was tripped up by his baggy pants, falling twice before police captured him, authorities said.

James Green, 30, of Detroit, took a half-dozen DVDs on Sunday night, and initially made his getaway on a bicycle, police said.

Officers spotted him in an alley, and he abandoned the bike and ran, but his pants fell to his ankles and he tripped, Ferndale Detective Sgt. Patrick Jones told The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak.

"Finally, he kicked off his pants and shoes" and then jumped a fence into the back yard of a house where he was captured, Jones said.

On Monday, Green pleaded guilty to resisting arrest and recall fraud and was ordered jailed for 30 days.

Man loses bed parts from 15th floor window

HONG KONG — A Hong Kong man was arrested for throwing parts of his bed out of the window of his 15th floor apartment, police and local media said Friday.

No one was injured by the falling planks of wood that the 42-year-old man lobbed out of his window Thursday morning, said a police spokesperson who declined to be named.

Police had broken into the man's apartment because he was emotional at the time of the arrest, she said.

A neighbor said the man had recently moved furniture and electrical appliances from his flat to the garbage collection area in the housing estate, the South China Morning Post reported.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The sophomore class council is hosting Comedy Sports, an improvisational comedy act, in Washington Hall Today at 8 p.m.

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

Blak Images — the Black Cultural Arts Council's signature event — will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Performances from First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith and Troop ND will highlight the event.

An examination of how Catholicism is played out in college means will be the focus of a three-day conference Nov. 10 to 12 in McKenna Hall. "Catholic Identity and the Role of Sport," sponsored by Notre Dame's Program in Catholic Social Tradition, will focus on topics such as character development, gender equity and amateurism and include presentations by experts from across the country.

The Notre Dame Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will present Noel Coward's "Design for Living" Nov. 8 to 20 in the Philbin Studio Theatre of Notre Dame's Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observnewst@gmail.com.

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SMC draws women from abroad

College hosts 2 foreign exchange students and 9 international students

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A majority of Saint Mary's students hail from the American Midwest, while some come from the coastal states. But every year, a handful of international and foreign exchange students also call the College home.

This year, Saint Mary's hosts two foreign exchange students in addition to its nine four-year international students from nine different countries including Latvia, India, Guatemala and Uganda.

Mingjoung Kim (Sophie), from South Korea, and Daisy Bannerman, from Australia, are the two foreign exchange students on campus this year. Both are here because their home countries have sister schools with Saint Mary's. Saint Mary's reciprocates their universities' exchange programs, sending students on the Korean Culture Studies Program in the summer and the Australian study abroad trip, said Tracy Robison, director of International Living.

The four foreign exchange students normally spend a full year at Saint Mary's, she said, and she checks in with them over the course of that year to make sure their visas are kept up to date and to plan activities during each semester to bring all of the international students together.

Kim, who studies at the Catholic University of Korea, a co-ed college in Seoul, South Korea, said she initially found Saint Mary's boring because she was not used to being in an all-woman environment. She said she now finds it very calm and peaceful.

Although she's 23 years old, Kim was studying first year subjects because she is not fluent in English. She can read and understand spoken English, she said, but still struggles to speak.

"I can't speak my opinions," Kim said. "I can't participate in class activities.

Bannerman is from Perth, Australia, a city she described as "the most isolated city in the world." She studies at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle, Australia, one of the locations where Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students can choose to study abroad.

She knew what to expect coming into an all-women environment, Bannerman said, because she attended an all-girls high school.

Bannerman is only here for one semester because the school year in Australia is different from the United States.

"The people I've met at Saint Mary's have definitely made this experience for me," Bannerman said. "Everyone has been so hospitable and welcoming. I don't know how I'll ever leave.

Neither girl will go home at any point during their stay because of the long flights, but both call home regularly. Bannerman talks on the phone with her family and friends and hopes to be able to meet a few friends in Canada before flying back to Australia.

Kim uses a Webcam to speak to her parents every Thursday so that they can see each other as well as talk and ease the homesickness. Both were recently introduced to the American traditions of Halloween.

Bannerman said Halloween isn't celebrated as theatrically in Australia.

"To see all the mock graves erected in the front yards around town and pumpkins for sale on every corner was definitely different," Bannerman said.

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World-famous artist speaks to large crowd

Graphic design students listen at Smitne

By KATIE MCGANY
News Writer

World-renowned graphic designer Michael Bierut spoke to graphic design students about his life and career at the Notre Dame Museum of Art Thursday.

Bierut emphasized the importance of design in contemporary society.

"If you think that doing graphic design doesn't make a difference, take the presidential elections of 2000," he said. "The problems with voting were based around the poor design of the ballot."

Senior Evan DeWalt said he attended the lecture because of Bierut's fame and prestige in the world of graphic design.

"He has a great sense of humor and is really personable, so on top of being a huge name in the business, I knew he'd be interesting," he said.

Bierut described his development as a graphic artist throughout his lifetime. He attended the lecture as a graphic artist from one of his firm's clients, Davidson and the Library of Congress.

"I was excited at the opportunity to actually fulfill my mother's dream, so coming to Notre Dame seemed very logical," Bierut said. Since 1980 Bierut has worked for Pentagram, a prestigious graphic design firm that consists of collaboration between roughly 20 graphic artists. Through Pentagram, Bierut designed for clients such as Walt Disney Company, Godiva Chocolatier, Princeton University, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Harley-Davidson and the Library of Congress.

Some of Bierut's more famous projects include graphic design for the Celebration City, Fla., street signs in downtown Manhattan and the official logo for CIU bank.

Currently, Bierut is collaborating to design the interior of a new building for the New York Times.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance including not only University students, but also graphic design students from Purdue University, Indiana University and Goshen College.

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CAMPUS NEWS
Bambrick said 17 students were picked to attend the service seminar out of approximately 30 who applied.

"Seeing the aftermath of the hurricane..." Bambrick said. "It was a re¬markable week, and we got to see a Gulf Coast that was completely overwhelming. I've never seen such devastation on this scale," he said. "After hearing the story of the diocese, I was moved to tears. I went through his home which had at one point been submerged in 52 inches of water. We tried our absolute best to help in any way we could.

The group stayed in Mobile, Ala., at one of the diocesan retreat facilities. Bambrick said and worked at area Catholic schools. "They had just finished giving Internet ports in every school," Bambrick said. "They were in the process of rebuilding the school. I saw this group of students, many of them who were living in the middle of the area, just surrounded by rubble to those newly affected by the hurricane. They were doing something for others, and we were surprised because they told us that they needed to buy supplies for the school. We were able to help them buy feel a renewed sense of hope and determination and so that is what it was all about."

"I think that requiring fans to get tickets may discourage the attendance to the event," Wallach said. "It is only fair that all fans are meant for everyone and anyone who wants to get excited for the game. By limiting the event with tickets, we’re leaving out some dedicated fans."

"Win or lose," Lyons said "it was a way I feel like the season is going fast because there have been so many great games this season. Junior Annie Parrett. "With [three games left on the season], it also seems like the home season is just beginning. It would be really cool to see the three in a row at home..." Students look forward to Friday’s pep rally and for the opportunity to see friends or family visiting for the game.

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"Still I think it shows how much we have grown in a way," she said. "We've had comments from alumnae saying that no one would ever be able to wear a shirt like that when they went there, and they think girls today are more free to express their opinion."

Farmer said Notre Dame's plan was to use the funds to buy supplies for the school. "I do think that it marks a new chapter in our history." Farmer said. "Unfortunately, this popularity has led to inappropriateness of the image of the logo, which has trivialized it religious significance."

"It is also a late night dining option, sometimes has trouble making decisions, and sometimes is associated with the liquor store in the student center and Spirit of the people afflicted by the hurricane relief efforts to help in any way we can," said. "I am happy to be wearing my Saint Mary’s T-shirt and representing my college." Angela Rizzo senior

"I hope [the pasta bar] will be a hope and determination and so these T-shirts do not disgrace the image of Saint Mary’s, he’s able to use them on other products or apparel."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paris-area riots spread to 20 towns

AUGANAY-BOIRON — A week of riots in poor neighborhoods outside Paris gained dangers new momentum Thursday, with youths shooting at police and firefighters and attacking trains and symbols of the French state.

Facing mounting criticism, Prime Minister Lionel Jospin vowed to take harsher action in order as the violence that erupted Oct. 27 spread to at least 20 towns, highlighting the frustration simmering in housing projects that are home to many North African immigrants.

Police deployed for a feared eighth night of clashes, after bands of youths lobbing stones and petrol bombs, and some in którym volunteered President Jacques Chirac’s appeal for calm a day earlier.

"I will not accept organized gangs making trouble. I will not accept having crime networks and drug trafficking profits from disorder," Villepin said at the Senate in between emergency meetings called over the riots.

Bird flu could hurt economics

World Bank president Paul Wolfowitz projected Thursday that a bird flu pandemic in Asia could kill 3 million people, cause economic losses of up to nearly $300 billion and possibly push the world into a recession.

China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand would likely be hit hardest in the event of an outbreak, the report said.

The bank outlined two potential scenarios, both assuming a pandemic would last about two years; cause 20 percent of the region’s population to fall ill and would kill 0.5 percent of them — or 3 million people.

NATIONAL NEWS

Alito hearings to begin in January

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate will begin hearings Jan. 9 on Judge Samuel Alito’s appointment to the Supreme Court, as the Judiciary Committee announced Thursday, a bipartisan repudiation of President Bush’s call for a final confirmation vote before year’s end.

"It simply wasn’t possible to accommodate the schedule the President and the White House wanted," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee chairman. He outlined a timetable that envisions five days of full committee hearings, followed by a vote in committee on Jan. 17 and the full Senate on Jan. 20.

"It’s far more important to do it right than fast," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the senior Democrat on the committee. "In this case, I suspect we’re doing both."

Judge withdraws from DeLay case

AUSTIN — Administrative Judge Honnie Earle filed a motion Wednesday in a federal judge in the nation’s capital.

Cheney’s former top aide and a key_WINDOWS

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Libby pleads not guilty at trial

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney has turned down the former chief of staff Pleads not guilty in felony indictment in the CIA leak case, saying he will take a dual-count jury trial.

Cheney and other top White House officials could be called to testify if Libby goes to trial. He has agreed to an obstruction of justice, with two counts of lying to the FBI and two accounts of committing perjury by a federal grand jury.

Recovering from a foot injury, Libby leaned his crutches against a lectern or from which lawyers normally question witnesses or address the court.

"He has declared to the world that he is innocent," Wells said outside the courthouse after the 10-minute session. "He wants to clear his good name, and he wants a full and fair jury trial."

Libby’s indictment has enabled Democrats to raise anew questions about the Bush administration’s prior justification for invading Iraq and the handling of the Osama-Bin-Laden issue. Libby has been involved in the Justice Department’s case against Saddam Hussein, who is charged with weapons of mass destruction.

Libby was charged with lying to investigators and the grand jury about leaking the CIA status of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame to reporters. Plame’s CIA status was exposed after her husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, accused the administration of twisting intelligence in the run-up to the war to exaggerate the Iraqi threat from weapons of mass destruction.

Wilson made his accusation after a CIA-sponsored trip to Africa in which he said he found no evidence to support the allegation that Iraq had an agreement to acquire uranium from Niger.

On Jan. 28, 2003, that “the British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa.” The Bush administration later said the passage should have been taken out of the president’s address.

In court Wednesday, Libby waived his right to a speedy trial. It will take his legal team three months to get security clearances and to examine classified information that the prosecution must produce to the defense.

Jefferson said there may be disputes over the use of classified information and that there may be First Amendment issues. He was referring to the fact that journalists are among the case’s central witnesses.

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BELGIUM

Secret CIA prisons investigated

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union is investigating the continent’s top human rights group said Thursday they will investigate allegations the CIA ran secret jails in eastern Europe and elsewhere to interrogate terror suspects, and the Red Cross demanded access to any prisoners.

Human Rights Watch said it has evidence, based on flight logs, that indicate the CIA transported suspects captured in Afghanistan to Poland and Romania. But the two countries — and others in the former Soviet bloc — denied the allegations.

U.S. officials have refused to confirm or deny the claims.

Such prisons, European officials say, would violate the continent’s human rights principles. At work today then be a complex web of global politics, in which eastern European countries face choices between the views of the European Union and their interest in close ties with the United States.

The International Committee of the Red Cross expressed strong interest in the claims, first reported Wednesday in the Washington Post, that the CIA has been helping and interrogating some of Al-Qaida’s most important Al-Qaida captives at Soviet-era compounds.

Red Cross chief spokeswoman Antonella Notari said the agency had been asked Washington about the allegations and requested access to the prisons if they exist. The Red Cross, which has exclusive rights to visit terror suspects detained at a U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has long been concerned about reports U.S. officials were holding detainees from ICTR delegates.

Local News

Geist man shoots himself and son

INDIANAPOLIS — An Eastside church congregation is reeling today after a member killed himself and then shot his son. The father died Wednesday night in a home in the 9900 block of Bear Ridge Drive, in the Geist area on Indianapolis’ Northeast side. Geist was a pending divorce and his wife’s plans for moving away with their son.

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night. He said that while school is in session, almost all the business cab companies do is with students. “Thursday, Friday, Saturday — regular Notre Dame traffic, you might get up to 200 calls a night,” he said. “A home game? Two or three times that.”

Robert, 35, said he moved to South Bend from Los Angeles nine years ago and has been driving cabs for various companies since then. With so much experience under his belt, he has hundreds of stories about driving through town — many of which involve students, and most of which are unprintable.

Robert said he has seen “pretty much everything.” There is to be seen inside and outside his cab, ranging from the bustling of Boat Club in January 2003, to nudity, to shady characters attempting to harass women he was driving to, to disgusting bodily fluids — which he said he sees on a fairly regular basis. “Don’t be afraid to tap us on the shoulder, let us know you’re going to puke,” he said. “If someone pukes in my cab, I charge $50. A, I have to clean it up; B, I’m done for the night.”

Robert said intoxicated students vomiting or losing bladder control is a common occurrence. “Don’t be afraid to tap us on the shoulder,” he said. “It can really screw you up on a busy night to go (to where the student called from) and somebody’s not there for a cab.”

Robert said most students request to be picked up from campus and delivered to local bars, citing RumRunners, Bookmakers, The Linebacker, Club Fever, Club Landing and The Library as the most frequented.

Robert said many times students returning home from bars will have spent all their money and have problems coming up with return fare, which takes money out of the drivers’ pockets. He also offered suggestions for students who may face the problem. “Sometimes, you’re lucky to get the whole fare,” he said. “(Students should) always make sure they have at least $2 before you leave that bar.”

Robert also said it would be helpful to drivers if students collected money before the ride was over that “one person could pay one bill.”

Fares with Michiana Taxi — like other area cab companies popular with students, such as ABC Cab, Checker Cab, City Cab, Express Cab, Minute Cab, S & H, Rock and United Cab — are generally $2 for a head, with a $6 minimum and charges of $8 from campus to Mishawaka and $9 to downtown. One student who rode with Robert, prepared to pay the fee from campus to RumRunners, leaned back into the cab and handed Robert two extra dollars. “That’s a rare occurrence,” Robert said. “If you get a tip from an ND student or Saint Mary’s student, you’re lucky.”

Robert said “nine times out of 10” students fail to tip, either because they forget or did not bring enough money. He said tips help alleviate the costs of gas for the cab, which typically costs $35 to $40. Robert said he understands that college is a hard time financially, but he wishes students would remember to tip more often for the services they receive. “They’re students, they’re poor,” he said. “Well, so am I, I drive a cab.”

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In Brief

Merck & Co deemed not liable

Idaho Vioxx user brings lawsuit that patients were not warned of drug's risks

Associated Press

Atlantic City — The New Jersey-based drug maker won the second of thousands of lawsuits it faces over its recalled pain medication, Vioxx, on Thursday as a jury in its home state found that the company un­ waresly warned consumers about the pill's risks. The verdict absolved Merck of liabil­ ity for a 57-year-old woman suf­ fered a heart attack and was not warned of drug's risks.

Merck is in the second week of its Massa­ chusetts lawsuit. The New Jersey trial begins Nov. 28 in Houston, before lawyers for a former Vioxx user bring lawsuit that patients were not warned of drug's risks.

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The verdict was Merck’s first win out of two Vioxx-related trials. Merck is appealing the Texas verdict, but still faces about 7,000 law­ suits over Vioxx, which it voluntarily pulled off the market in September after links to heart attacks and strokes after 18 months’ use.

Much of the New Jersey trial, eagerly watched by lawyers and plaintiffs from around the country, relied on the testimony of medical experts. Witnesses for Merck included the company believed Vioxx was safe for the heart before the drug was pulled from the market in response to lawsuits. The trial showed it doubled risk of heart attacks and strokes when taken for 10 years or 18 months. Thursday’s verdict means it might take sev­ eral more cases, includ­ in­ a federal case that will start Nov. 28 in Houston, before lawyers can find any sort of precedent that might determine Merck’s ulti­ mate Vioxx liability. Merck was clearly elated by its victory.

“We feel very much vin­ dicated,” Merck general counsel Kenneth Frazier said. “The jury found in our favor, we believe, because the evidence showed that Merck acted responsibly.”

Frazier said Merck will fight each lawsuit indi­ vidually, adding that mass settlements aren’t appropri­ the to each case differ.

“There’s an awful lot at stake, not just for Merck,” but for the phar­ maceutical industry and patients, he said, claim­ ing floods of lawsuits can discour­ age scientific research and keep needed drugs off the market.

Merck’s stock rose $1.07, or 3.8 percent, to $29.48 after the verdict. More than 32 million shares changed hands in barely two hours on the New York Stock Exchange — about four times the stock’s normal daily volume.

Wall Street analysts said the company clearly will face huge legal costs given its plan to fight each lawsuit. The compa­ ny has set aside just $675 million for legal defense costs, but nothing for jury awards or settlements.

“It’s still going to be a particu­ larly unhappy year,” analysts said, noting hundreds of lawsuits that patients were not warned of drug’s risks.

Federal Reserve Board raises interest rate to 4 percent

Special to The Observer

This article was written by the Student International Business Council – Finance Division.

On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve Board raised interest rates — or rather the federal funds rate — another quarter percentage point to 4 percent following President Bush’s Nov. 24 announcement that he would replace former chairman Alan Greenspan with Ben­ jamin Bernanke as Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Bush’s move to replace former chairman Alan Greenspan surprised very few given Bernanke’s credentials.

Currently Bush’s top economic advi­ sor, Bernanke served as chair of the Princeton University Department of Economics and governor of the Atlanta Reserve Bank for several years.

Bernanke’s appointment alleviated concerns that a new chairman would bring significant changes in federal policies — something experts said could disrupt continuity in the American economy.

Markets reacted favorably to Bush’s pick because Bernanke was seen as a familiar face in the economy likely to maintain most of the policies of Alan Greenspan.

Bernanke is a proponent of “infla­ tion-targeting,” which is intended to help strengthen the dollar and allow favorable responses by the economy. However, a stronger dollar retails that exports will decrease and imports will increase, adding pressure to the already enormous current account deficit.

But both Bernanke and Greenspan will work to allow this happen in order to reap the benefits of a lower inflation. Thus, it appears the recent upward trend of the Federal Funds Rate will continue after Bernanke’s official con­firmation.

Once the Senate confirms his appointment, Bernanke will take office immediately following Greenspan’s retirement on Jan. 31.

Reports from the previous meeting in late September indicated a moder­ ate expansion in economic activity in August and early September.
Embattled Kennedy Y. Tomlinson resigns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The former chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, under fire for promoting conservative programs, resigned Thursday after the board reviewed an investigative report on his activities.

Kennedy Y. Tomlinson, whose term as board chairman ended two months ago, left the board after the third day of closed-door meetings by the board of directors to review the findings of the agency's inspector general about his tenure.

In a statement e-mailed to reporters and interest groups, the board said "both the board and Mr. Tomlinson believe it is in the best interests of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that he no longer remain on the board.

The move did not quiet critics of Tomlinson's nearly two-year tenure, who have called for public release of the investigative findings and for the board to repudiate his policies.

The board's statement did not detail the inspector general's findings, which are expected to be released later this month but said "Tomlinson strongly disputes the findings.

Tomlinson did not respond to a voice mail message left on his home telephone Thursday night seeking his comments.

The investigation was begun after Reps. David Obey, D-Wis., and John Dingell, D-Mich., called for public release of reports that Tomlinson used his influence to bring people together, not divide them.

The Times reported that the consultant that Tomlinson, a Republican, hired to conduct an analysis of political bias in programming, resigned just before his report was due.

"We will need to determine how to stop this kind of misbehavior in the future," Dingell added. "We hope today's action is the first step by the board to operate in a more professional, nonpartisan manner.

"Terence Nash, who was appointed inspector general, said he expected to see the inspector general report shortly. He said a conservative political consultant that Tomlinson, a Republican, hired to conduct an analysis of political bias in programming had no professional standing as a consultant. He said there were complaints that Tomlinson had acted without board approval and outside CPB bylaws.

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"Tomlinson has said public broadcastings should be used to bring people together, not divide them as he and the administration have done," Obey said.

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Colombian rocker takes home three trophies at revamped Grammys

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Spanish alternative singer-songwriter Bebe won the award for best Norteno album and was presented with five nominations but took home only one Grammy, for best new artist.

"I didn't expect it. That's the truth," said the native of Valencia, Spain, who was also nominated for album of the year for "Pafuera Telaranas" and record of the year and song of the year for "Mala."

Italian vocalist Laura Pausini pulled off one of the night's biggest upsets when she beat out Bebe for the best female pop vocal Grammy.

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Study: Religious use of peyote not harmful
Drug poses no danger to American Indians

Associated Press

BOSTON — A study of the effects of peyote on American Indians found no evidence that the hallucinogenic cactus caused brain damage or psychological problems among people who used it frequently in religious ceremonies.

In fact, researchers from Harvard-affiliated McLean Hospital found that members of the Native American Church performed better on some psychological tests than other Navajos who did not regularly use peyote.

A 1994 federal law allows roughly 300,000 members of the Native American Church to use peyote as a religious sacrament. The five-year study set out to find scientific proof for the Navajo belief that peyote is a sacred substance, which contains the hallucinogenic mescaline, is not hazardous to their health even when used frequently.

The study was conducted among Navajos in the Southwest by Melean psychi­trist John Halpern. It com­pared test results for 60 chronic users of peyote and 36 people who did not use peyote or any other mood-altering substances. The study's senior author and director of the biological psychology labora­tory at the hospital near Boston.

The researchers argue that their findings should offer reassurance to the 10,000 Native American Church mem­bers serving in the military who were barred from using peyote before new guidelines were adopted in 1997.

They found evidence that a history of peyote use would compromise the psychological or cognitive abilities of these individuals,” they wrote in their paper published in the Nov. 4 issue of Biological Psychology.

They also said that peyote users were more sensual and religious in their religious use of peyote. They did not rule out the possibility that other hallucinogens, such as LSD, may be harmful.

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The researchers note that their study draws a clear dis­tinction between illegal and religious use of peyote.

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Animation employed in politics

NEW YORK — Politicians looking for a fresh way to get voters’ attention have seized on something that is more “South Park” than “West Wing.”

Around the country, candi­dates are running cheeky animated political ads, mostly on the Internet, but also on television.

Democrat Fernando Ferrer, a candidate for mayor of New York, paired Major Michael Bloomberg and President Bush in a spoof that hit the airwaves this week. The two Republicans are seen riding a horse as somebody sings: "There's one thing for cer­tain — it's a Bush with a smile on his face."

Then Bush plants a kiss on Bloomberg’s cheek.

Phl Angelines, a Democrat running for governor of California in 2006, has run a cartoon that beseeches voters to take back their state from Arnold Schwarzenegger’s right-wing friends. The ski takes turns on "Schwarzenegger Street" and features a "Cheney Monster" who gobbles the Constitution.

Columnist Arianna Huffington deployed "The Hybrid Versus the Hummer" during California’s 2003 recall election as a joke fun at Schwarzenegger’s penchant for driving gas-guzzling Hummers. The cartoon shows the former action star’s Hummer wrecking the environment as Bush fills it with gas.

Animated political spots are not new. Dwight Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson both deployed primitive black-and-white cartoons during their 1952 presidential race. But the recent cartoons are far more sophisticated, and wickedly satirical as well.

“The ads are magnets for attention, and that’s the name of the game in political advertising,” said Martin Kaplan, an associate dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.

The burst of animated ads may be traceable to the wild­ly popular but newly popular "This Land" clip that was circulating on the Internet by JibJab Media during the 2004 presidential campaign. The musical satire touting the virtues of both President Bush and John Kerry.

In it, oversized photos of the candidates’ heads were computer-pasted onto ani­mated bodies, and the men traded singing-and-dancing insults to the tune of "This Land Is Your Land," with lyrics that called Kerry "a global wienie" and Kerry branding the president a "right-wing nut job."

WASHINGTON — The Senate moved the digital TV transition one step closer to reality on Thursday, setting a firm date for television broad­casters to switch to all-digital transmissions.

Lawmakers gave broadcast­ers until April 7, 2009, to end their traditional analog trans­missions. The so-called "hard date" was included in a sweeping budget bill.

The bill would also provide $3 billion to help millions of Americans buy digital-to-anal­og conversion boxes for their older television sets — so those consumers will continue to receive a signal once the switch is made perman­ently.

Legislation approved last month by the House Energy and Commerce Committee calls for a Dec. 31, 2008 deadline and provides nearly $1 billion for the converter boxes.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., unsuccessfully offered an amendment to move up the hard date by one year, saying "first responders’ ability to communicate during times of tragedy can be literally a matter of life and death."

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**UNITED NATIONS**

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*Associated Press*

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Hardback and with her 8-year-old sister, Tilly's warning to the hotel

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**CHINA**

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*Associated Press*

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"They died instantly," said Qin, a breeder in China's northern Inner Mongolia region, which reported the first of the country's three bird flu epidemics in poultry last month. "I've never seen a disease like this."

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Prince Charles visits Georgetown

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prince Charles received the warmest public welcome so far of his U.S. tour Thursday, mingling with more than 1,000 cheering students at Georgetown University — and even signing a softball.

Arriving for a seminar on faith and social responsibility, Charles spent 15 minutes talking to students and staff who craned on barriers to catch a glimpse of him — offering handshakes to many and a rare autograph on a proffered softball to one young man.

Many in the crowd yelled "Prince Charles!" as he approached — one woman adding, "Where's William?"

The 56-year-old heir to the throne may lack the college appeal of his 23-year-old son William, but the enthusiastic reception was a welcome boost for a royal tour that has met a muted response in a Washington preoccupied with legal fights involving top White House and congressional figures, battles over a Supreme Court vacancy and the rising death toll in Iraq.

After the pomp and ceremony of Wednesday's black-tie dinner hosted by President Bush at the White House, Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall were on comfortable ground Thursday — visiting worthy projects in which they have a personal interest.

Charles, who has called in the past for a greater understanding of Islam from the West, met representatives of Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups at Georgetown's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

Earlier, the prince accepted an award for his contribution to architecture at the National Building Museum, donating the $30,000 prize money to hurricane recovery in Mississippi.

Charles and Camilla were due to see hurricane damage firsthand on Friday, flying to New Orleans to meet residents and recovery workers.

Later, Camilla wore a gold cocktail dress and a diamond necklace as she and Charles mingled with 140 guests at a reception hosted by the British ambassador, Sir David Manning, and his wife, Lady Catherine.

The weeklong tour, designed to bolster trans-Atlantic ties and promote Charles' environmentalist causes, also represents a chance for the couple to look not at just what's wrong, but also what's right.

The dispute did not affect the world-famous Rockettes dance troupe, one of the major attractions in the holiday fixtures of the last three decades. But the labor dispute raised questions about this year's show, particularly after stagehands conducted a one-night walkout Wednesday in support of the musicians.

Radio City Entertainment, which produces the show, denied that the musicians were being blackballed.

"We told the musicians in no uncertain terms that until there is a resolution, and there is no possibility of them walking out on their future performances, they remain on strike," management said in a statement distributed outside the music hall.

Negotiations were ongoing, said a radio spokesman, Barry Watkins.

The lack of a live orchestra did little to diminish the enthusiasm of many patrons leaving the first of two shows Thursday.

"It was just as great without the orchestra," said Lorna Weed of Norwalk, Conn. "It was still fantastic!"

Wednesday's strike forced cancellation of a presession party, much to the chagrin of stranded hundreds of displaced ticketholders as several dozen musicians picketed outside the Manhattan landmark.

The show, featuring the chorus-line kicks of the Rockettes dancers, is known around the world. Tickets run as high as $25.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the dispute "very unfortunate.

"New York City is about live music and we're body-suggesting for a second that you would have the same quality of performance if you just play a tape and I would just urge all parties to look not at just what's in their interest but what is in the city's interest," he said.

He added that the orchestra's contract expires in May. The union accuses Cablevision Systems Corp., which operates Radio City, of vastly underpaying orchestral players, who will sit out the remaining shows a day throughout the holiday season.

In a statement, Radio City said it had offered the musicians increases in salaries and benefits "over what is already the most lucrative contract in the industry."

Because there was no picket line, all other unions at Radio City went to work as usual.

More than a dozen Broadway musicals went dark in March 2003 for four days after the musicians' union walked out, and theaters lost millions of dollars in revenue.

Taped music was used during a 2000 strike at the New York City Ballet.

Radio City officials rebuff players' strike

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**Blogger draws race into politics**

**Racism re-emerges after writer's depiction of Lt. Gov. of Maryland**

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A blogger's depiction of Lt. Gov. Michael Steele in minstrel makeup has brought to the surface issues of race — specifically the role of African-Americans back home. The party that was founded to eliminate slavery will not be whole again until we welcome more African-Americans back home," Melhman said.

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Legislators about 20 percent of the vote in statewide elections in Maryland, and between 80 percent and 90 percent of that vote traditionally goes to the more moderate Democratic candidates.

"The blog followed other similar incidents involving Steele," Melhman said. "He is not mistaken in his comments. He is not saying he is a racist, but he is saying that there are prejudices, that there are certain perceptions that are still out there."

Steele, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee recruited Steele to run in 2006 for the Senate seat that will become vacant with the retirement of Democrat Paul Sarbanes. National GOP leaders have said they want to see Steele lose the party's historic bond with black voters and have showcased Steele, most prominently before he spoke at the 2004 presidential convention.

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"The party that was founded to eliminate slavery will not be whole again until we welcome more African-Americans back home," Melhman said.

"Terms like Uncle Tom, sell-out, Step-in' Fetiche — those terms are not coming from nowhere. They have a history," he said. "It is deserved, to the degree that they support racist policies."

Steele ran for office before seeking the lieutenant governor's job and so has no voting record on issues such as affirmative action and education. However, as Ehrlich's second-in-command, he presided over a commission that recommended wider use of charter schools in Maryland.

Steele decided over a task force that changed rules to increase state spending on contracts with minority-owned businesses and to bar contractors from dropping minority subcontractors after winning a bid.

"I don’t quite understand why Michael Steele has been target ed for this kind of hatred," said Garland Williamson, president of an organization of black business leaders.

"It’s clear that an old black suspicion of Republicans has that led to automatic support for Democrats among black voters is breaking down."

Steele is also one of a wave of Republican state delegates Anthony Brown, a black man from Prince George's County, a suburb of Washington, said that in Prince George's especially, "African-Americans are much more willing these days to evaluate candidates based on what they stand for."
Schools invest in aesthetic appeal

Advocates of school design say style can foster academic advantage

Associated Press

MANASASSA PARK, Va. — As a high school principal, Bruce McHale is in charge of student learning, morale and safety. So he's become adept at interior design.

Bathroom mirrors? In his school, they are in the hallways, where image-conscious teenagers can be supervised when they cluster to check their appearance.

Classroom chairs? They are 26 inches wide, two inches narrower than normal, to keep students comfortable.

And oh yes, the window shades. McHale and his team went with ones that block glare but still permit plenty of indirect light.

In schools, style is taking on substance. From the width of the corridors to the depth of classroom sinks, the smallest detail is viewed as a way to foster an academic advantage.

Advocates of fresh school design, however, have work to do. They must show elected leaders and taxpayers that such attention to details does not drive costs out of reach.

At Manassas Park High School, scores in algebra, geometry and writing have jumped since 1995, when students moved into a building featuring height, versatility and open spaces. McHale says he has no doubt the school's physical features have contributed to those scores.

"That's exactly the message," McHale said. "The design of this building does in fact have a measurable effect on student achievement and student behavior."

"Studies support what educators consider to be common sense: Students do better in school when they hear well, see well and are not packed into tight spaces. Noise, light, air and what have been found to influence behavior..."

Yet there is no comprehensive research that ties smart design to achievements, said Judy Marks, associate director for the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities.

"We have examples of kids whose schools were dark and dank and cramped, and when their new school opened, morale increased, the community came together, teachers stayed longer. Even the football team got better," Marks said. "There are those anecdotal stories that can give you a slice, but trying to look for solid research on that is a little trickier."

"Clearly, though, the conversation about school construction is changing, as shown during recent meeting of architects, mapers, city planners and school leaders from 38 states.

School leaders are gradually asking new questions:

- What do parents and teachers want?
- How can the community help design the school, then have access to it once it's built?
- What kind of layout would students find so engaging it would make them eager to show up?

"Let's not build warehouses for them," said Ronald Bogle, president of the American Architectural Foundation and former president of the Oklahoma City Board of Education. "Let's create environments that are uplifting, that are exciting, that are interesting."

"That sounds great to policy-makers, until the question turns to money. Leaders are under pressure to keep crowds and ensure safety, which means design is often seen as a luxury.

Bogle, whose foundation leads a national drive to improve school design, said success stories need not be more expensive. The nation spends roughly $30 billion a year on school construction, he said, and "good design can be accomplished at the same price as bad design."

In St. Paul, Minn., architects designed the John A. Johnson Achievement Preparatory School with ideas and money from community groups. A YMCA is built right into the school. It also has medical services, adult education, family support and housing assistance.

The point is to help children overcome any barrier that could affect their academic ability. "It's all about results," said Pat Quinn, executive director of operations at St. Paul Public Schools. "You run a great risk if you spend your time chasing fads. What you chase has to be a result you can verify."

"Something that was going to make that data public."

MIT research-ers did this by developing electronic maps that track across campus, day and night, the devices people use to connect to the network, whether they're laptops, wireless PDAs or even Wi-Fi equipped cell phones.

The maps were unveiled this week at the MIT Museum, where the they are projected onto large Plexiglas screens that hang from the ceiling. They are also available to network users, the data time-stamped and saved for up to 12 hours.

Red spots on one map show the highest concentration of wireless users on campus. On another map, yellow dots with names written shows those identified individually, who pop up in different places depending where they're logged in.

"With these maps, you can see down to the room on campus how many people are logged on," said Carlo Ratti, director of the school's SENSEable City Laboratory, which created the maps. "You can even watch someone go from room to room if they have a handheld device that's connected."

Researchers use log files from the university's Internet provider to construct the maps. The files indicate the number of users connected to each of MIT's more than 2,800 access points. The map that can pinpoint locations in rooms 1-30, so researchers can even distinguish between buildings.

"Laptops and Wi-Fi are creating a revolution- ary change in the way people work," Ratti said. The maps aim to "visualize these changes by monitoring the traffic of the wireless network and showing how people move around campus.

Some of the results so far aren't terribly surprising for students at the vanguard of tech innovation.

The maps show, for example, that the bulk of wireless users late at night and very early mornings are logged on from their dorms. During the day, the higher concentration of users shifts to classrooms.

But researchers also found that study labs the campus bus-tled with students are now nearly empty as people, no longer tethered to a phone line or network cable, move to cafes and nearby lounges, where food and comfy chairs are more inviting.

Researchers say this data can be used to better understand how wireless technolo-gy is changing campus life, and what that means for planning spaces and adminis-tering services.
Use unity to strengthen security

It's easy to feel safe at Notre Dame. The manicured quads, hurling study routine and organized dorm life all make us feel like we're in a bubble, far removed from the outside world.

With this sense of security in our community, we don't think twice about leaving the door for someone who follows us into our dorm. And we don't think twice before leaving our dorm room door unlocked while we're at class. It's time to think again.

A rash of thefts have swept campus this fall, occurring mostly in men's dorms. Laptops, bikes, jewelry, anything valuable has been stolen in what seems to be a growing trend. A suspicious man has been seen entering dorms and walking into student rooms.

And this isn't the first time that dorm security has been threatened. Last spring, sexually explicit phrases appeared on the walls, white boards and in the showers in Pasquerilla West. Graduates' residencies came forward and reported seeing a strange man around the dorm, but hours elapsed after a lurker was seen in the showers before NDSP was called to the scene.

Have we become so complacent that suspicious people can walk in and out of dorms without being reported immediately by residents living there? Is it time that students realize the downside of the Notre Dame bubble if a false sense of security allows thieves and potentially dangerous people to access the dormitories, homes of about 6,000 students?

Instead of lulling us into this trusting naivety, our sense of community should intensify our vigilance and protectiveness of our roommates' and neighbors' possessions. Just as we would quickly become concerned if an unfamiliar person walked into our living room at home, we must utilize the existing chains of support in the residence halls if we wish to maintain strong behavior.

Yet ultimately, this collective naivety must be confronted with individual precautions. Students must get in the habit of locking their doors. Students should carefully monitor main entrances of dorms with swipe access — doors should not be propped open and temptation to hold the door open for unknown others must be resisted.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from the dorms that are currently reacting to a heightened abortion in the 2004 acerbically idiosyncratic way. Zahl Hall has quickly pulled together to protect its dorm against further threats with signs, catchy phrases (you boo, we shout and nicknames (WMD)). Vulgarity aside, the signs have raised much-needed awareness. Perhaps the time for action is now, for safety's sake, it's time for more dorms and students on campus to take precautions to think twice and act as a vigilant community.

Letter to the Editor

I hope that the abortion crosses that are currently on South Quad were put there for the right reasons. I hope that the people who did not put those crosses on South Quad did so because they feel that God is calling them to work to fix this societal injustice.

I hope that those activists really did care about all those unborn children that the crosses represent. I hope that those who are responsible for the cross demonstration really do hope for the forgiveness of every woman that had and will have an abortion.

I hope that those people who put those crosses on our public space performed that act with more awareness that more abortions in the future could be avoided. I hope that these crosses had nothing to do with politics.

I hope that those same people who are against abortion are the same people who would be vociferous for increased funding for sexual education in our public schools. I hope that those same people who put down those crosses are also promoting programs for pregnant mothers in our public schools.

I hope that those same anti-abortion activists are for a broader social safety net in America, so that every child born in this country can have access to health care. I hope that these activists care just as much about an aborted child as they do about a child who has to live in a neighborhood where the best he can hope for is to become a gang member.

I hope that these activists yearn for justice in every stage of life from conception to death. I hope that these activists care just as much about abortion as they do about capital punishment in America. I hope that these activists will have another demonstration for the 2,000 soldiers who have died in Iraq, not to mention the 110,000 deceased Iraqi civilians. I hope that these activists are champions for all of those who can't speak in America, not only those who are unborn.

I fear that this abortion demonstration was a stunt. I fear that it was done at this time so that everyone who comes the football game on Saturday will see it.

I fear that these same students who made these crosses are against sex education in American public schools. I fear that these activists are the same people who are against government and those who support CRPS. I fear that these demonstrators do not equally care about capital punishment, war and a just economic system.

I fear that those who demonstrated were influenced by a corrupt American Catholic Church. I fear that the Catholic Church in America is presently focusing on sex more than other equally important issues. I fear that the Catholic Church does this for corrupt reasons.

A few years back, I was concerned with why the Catholic Church told politicians who supported the right to choose that these demonstrators do not equally care about capital punishment, war and a just economic system.

When these Catholics for monetary reasons. I fear that the Catholic Church, facing a decline in funds due to the child abuse scandal, came up with a plan to get donations back to a normal level. I fear that the Church targeted their biggest donors, mostly conservative, Republican-voting Catholics, by promoting their political party from the pulpit.

I fear that if America happened to be the biggest donors to the Church, then a politician who voted for capital punishment or the war in Iraq would not have been allowed to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

I fear that we, Catholics, are all too blind to reality to realize what is happening right before our eyes. I fear that in America the only thing more corrupt than politics is religion. I fear that things will only change when the Church back. I fear that we will allow these awful acts to continue.

I pray for the courage of every Notre Dame student to fight to change this injustice.

James Dubray
Duluth Hall

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity will keep a girl's mind alive forever." — Albert Einstein

Photocopy
Those of you who have ever been to the Chicago White Sox are probably aware that you can walk into the bar with certain expectations. As inevitable as the free drink coupon you get at the door, you know your night will include tunes such as "Brown Eyed Girl," "Ignition (B.B. King)," "Only the Good Die Young" and, of course, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" being sung as the entire house is forced to remain on their feet. Part of the reason that there has been nothing trendy about being a White Sox fan is due to the fact that the Sox have grown relatively unimportant in the baseball world. The Cubs attract fans with an archaic stadium that doubles as the world's largest outdoor beer hall. They have cute little curses involving goats to explain their chronic losing. The Cubs have enjoyed a reputation as a baseball's "loveless," ovarians, whereas the Sox were its "forgotten lovers." The Sox were never good enough to win, yet never had enough for people to realize that they hadnt won. They are still payroll s, whereas the Cubs are a place of promise in a baseball's. "We were never nationwide favorite to win. Simply put, the Pale Hose have always been a blue-collar team in the second team in the Second City.

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However, when I go to Comiskey Park for the game, the name-change to U.S. Cellular Field never happened, I go cheer on my team. When the game is over, I either head to my car or hop on the train to get back up, bound for the World Series. At times, I was able to bus about as baseball, not people watching at over-crowded bars.

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In response to the letters from comedians and other students defending the jokes made during a stand-up show, we would like to express our disappointment in approval for jokes that were clearly offensive. Will Seath joke about black students of Notre Dame being able to sit in the front of the dining hall diminish the significance of Ron's Park's refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus? Jim Crow laws mandated segregation on buses as a way of making blacks feel inferior to their white counterparts. Parks's actions were a means of demanding her rights as a human being and an essential step in the movement that could not be made light of by a tasteless joke. Seath also made another joke he failed to mention to me in class that I think which asks why sitting in the front was any more offensive than considering it in the black era was just lost its "cool" appeal when they were forced to do it uncomfortably in the back of the bus when seats were available toward the front. Brian Berry, another comedian who performed, came to the defense of Seath in his Oct. 31 Letter to the Editor, "Missing the Point." Berry had a joke in which he mentioned the taboo word "nigger." He justified it as an attempt to show the growing numbness towards an offensive word. However, this word has not become numb to any means when some still refer to blacks as "niggas" in a demeaning way.

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Youssou N'Dour is a globally revered, Grammy winning artist, known for his wide range of work and styles. The Senegalese artist, known as the "Voice of Africa," will perform here at Notre Dame's Leighton Concert Hall this Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. His performance will include selections from his newest and Grammy-winning album "Egypt."

Youssou N'Dour is one of the most celebrated African artists. Rolling Stone claims, "If any third world performer has a real shot at the sort of universal popularity last enjoyed by Bob Marley, it's Youssou, a singer with a voice so extraordinary that the history of Africa seems locked inside it." His large, international base is the result of his incredibly eclectic music styles. He is strongly rooted in and inspired by his homeland's rich musical culture. His music contains Senegal's many different sounds, from the traditional and modern music and Sufi Muslim chants. He is most unique, however, because he draws inspiration from the many other sounds of the world, including different areas of Africa, Cuba, Western hip hop, jazz, soul and pop. The result is one of the most global one can hear, described by the Guardian as, "the finest example of the meeting of African and Western music."

His music is so appealing throughout the world because of his unique voice and deeply intelligent music. N'Dour inherited his musical skills from his mother and joined a popular group, Super Etoile De Dakar, at nineteen. The group, led by N'Dour, forged mbaalax, an upbeat style blending African, Caribbean and pop rhythms. They performed for the first time in Europe in 1984 and in North America the next year. N'Dour gained greater recognition in the West in the late 1980s, when he collaborated with other famous musicians, such as Paul Simon, Peter Gabriel, Sting, Neneh Cherry, Wyclef Jean and many others. With the international release of "Set" and the famous single "Shaking the Tree," N'Dour was nominated for a Grammy and signed with Columbia Record's 40 Acres and Mule Label.

As well as being a prolific and unique artist, N'Dour is a powerful cultural icon and advocate of social issues. He is a Goodwill Ambassador to the UN, Ambassador to UNICEF and an elected Ambassador to the International Bureau of Work. In 1985, Youssou organized a concert for the liberation of Nelson Mandela. Three years later, he performed at Mandela's birthday concert, when he was the President of South Africa. He also toured with the Amnesty International concerts throughout the '80s and continues to give concerts for children with AIDS. In 1998, N'Dour toured with Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Sting and Trace Chapman on the Amnesty International Human Rights Now tour. In 2000, he was one of the prominent performers at the Jubilee 2000 concert, consecrated by Pope John Paul II for the relief of Third World debt. N'Dour will perform selections from "Egypt," his newest album, which earned him his first Grammy for the "Best Contemporary World Music Album," This album is a radical change of pace and style for the artist, synthesizing only northern and western African sounds. It is a highly spiritual album, focusing on the religion of Islam, specifically the Sufi practice that dominates Senegal. "Egypt" challenges Western musical preconceptions and presents a different very different worldview. N'Dour explained to the BBC and Al-Jazeera, "Egypt is an album which praises the tolerance of my religion, which has been badly misused by a certain ideology ... Our religion has nothing to do with the violence, with terrorism." This album is a stunning experience and an opportunity that N'Dour has given his Western audience to appreciate the beauty and diversity of the Muslim world.

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Imani Winds join forces with Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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A unique and invigorating blend of African, European and American music will be featured on Friday, as a professional wind quintet joins the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra onstage in the Leighton Concert Hall.

The Imani Winds, a young group of touring and recording musicians, will be featured in a collaborative concert with the student musicians of the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. The two groups will play together, covering both classical pieces and Imani Winds-originais.

The Imani Winds are a quintet featuring Valerie Coleman (flute), Toyin Spellman (oboe), Mariam Adam (clarinet), Jeff Scott (French horn) and Monica Ellis (bassoon). Known for their dynamic playing and innovative programming, the quintet has already garnered attention and exposure, including performances on NPR and the festival circuit. They have toured extensively, both at the college-level and at festivals, and have already performed at several noteworthy fes­tivals this year, including the Florida International Festival, the Vancouver Chamber Music Festival and the Oregon Bach Festival.

Musically, the quintet is far more adven­turous than the average classical group. Seeking to tie together the seemingly dis­parate styles of European, African and American music traditions, their reper­toire is more diverse than most. Featuring works by such distinctively different com­posers as Dvorak, Schubert and Gershwin, the Imani Winds uniquely invigorating musically links the eclectic styles of the past.

Additionally, their concerts of­ten feature self-penned compositions like flautist Valerie Coleman's "Afro-Cuban Concerto for Wind Quintet and Orchestra."

The Imani Winds formed in 1997 and released their first recording, "Unjou," in 2002 and have recently released their major-label debut, "The Classical Underground" (available from KOCH International Classics) features both orig­inal compositions and interpretations of traditional pieces. The energetic performances and impressive musicality board­oue is featured on both recordings, which can be obtained at the group's Web site, www.imaniwinds.com.

In addition to their touring and recording, the quintet is extremely active in the community, as they have taken time to participate in many residency and commu­nity outreach programs. Through these programs, the Imani Winds seek to educate on both African Diaspora and Western classical traditions in a class­room setting.

The Imani Winds will be featured in conjunction with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra is an organization of student musicians and is under the direction of Daniel Snow. Tomorrow will mark the first time the two groups have played together.

Tickets are available from the DPAC Box Office and are $3 for students, $4 for seniors, $5 for staff/faculty and $6 for the general public. The concert is on Friday at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Music Hall, located in the DPAC.

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Photo courtesy of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but we doubt there is much love lost between The Shirt committee and this pink parodist.

Some days, all you need is the shirt God gave you. But if you need a victory, there no choice but to add a logo.

They're red, weird and unapologetic: Zahm's tradition of outrageous dormwear leaves other halls in the dust.

For next week: What are the best windows on campus? Send your suggestions to obsphoto@nd.edu.
Shaquille O'Neal sprains his right ankle midway through the fourth quarter, X-rays revealed. "It was like the Wheaties commercial with [Michael] Jordan," Wade said of his final shot. "It went around and pretty much, and came out. I got a good look, got a good shot. It just didn't go in and came out." The Heat led for only 19 seconds - Udonis Haslem scored the game's first basket - but still had chances to win their home opener.

Miami forced Indiana into 10 straight missed shots over a nine-minute stretch of the second half, allowing the Heat to claw back from a 73-59 deficit. And a 14-6 run in the fourth drew Miami into a 93-93 tie. Jermaine O'Neal made two free throws with 5.01 left in the half, but another end-of-quarter heave - this time a jumper by Jermaine O'Neal with .8 seconds left - didn't go in, Miami 103-102 lead, but the Heat answered with five points in the next 29.1 seconds. Wade hit a 3-pointer and Haslem put back Payton's miss with .08 left to draw Miami to 103-102.

Jermaine O'Neal made two free throws with 50 seconds left, and Miami didn't score again. "We showed a lot of composure from start to finish," Jermaine O'Neal said. Tinsley had 13 points, and Austin Croshere and Jackson each had 11 for Indiana. Haslem had 14 points, while Antoine Walker and Alonzo Mourning each scored 12 for Miami. "We pulled for each other when things got tough," Tinsley said.

Ron Artest, who was boosed when introduced before the game, had 10 points in the opening quarter, silencing the sellout crowd with a 3-pointer - shooting 8-for-8 behind the arc - and over Haslem's outstretched arm - at the buzzer to push Miami's lead to 29-23.

That shot was part of an 11-0 run by the Pacers, who built five quick-second-quarter points from Sarunas Jasikevicius to build a 34-23 lead. Miami scored seven straight points to claw within 43-44 with 5:21 left in the half, but another end-of-quarter heave - this time a jump long jumper by Jermaine O'Neal with 8.01 seconds remaining - didn't go in, Miami 103-95 lead, but the Heat answered with five points in the next 29.1 seconds. Wade hit a 3-pointer and Haslem put back Payton's miss with .08 left to draw Miami to 103-102.

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That shot was part of an 11-0 run by the Pacers, who built five quick-second-quarter points from Sarunas Jasikevicius to build a 34-23 lead. Miami scored seven straight points to claw within 43-44 with 5:21 left in the half, but another end-of-quarter heave - this time a jump long jumper by Jermaine O'Neal with 8.01 seconds remaining - didn't go in, Miami 103-95 lead, but the Heat answered with five points in the next 29.1 seconds. Wade hit a 3-pointer and Haslem put back Payton's miss with .08 left to draw Miami to 103-102.
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**Men's Soccer Poll**

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Louisville running back Michael Bush follows his blockers on his way to 215 yards rushing in Thursday night's 42-20 win over Pitt. Bush also scored two touchdowns before being sidelined with a sprained left foot.

**Bush leads Pittsburgh over Louisville**

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Few games have gotten off to a wilder start than Louisville-Pittsburgh on Thursday night, two touchdowns in the first 25 seconds, both on kickoffs. But by game's end, the result was routine: another lopsided Louisville win.

Michael Bush rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns and Art Carraneda tied a school record with four field goals as No. 24 Louisville controlled the game in the second half en route to a 42-20 win over the Panthers.

Injured hockey player to receive workers' comp

NORFOLK, Va. — A former minor-league hockey player who injured his shoulder in a fight claimed his coach told him to start is entitled to workers' compensation, a Virginia appeals court ruled.

The Virginia Court of Appeals upheld a Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission finding that "fighting is an integral part of the game of hockey" and that Ty J. Jones' injury arose in the course of his employment as an "enforcer." Jones' former team, the Norfolk Admirals, had argued that the fight amounted to willful misconduct and that he was not entitled to workers' compensation.

L. Steven Emmert, a leading Virginia appellate attorney and hockey fan with no connection to the case, suggested the finding Tuesday was so obvious that it does not amount to much as a legal precedent.

"This court finds that fighting is an integral part of hockey," Emmert said. Thirty million Canadians could have told you that.

Texas track finally set for second NASCAR race

FORTH WORTH, Texas — It took nine years and a lawsuit to get it, but Texas Motor Speedway is finally set for Sunday, and it looks like it will be worth the wait.

The Dickies 500, the eighth race in the 10-race Chase for the championship, is set for Sunday, and it looks like it will be worth the wait. More than 200,000 spectators are expected for what could be a pivotal race in the championship. And, to make it even more interesting, there's a $6.8 million, easily the biggest payoff in the Chase.

"NASCAR fans have waited nine long years for this race and there is a tremendous buzz going on about it," said track president Eddie Gossage. "The first raper showed up 17 days prior to the race."

Injured Owens returns to practice

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens returned to practice Thursday, a day after he was listed as doubtful for Philadelphia's game at Washington on Sunday.

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"We did a nice job," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We limited his reps, but he did a nice job when he was in there."

Reid said Owens has been spending most of his time in the trainer's room trying to get his ankle ready "It's a matter of getting the swelling out," Reid said. "We'll see where it's at tomorrow."
PGA

Bryant finally starting to believe he belongs

Tour Championship successful so far for 42-year old grinder

Associated Press

ATLANTA — What was shaping up to be a record round Thursday at East Lake suddenly was in peril as Bart Bryant planted his feet on the 38-foot mound of a bunker and chipped awkwardly to the hole.

He would have been happy to get it within 10 feet. Imagine how he felt when his shot hit the pin, rattled the cup and settled a few feet away.

"My middle and I looked at each other and said, "This is your day," Bryant said. The 42-year-old grinder and late bloomer must be believing this is his year.

Bryant was nearly flawless Thursday in the Tour Championship, making an auspicious debut by setting the course record with an 8-under 62 to take a two-shot lead over defending champion Retief Goosen.

He was the only player in the 22-man field without a bogey on his card. He missed only two greens and two fairways.

Caught between clubs on the par-5 15th, he went with a hybrid and knocked it within 6 feet for an eagle. Not many would have guessed it would come from a player who had never seen East Lake until this week.

"What a round of golf that is," Charles Howell III, golfer said after a 67, "I saw him at 8-under and thought he was playing a scramble with Ted Purdy."

Twelve out of the 29 players at East Lake broke par, a tribute to a gorgeous afternoon with hardly any wind, and a course that is playing firm and fast.

Even so, Bryant's score got everyone's attention. "I wasn't expecting 8 under," Davis Love III said after a 68. "I wasn't expecting 6 under.

Bryant's expectations keep getting higher, although it wasn't always that way. There were times he would lie awake and wonder if his journey through the smaller tours and too many trips to Q-school were a sign that maybe he should find another job.

"I have a funny feeling somebody was looking out for me," Bryant said. "I've been working on it," Bryant said, "I didn't win until the Texas Open last year and added a validation victory at the Memorial in early June. "People try to pound it in your head, 'You belong, you belong.' If I go out and shoot three more 62s, maybe I'll be better than Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia were at 66."

Bryant finally starting to believe he belongs.

Golfer fires 64 to tie course record at SFB Classic in Mississippi

Associated Press

MADISON, Miss. — Bob Tway shot a tournament-record-tying 8-under 64 Thursday for a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Southern Farm Bureau Classic.

Tway, an eight-time PGA Tour victory whose last victory came at the 2003 Bell Canadian Open, matched the first-round scoring record shared by four players in Mississippi's only tour stop.

Frank Lickliter was the last to open the event with a 64, in 2000. The SFB Classic's record for a low round is 61, set by Keith Clearwater in 1996.

Jonathan Byrd opened with a 65. Kevin Na, Tom Pernice Jr., Tom Byrhave and Bo Van Pelt were two shots back after first-round 66.

Tway, who started on the back nine, had four straight birdies, starting at No. 3, to get to 9 under at Annandale Golf Club.

"Tway shot a 64, the 46-foot birdie putt at No. 14," Kevin Byrd said. "I thought I was going to miss it, but I didn't. It was the type of golf course where if you hit it well, the greens are going to stay receptive. They're going to stay soft and each round you can have a chance to break some birdies. ... If you can make a few by getting close enough and and the par-5s, you'll be OK."

Carl Peterson, whose first PGA Tour victory came at last week's Chrysler Championship, played in Tway's group and said the veteran's finesse was impressive.

"I see how on his last hole, there was something to com­ pare it with," Peterson said of Tway. Byrd had a chance to tie Tway on his final hole, but hit his approach the par-4 ninth into the bunker left of the green. He chipped to 5 feet and made the par putt.

Byrd, who finished in the top 10 here in 2002 and '04, made a 46-foot birdie putt at No. 14 and a 15-foot eagle putt at No. 18.

"I seem to always play well toward the end of the year," Peterson said of Tway. "It's not always that way. There were times he would lie awake and wonder if his journey through the smaller tours and too many trips to Q-school were a sign that maybe he should find another job."

"I seem to always play well toward the end of the year," Byrd said. "I don't believe it's going to be as bunched up as it was last year, just because it's so cold in the morning," Na said.
Open continued from page 32 became a reality.
Nine minutes into the game, Brey further departed from his starting lineup of Chris Quinn, Colin Falls, Russell Carter, Rob Kurz and Torin Francis, adding a 6-foot-1 freshman point guard into the mix.
It was a familiar look for the Irish. Kyle McAlarney was now occupying Chris Thomas’ spot in last season’s small backcourt alongside Quinn.
“I wanted to look at that because I think we are going to have to play that way, maybe to spread people out,” Brey said. “You’re worried about it defensively … but [Quinn and McAlarney are so good with the ball.”
McAlarney impressed the home crowd in his first game, drilling a 3-pointer minutes after stepping on the court. He had seven points on 2-for-3 shooting, three assists and three steals, and showed an ability to get to the basket to create scoring opportunities.
But with the variety of looks and the integration of new players into the lineup, Notre Dame started off slowly Thursday night, shooting 9-for-36 (25 percent) in the first half. The Irish led Lewis by only one point, 22-21, heading into halftime.
“If Quinn and Falls shoot like that, I don’t care who we play, we are probably going to get beat,” Mike Brey Irish coach

“We dag in pretty good at man-to-man.”
Mike Brey Irish coach

16-2 run with 17:39 remaining, that Notre Dame pulled away from its Division II opponent.
The Irish began forcing turnovers and creating fast breaks during the stretch, which was highlighted by five points from Carter, who started his second career game with the Irish.
His play impressed Brey, who said the junior’s playing time would depend on his defense and ability to integrate into the offense. “I thought he was disciplined defensively for the most part tonight,” Brey said. “That’s what he’s got to do first, and then be good with the ball and easy to play with. I thought in the second half he was a little smoother to play with.”
Carter finished with 11 points on 4-for-9 shooting.
Carter’s two-handed dunk off an outlet pass from Colin Falls with 6:38 remaining in the second half put the stamp on the Irish victory.
“We felt that we had to get key stops, like three stops in a row … to really break it open,” Carter said. “We just pulled together and did the job.”
Notre Dame’s rough offensive start forced it to rely on defense to keep the game from slipping away. The Irish played predominantly man-to-man, but Brey refused to commit to a specific defensive identity for the remainder of the season.
“We’re going to play a lot of zone,” Brey said. “We may become mostly a zone team, I don’t know. It was nice to see when we had to dig in. We dug in pretty good at man-to-man.”

“I was good because in the first half we weren’t flowing offensively. We had to rely on defending because nothing was going in on the other end.”
Though Brey said before Wednesday’s practice “everybody should be available,” forward Rick Cornett did not dress for Thursday’s game.
Brey used all of his available scholarship players in the game, most notably McAlarney and former-McDonald’s All-American freshman Luke Zeller.
Zeller looked impressive on both ends of the floor, showcasing his ability to rebound, block shots and stroke the mid-range jumper.
He had four points on 2-for-5 shooting, grabbed four rebounds and blocked three shots.
“I thought Zeller got into a nice rhythm,” Brey said.
Notre Dame will play its final exhibition game Nov. 11 against Quincy College at the Joyce Center.
Notes:
◆ On the first Lewis offensive possession after McAlarney checked into the game, the freshman ran into a screen near the opposite foul line and fell on the ground. He immediately got back up and bumped the opposing player who had welcomed him to the college level.
“I don’t really let anybody push me around like that, no matter how big or how strong they are,” McAlarney said. “That’s just how my dad taught me and how I was brought up. It’s part of the game though, to get knocked over like that. But its also part of the game to get right back up and hustle back.”
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At left, junior Russel Carter drives the baseline to the hoop. Carter scored 11 points in 21 minutes of action Thursday. Torin Francis, center, towers over Lewis defenders in the paint. At right, freshman Kyle McAlarney prepares to dish out a pass in his first college game. McAlarney had three assists against the Flyers.
NFL

Sherman's future tied to QB Favre's

 Packers' signal-caller hopes head coach will remain in Green Bay

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre says he would be reluctant to return to Green Bay next season if Mike Sherman isn't still coaching the Packers.

"I don't think there's one specific thing that would make me say yeah or no. It's just a culmination of a lot of different things, that being one of them," Favre said.

"Maybe you're on the verge of saying yeah, and then you say, 'You know what, do I really want to sit in meetings and have to learn something all over again?'

"That could be the straw that breaks the camel's back." [Packers quarterback Brett Favre]

Associated manager Ted Thompson, who didn't comment on Sherman's future, was out of his office and didn't return a call from The Associated Press.

Sherman, hired to a $ 2.6 million contract extension on Aug. 23 that would take him through 2007, declined comment on Favre's remarks.

Favre, who turned 36 last month, previously has said he would like to finish his career in another uniform because he's too set in his ways to learn a new offense.

Favre, who was traded to the Packers from Green Bay after the 1992 season, has spent his entire time in Green Bay running various versions of the West Coast offense.

"I think that I've been maybe the only player that's ever played 14 years in the same offense," Favre said. "This offense has evolved; it's something a little bit different, but I've been through the evolution. No one else has. The downside of that is, it is so hard for me to learn something new in a year.

"It was just too difficult. I mean, it could be done. Anything can be done. I'm just talking about the logistics of the Xs and Os and stuff. But when you've spent 14 years, all they have to do is come in and say right now... instead of odd things going to the left, now it's going to be to the right. You see where I'm coming from?'

"It's not different than my first time in Tokyo, you're driving on the wrong side of the road and it was hell. And I didn't drive: I just rode.

Favre said that even small tweaks in the offense would force him to deprogram what he's perfected and would have a big impact on his play.

"What happens is your mind almost has just been engraved with that. It's just a different thought. It could be done. It would be a pain in the rear end I would think. Maybe I'm wrong."

Favre said he won't know about next season's offense until the offseason, but the weekly grind of preparing for games wears on him more with every passing week.

"It could come down to some of the littlest things, what I'm willing to put myself through. I mean, if it was coming down to just games, I don't think nothing could pull me away from the games. I love to play. I love to do it," Favre said.

"But you know, I know, it's not baseball, it's not basketball. You only play three hours a week. You spend all this time— people think they're at home that I just show up on Sundays and we play. I'm here taking a damn nap here at lunch, spend all day and watch film at night. For three hours. And if it doesn't go your way, it's so disappoint­ ing all the time you've put into it."

Favre pondered retirement last winter when the knee of Le'Ron, his son, was undergoing treatment for breast cancer, the lat­ est in a long list of tragedies to strike the Favre family.

Associated Press

Indianapolis will take on New England in Monday night game

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — By nightfall, the Indianapolis Colts may have to wonder if they choke when they play the New England Patriots.

They'll have the answer, for sure. If the Colts beat New England on Monday night, they can continue to argue that their failures against their former AFC East rivals have been due more to personnel than psyche. And should the Patriots win, it will be just as obvious that they sim­ ply have the Colts' number.

"Obviously, you hear a lot of 'Patriots this, Patriots that. Rightfully so," defensive line­ man Dwight Freeney said. "They've beaten us every year since I've been here. So, you have to just handle it and go out there and do what we have to do."

Patriots: This new year has won three of the last four Super Bowls. Patriots: that the last two have come after knock­ ing the Colts out of the playoffs. Patriots: that they are the only team to win two consecutive championships.

"I don't think it's any magical or special things that we do, or else everybody would be doing it," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said. "The Colts are a very good team. All of that has been proven, for the last two years in winning. That was in the past. This is a new year. They're the best football team in the game right now."

The Patriots (4-3) have undoubtedly been a good team this season, evidenced by the twice silver footballs in their crowd­ ed trophy cabinet. And no one knows that better than the Colts (7-0) as they come to Foxborough for what has remained an annual rivalry game even after their move to the AFC South.

The Patriots are 17-4 against their former AFC East rivals since 1993, including six con­ secutive victories and seven straight in Foxborough. Peyton Manning is 10-2 against New England; Tom Brady is 6-0 against the Colts and Bill Belichick is 7-1 when leading the Patriots against them.

"I don't think you get psyched out by that. I think a lot of times it is just dealing with a good team," Indy coach Tony Dungy said. "In the years I have played the Patriots, we haven't beaten them, but not that many other people have beaten them either.

"I think we have a bad team that is good enough, but we just haven't done it."

But this year is supposed to be different: Indianapolis is the last unbeaten team in the NFL and 1 1/2 games better than its closest pursuer. And even though the Patriots have won the last two Super Bowls, this year they've struggled to over­ come the kind of injuries they shrugged off in the past.

Safety Rodney Harrison is out for the season, cornerback Randall Gay has missed four games and defensive lineman Richard Seymour has missed three.

Running backs Corey Dillon, Kevin Faulk and Patrick Pass are all ailing.

That tells a lot about why New England has already lost more games this season than in the previous two. And why the Colts have their best chance yet to stop answering questions about the hex the Patriots hold over them.

"The only way we can end that is to win some of these games," Dungy said. "The last four years, they have been the dominant team in the league and a lot of people are chasing them, including us." Belichick also denies there is any magic to the streak, noting that New England won last year's opener 27-24 when McGinest sacked Manning for a 13-yard loss, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 49-yard field goal that he missed with 19 sec­ onds left. Manning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns.

"Well, look," Belichick said when asked about his team's success against Manning. "He's completed plenty of passes against us. I'm sure he probably had to ice down his arm a cou­ ple extra days after the game, last year, he got tired of throw­ ing those 60-yarders."

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Bender loses in first scrimmage with Belles**

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

"With the first regular season game just two weeks away and only two full weeks of practice behind him, first-year Belles' coach Tim Tucker said last week that he threw his players into the fire and saw how they were made of.

"I wanted to scrimmage somebody that would just knock our families, you know, because that's a great wake-up call and that's exactly what we need," Bender said. "It doesn't do us any good to go out and thump somebody and get a false sense of security. I love to go out and just play tough people.

Bender got what he was hop-

**MEN'S SWIMMING**

**Familiar faces meet today**

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh is not used to fin-

ishing second. For eight

straight seasons, Pitt captured the No.

1 spot. This year, though, Notre Dame dethroned the Panthers and won its first ever conference championship. The two teams will meet again today in a head-to-head matchup at Pitt's Trees Pool at 4 p.m. in Pittsburgh.

"Take a guess whether we think they are going to be ready?" Welsh said.

As the top two programs in the Big East, the Irish and Panthers have developed an intense rivalry in the dual meet held at Notre Dame every year. The Irish outlasted Pitt by 3 hundredths of a second in the final race to come out on top.

"It's a very healthy rivalry. It's very spirited," Welsh said. "It's made both teams better."

The No. 19 Irish enter today's meet coming off a disappointing loss at No. 15 Purdue. The Boilermakers captured the Notre Dame 182-118, but Welsh was encouraged by many of the times the Irish posted. "Last week's loss was disappointing for everyone," Welsh said. "But we also had a number of events where we got fast.

Nevertheless, Welsh knows the team must improve across the board to come away from Pittsburgh with a victory.

"It's not a single race where we would say right now 'We are as fast as we want to be,'" the coach said. "We spent a lot of our training week this week looking at specific areas that we can improve in each of our races.

Notre Dame expects to hold an advantage over Pittsburgh because of its superior depth. While the Panthers have a concentrated group of swimmers who post excellent times, the Irish rely on a larger contingent who are capable of racing at the same speeds.

Pittsburgh traditionally holds the edge over the Irish in div-

ing, however. The Panthers return an experienced and suc-

cessful group of divers and have added Alex Volovetski, one of the top freshman divers in the nation.

"Their divers have been the leaders in the Big East for a long time," Welsh said.

The Irish will counter with a young but talented foursome of divers in freshman Michael Haffin and sophomores Maggie, Sam Stone and Chris Kane. Haffin has already established himself as the team's top diver after just three career col-

legiate meets.

Notre Dame is excited to have the opportunity to take down its top Big East rival this early in the year.

"We're eager for the meet and we are looking forward to the races," Welsh said. "We know that in order for us to beat them, the team we want to become we have to win tough meets on the road.

We're eager for the chal-

enge."
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The Bats dodged several late bullets last week to pull out a 14-0 win over O'Neill. Captain Pat Gourley said he was disappointed the defense allowed so many yards, as he believed the game was closer than the score indicated. However, he feels the team has to move on.

"We're really trying to take the positives out of it," Gourley said. "Our corners really stepped it up in the fourth quarter, and our red zone defense was key to winning.

The Bats forced a turnover on downs three times inside their own 20-yard line to preserve the victory.

Gourley was quick to point out his undefeated team was not looking ahead to the championship game.

"We're not expecting it to be easy," he said. "Everyone knows it. It's going to come down to who wants it more.

The Bats' captain also mentioned that the game could very well be decided by who overs controls the line of scrimmage. That will be key in stopping the vaunted Morrissey rushing attack. He believes his team will be key in stopping Morrissey in the fourth quarter, and our defense will be decided by whoever controls the line of scrimmage for the final minutes.

Defensively, Morrissey may have its hands full in containing the trio of quarterback Sean Wieland, who threw two touchdowns last week, wide receiver Jake Richardville and tailback Theo Ossei-Anto.

"They have a balanced attack, but we think that we can give them a good game," Klein said. "Our defensive line has stepped up their play and our corners have to do their jobs and hold them back.

"We're really trying to take the positives out of it," Klein said. "We're going to come back and play a good game against Zahm and see how close we are to the championship.

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Walsh begins title defense this weekend

Cavanaugh will try to continue undefeated season against Badin

By DREW FONTANAROSA, JAMES FEGAN and GREG ARBOGAST
Special Writers

Many teams don't get a second chance. But on Sunday, the Chicks of Lewis get just that as they face season against Badin at West Quad fields. The game will be a rematch of the squads' season opener.

The Wild Women used two interceptions by cornerback Julie Cavanaugh to defeat Badin at West Quad fields in their football abilities, they are looking to improve.

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The Wild Women believe last season's title win is the decisive defensive stand of UCLA quarterback Becky Brown to throw to keep the ball on the 1-4-1 record this season, believes the Wild Women are looking for a more balanced team.

Bailey said. The Arizona Republic believes last season's win will have a couple of great season openers, and other we have but believes it can fall. "It is now or never," Bailey said.

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"We know we're a good team and we know we should have won that game," Chapman said. "Not a lot of teams get the chance to play a team you lost to."

With NCAA tournament seeding on the line, Notre Dame has an extra incentive to perform this weekend, unlike last year when the Irish headed into the conference tournament undefeated.

"I haven't thought too much about it in the past because my focus has always been on the NCAA's," Waldrum said. "I've probably thought about it more this time.

The tournament in the Big East has never been a big goal. For the first time ... it is.

Even if the Irish win this weekend's tournament, Waldrum is concerned that it will not be enough for Notre Dame to obtain a top seed.

"I'm not the most optimistic about it," Waldrum said. "I think some other things still would need to fall into place for us to be in the top four."

They will meet No. 11 Marquette tonight, with the winner moving on to play either Connecticut or West Virginia Sunday in the Big East Championship, also to be held in Milwaukee.

The Irish have not lost at home all season, compiling a 10-0 mark in South Bend. Their only two losses have come on the road — at Santa Clara and Marquette.

But the Marquette team that upset Notre Dame in late September will face a very different Irish team tonight.

For starters, Irish defender Kim Lorenzen will play for the Irish tonight. Lorenzen was injured in the previous meeting.

"We've got a team full of stars with kids like Chapman and freshman forward Korri Hanks and (senior forward Kaitl) Thorlakson," Waldrum said. "But I think Kim has always been the one player that I've said we can't do without."

With Notre Dame's ability to pressure teams on defense and kill scoring opportunities on offense, the Irish are confident about their chances this weekend even though they are matched up against a team that beat them once already.

"I think we've got to be smart," Waldrum said. "I think I've got to be a better coach than I was the last time we came here. I really wasn't at my best. In hindsight, at making some moves."

Offensively, there are not many teams that can compare to Notre Dame. Hanks (22 goals, 13 assists) and Thorlakson (15 goals, 26 assists) lead the team with 57 points and 56 points, respectively.

Thorlakson, who is seeking her first Big East Tournament title in her final season, was named the conference offensive player of the year. Thursday night in the Big East awards banquet, Hanks took home rookie of the year honors.

When Amanda Cinalli is added to the mix, her six goals and 14 assists give the Irish an offensive unit that has 139 points on the season.

With the semifinal match late tonight and the final scheduled for 12 p.m. Sunday, Waldrum said he plans to use a heavier batch of substitutions than he did in the loss, especially because of the quick turnaround if the Irish advance to the finals.

"We’ve got to try to ... stay fresh," Waldrum said. "I think we’ll keep mixing it up."

Notes:

• Junior Jen Buczkowski took home the Big East top honor for midfielders in the awards banquet Thursday. With Thorlakson, Chapman and Hanks also claiming top honors in their categories, Notre Dame became the first team to win four major Big East awards in a single year.

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In sports, there aren't always second chances. But the Irish are getting one this weekend as they face conference foe St. John's in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Jamaica, N.Y.

"I think the guys are very excited to back to St. John's because we felt that was one of the games where we really didn't acquit ourselves too well," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "Same team same venue — if we're lucky we'll see if we can do better."

The Irish lost to St. John's 2-1 on Oct. 16 in an early-season road match. It was the Big East opener for both teams and featured St. John's at a No. 10 ranking and the Irish at No. 16. Playing at St. John's is difficult for any visitor, and the Irish have never won at the site.

"It's because you play on field turf and you've got to adjust your game ... there's certainly things you can do that certainly, I think we can do better," Clark said. "I don't think we did such a good job the last time and there's a few things I think we feel we can improve on."

St. John's is 9-2-3 against Notre Dame all-time. However, the Irish knocked off the Red Storm to win the Big East tournament title in 2003. The Irish finished with a 6-4-1 record in the competitive Big East. The conference had four teams ranked in the latest Soccer America top 25 - No. 5 Connecticut, No. 20 South Florida, No. 23 St. John's and No. 24 Seton Hall.

"Every game's tight, if you look at the Big East that's the way it is," Clark said. "Let's be honest ... if you can just take one game back and you're pretty well in there."

The Irish tied Syracuse 0-0 in the first round of playoffs, but won 4-2 in penalty kicks. Last year, the Irish were eliminated from the Big East tournament by Seton Hall in penalty kicks.

Justin McGeeney, Ian Etherington, Kurt Martin and Matt Besler scored in the shootout for the Irish, with Besler notching his first career goal to clinch the match. The Irish were coming off a dominating 4-0 victory over then-No. 16 Seton Hall as Notre Dame finished the regular season on a high note after a hard-fought 3-0 loss to No. 4 Indiana in a regional rivalry match.

If they win Saturday, the Irish will advance to the conference's Final Four. The semifinals and final match will take place next weekend at the University of Connecticut. Past this weekend's game, the Irish are fighting for a bid to the NCAA Tournament. By winning the conference tournament the team can receive an automatic bid. They are in solid position to make the tournament now but have not clinched a spot. Another win, especially over a program like St. John's, could make their case for the selection committee.

They know what's at stake, but the Irish are continuing to take it one game at a time.

"The mood's been good all season, it's been strong, it's been a strong mentality," Clark said. "This has all the makings of a very good team — I don't think there's any question in anyone's mind about that, certainly not the coaching staff."

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Irish midfileder Ian Etherington kicks the ball during Notre Dame's 4-2 penalty-kick victory over Syracuse Wednesday.
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probably most similar to Denver in the way they play, "They have a lot of speed and they play an aggressive style. They have an aggressive penalty kill and an aggressive power play, which concerns me because that's where we broke down against Denver." The Wolverines are 5-1-1, having tied No. 10 Michigan State and lost at Alaska-Fairbanks 4-2. Michigan led by junior Matt Hunwick, who has racked up 10 assists already this season and sophomore Kevin Porter, who has found the back of the net six times.

Pearce's shutout Saturday left him in serious contention to replace incumbent junior Dave Brown.

Jackson said he has yet made a decision about a permanent starter. "Right now I'm looking to maintain a rotation until I feel like one of them is ready to become 'the guy,'" he said. If the same body plays two or three good games in a row, they'll probably get the fourth start.

As for Friday's game, Jackson said he will not pick a starter until after the team's morning skate. Jackson said he hoped the student section would reach the level of excitement found at Notre Dame's regular season home opener against Princeton. "The student section was awesome last Friday night," Jackson said. "It wasn't quite as good on Saturday night. If we can get the students like they were last Friday night on a regular basis that helps our team immensely." Jackson, whose previous college head coaching job was at Lake Superior State, praised the Notre Dame Pep Band for its role in contributing to the Joyce Center environment. "I can't say enough about our pep band," he said. "They've got one of the best fight songs in the world, if not the best." Both Friday's game at the Joyce Center and Saturday's game in Ann Arbor will face off at 7:35p.m.

The Irish return home to face Bowling Green at the same time Thursday.

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SMC SWIMMING

Rose-Hulman will test wireless Belles

Saint Mary's hopes to improve in second season

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and BECKI DORNER

The Belles will certainly have their hands full Saturday as they look for their first win of the season versus the Rose-Hulman Engineers at Wabash College. Saint Mary's looks to move in a positive direction after disappointing performances in its first meet as it lost to Hope 89-11 and Olivet 98-13.

A confident Rose-Hulman should be ready for the challenge, energized after recording several top finishes in the recent Monmouth Invitational. The invite field included national swimming power Chicago and Division I Western Illinois among the six-team field.

Junior Erin O'Conner of the Engineers led the team's effort with two first-place finishes and part of a relay victory. O'Conner won the 100-butterfly in a time of 1:04.71 and the 100-breaststroke in 1:11.82. The 400-medley relay team of Chrissy Guidi, O'Conner, Elaine Kratz and sophomore Altaich captured top honors with a time of 4:24.46 as well.

Saint Mary's captain Katie Dingeman stresses that it is still early in the season. "Our team still has a lot of training to do before we get to where we want to be," Dingeman said.

Yet the Belles look to Saturday as a chance to move forward. "We want to improve our individual times and continue to have fun," she said. Rose-Hulman is a new opponent for the Belles as a non-MIAA team. It will be Saint Mary's last opponent before embarking on winter training.

After Saturday, Saint Mary's next meet will not take place until the Jan. 14 when the Belles take on Alma at the Holls Aquatic Center.

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B C S ranking, the schedule is oddly turning against the Irish when they need it most.

Uncontrollable disparity?

No. 4 Notre Dame ranks No. 6 tied with Clemson, Iowa St., Memphis and Wyoming in strength of schedule by cumulative opposition. This means, factoring the records of all teams on Notre Dame's 2005 schedule, past and future, the Irish have fallen behind 68 of them in the strength of their opponents' performance. These 68 teams include Rice, Wake Forest and even Temple.

The past five seasons, Notre Dame has averaged about No. 19 in that statistical category. Last season, the Irish finished No. 7 in the country in strength of schedule. And in 2003, Notre Dame was No. 3 behind only Alabama and Florida, respectively.

The same teams on the schedule are there again this season. So is the situation out of Notre Dame's control?

"It's just another example of how you really don't know how it's going to play out," Notre Dame assistant athletic director John Heisler said from his office Oct. 27. "You have these names on your schedule, and at the end of the day, no matter what it is whether it's Miami or USC or Pitt's or Pittsburgh or Purdue - you don't know how good they are and you don't have any control over that."

Notre Dame, and any Division-I program in general, also has no control over how the schedule strength affects BCS standings, which ultimately determines postseason aspirations and revenue gains for participating schools.

But the schedule strength clearly is hurting the Irish at this point.

How the BCS system works

BCS standings rank Division-I programs from one through 25. There are three systems, and each counts for a third of the final "BCS average," the decimal point that determines the rankings.

There is the Harris Interactive Poll, the USA Today Poll and the computer rankings. The Harris Interactive pols formerly players, coaches, administrators and media. USA Today polls coaches. But the computer rankings, with different parameters, factor schedule strength along with other stats into their final calculations. The Harris Interactive Computer rankings together, and the Harris Interactive point that determines the computer rankings.

The BCS average is calculated by averaging the ratings from all of the USA Today and BCS polls computer rank.

"You'd have to be prompted people to take a harder look at their schedule and say, Hey, what if we had played our conference in our home, etc., it probably isn't going to be good enough to make the cut, even more so if we're an independent," Heisler said.

"You'd say, 'Let's play the Miami on the schedule every week, but that's just not reali-

An evolving future

New NCAA legislation has increased the Division-I football season from 11 to 12 games, beginning next season, so school's scheduling tactics will be evolving yet again. Once the 12-game season becomes the norm, for example, Notre Dame went 8-3 but still received an invitation — which it accepted — from the Cotton Bowl. The BCS, not in existence at that time, was created prior to the 1998 football season partially, Heisler said, to avoid situations such as bowls being determined before a season's completion.

I said Tuesday. That will eliminate any speculation on the effect of having two bye weeks so close together, as Notre Dame did this season (Oct. 8 and Oct. 29), but won't have a drastic effect on the team, according to the coach.

"If the bye week is early in the year, you have to use it to push your system," Weis said. "If it's in the middle of the year, you've got to use it to rest your guys. You just have to make sure whenever those bye weeks occur, you use them to the greatest benefit.

Notre Dame is also inching closer to securing "neutral site" games for the 2009 season and onward. Heisler said Notre Dame is heavily considering the states of Florida and Texas as locations for its 12th game. Notre Dame plans to schedule seven home games and four away games along with the "neutral site" game to those locations.

"We've had a very good response from various cities/bowl games/sports.com-

Notre Dame is ranked No. 9 in the Harris Interactive and USA Today polls but its No. 22 standing in the computer rankings drags the Irish to No. 14 overall.

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Darrius Walker outruns Panther defenders in Notre Dame's 42-21 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 3.

Pittsburgh's woes have hurt Notre Dame's strength of schedule in the BCS computer rankings.

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MEN’S INTERHALL SEMIFINALS

Stadium awaits winners

Morrisey hopes to take down top-seeded Zahn in Sunday’s semifinal

By COLIN REIMER and TIM KAISER
Sports Writers

A trip to Notre Dame Stadium is on the line Sunday as top-seeded Zahn clashes with Morrisey at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field, the first of two men’s interhall semifinals that day.

The game features teams that possess power running games and stingy defenses. Both squads pulled out close wins last week and are prepared for what promises to be a very physical battle.

HOCKEY

Notre Dame prepares for No. 3 Wolverines

Irish turnaround is on the line tonight as team faces highly-ranked Michigan at the JACC

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After earning its first win of the season last Saturday, Notre Dame will face a tough challenge this weekend in its Central Collegiate Hockey Association opener, a home-and-home-series against No. 3 Michigan beginning tonight at 7:35 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Irish are 1-3 and are coming off a split with Princeton at the Joyce Center last weekend. The Tigers won 3-2 last Friday, but Notre Dame bounced back behind a shutout from freshman goalie Jordan Pearce to win 2-0.

Pearce was named CCHA rookie of the week for his 27-save performance against the Tigers.

The Wolverines will be the third top-10 team Notre Dame has played this year.

The Irish faced No. 10 Denver and No. 1 Colorado College in a western road trip Oct. 21 and 22.

“We’ve picked them all, haven’t we?” Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said. “It seems like every team we’ve played has been No. 1 at some point.”

Jackson said the experience of playing the Colorado schools will be a positive against the Wolverines.

“Playing teams like Denver and Colorado College can only help us,” he said. “Michigan’s in a western road trip this weekend, but we need it the most.”

FOOTBALL

Rivals slacking when ND needs it the most

Strength of schedule is dragging down Irish BCS ranking

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

In recent years, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) postseason picture has not been the backdrop coloring the Notre Dame football landscape. The Irish have made just two, non-BCS bowl games in their previous four seasons — the 2002 Gator Bowl and the 2004 Insight Bowl.

Also during this time, and especially in the past few years, Notre Dame has boasted one of the strongest schedules in the country. The statistic meant nothing when the Irish were not in bowl contention. But as Notre Dame heads into its eighth game of the season with a 5-2 record and No. 14 strength of schedule, the Irish are in bowl contention.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Lewis gives Irish a quick scare

Irish struggle early, recover to cruise by Division II Flyers

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey planned to experiment with a variety of on-court combinations in the team’s first exhibition game Thursday night. In a 59-40 Irish win over Division II Lewis University at the Joyce Center, his plan quickly went out the window.

Freshman guard Kyle McAlarney dribbled the ball up court during the second half of Notre Dame’s 59-40 victory over Lewis Thursday. McAlarney scored seven points and had three steals.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Irish want revenge at Marquette

By BOBBY GRIFFIN and KEN POWLER
Sports Writers

A month ago, the Marquette Golden Eagles embarrassed Notre Dame, 4-1, in the team’s worst conference loss in a decade. Tonight, the Irish hope to return the favor and further their quest for the team’s first Big East Tournament title since 2001.

No. 5 Notre Dame travels to Milwaukee to face No. 11 Marquette in the Big East semifinals today, attempting to win its first conference post-season crown in four years against a team that knocked the Irish off on their home turf.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said the team’s 4-1 loss earlier this season to Marquette has inspired the Irish heading up in the weekend competition.

“I probably haven’t seen them this excited for a Big East Tournament in the last few years,” he said. “It’s something they’re looking forward to.”

Senior Candace Chapman, who was named Big East defensive player of the year Thursday, knows what it means to have the chance to play a team for the second time in a season, especially when the opponent won the first meeting.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN’S SOCCER
Notre Dame at St. John’s
The Irish look to avenge their loss to the Johnnies in the Big East Tournament.

SMC BASKETBALL
Bethel 90
Saint Mary’s 52
The Lady Pilots beat the Belles in a scrimmage at the Angela Athletic Center.

MEN’S SWIMMING
Notre Dame at Pittsburgh
The two top teams in the Big East square off in a dual meet today in Trees Pool.

NCAA FOOTBALL
Louisville 42
Pittsburgh 20
The Cardinals handed the Panthers another conference loss.

Irish Insider
No. 8 Notre Dame takes on Tennessee in Notre Dame Stadium at 2:30 P.M. Saturday.
POETIC WARRIOR

Fifth-year senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte stares down Tennessee as he leads the Irish into a three-game home stand.

Hoyte pursues Michigan State quarterback Drew Stanton in a 44-41 loss on Sept. 17.
Role reversal for Irish and Vols

Here we go again. There's another late-season game tomorrow at Notre Dame Stadium involving a head coach under fire and an offensive system that can't seem to find its way out of a paper bag. Two of the most storied programs in college football history will meet in one of the best fight-songs matches of the season, but the play on the field looks to be a mismatch. One team is so down after last week's loss to a school they have in the past had no trouble beating, they might not be able to get up. But, for once, that team is not Notre Dame. The Irish aren't trying to recover from another loss to Boston College or looking for a way to somehow keep Florida State from racking up 37 points. The team is Tennessee, and that coach is Phillip Fulmer. Fulmer shook up his coaching staff this week in an attempt to get this season back on track as Randy Sanders stepped aside as offensive coordinator Monday in one of the scariest Halloweens in Volunteer football history. But doesn't it feel like the roles should be reversed?

The Irish have been the team to underachieve and grasp around unsuccessfully for an effective offense in the past decade. It's Tennessee that has the problems. It's 3-4 record is indicative of the rocky situation on Rocky Top. The Vols don't even have a solid No. 1 quarterback back late this year, as both Erik Ainge and Rick Clausen have tried to run this ineffective offense. The situation is so bad that several fans wore paper bags over their heads last week during Tennessee's 16-15 home loss to South Carolina, led by the least popular man in Knoxville — Steve Spurrier.

But all of this could help the Volunteers tomorrow. Will the Irish underestimate Tennessee? Are the Irish too thrilled with the fact they are about two plays away from being No. 1 in the nation? They shouldn't be. As Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter said, the Volunteers are scholarship players too. Notre Dame should remind itself that the Volunteers secondary has given up just three passing touchdowns all season. Tennessee will need to put on its best performance of the season to have a chance at upsetting No. 8 Notre Dame. It just might. The Volunteers are on the road — away from their fans, many of which have seen to have forgotten that Fulmer really is a good coach. They don't have to hear local talk radio in its way to South Bend. The Irish had better have their guard up.

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O Captain, my captain
Broadan Hoyte demonstrates the unique combination of hard-hitting intellectual

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

At first glance, this is the story of two men.
One is a Division I football player with 261 career tackles and a knack for making the big play. He's in his fourth year playing linebacker, and he acts as hard as some of the pros.
The second is a college student, quiet and reserved, who does his best thinking with a pen and a pad of paper. He attends brunches to recite poetry and does community service.

It's interesting that at second glance, the two men are the same person. It's fitting that fifth-year senior Brandon Hoyte — multi-talented and respected — was named Notre Dame's defensive captain when coach Charlie Weis took over for the 2005 season.

"He may seem quiet to everyone else, but once you put the pads on, puts the helmet on, he's a different person," Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn said Wednesday.

Quietly, Hoyte (5-foot-11, 235 pounds) has become a forceful leader for the Irish defense. Having played behind and alongside linebacker stalwarts like Courtney Watson, Mike Golicis, Rocky Hisman, Tyree Harrison — even with Derek Gariy — the Parlin, N.J. native has grown through experience and experimentation in game situations and in a red-shirt freshman season.

"Going into the fall, Hoyte made the preseason Butkus Award watch list by honor the nation's top linebacker. He was named a Lot Trophy finalist last week in honor of on- and off-field performance.

But Hoyte — the player and the poet — doesn't lead a double life. He just lives a complete one.

"Anything you would ever ask for in a model football player, student-athlete and person and captain is what he is," defensive coordinator Rick Minter said Wednesday. "He's our coach on the field, make no mistake about it."

Erik, remember me?
On second-and-eight, from its own 32-yard line with less than 30 seconds remaining in the second quarter, Tennessee lined up in the shotgun. Volunteers coach Phillip Fulmer would regret the play call.

Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge fumbled the snap, and as he scrambled to recover, Hoyte steamrolled into the backfield and drilled Ainge, falling to the turf with the ball and the orange jersey beneath him.

Ainge had a separated right shoulder. Notre Dame had the momentum and, eventually, a 17-13 road win in Knoxville, Tenn. On Nov. 6 of last season, Hoyte made his presence known with a dominating and nearly season-saving hit.

"You don't just hit people to tackle them," Hoyte said follow­ ing the game. "You tackle them so they won't get back up."

The Irish would lose to Pittsburgh the following week, eliminating the possibility of a strong finish to the season. But Hoyte had set the tone of how the Irish defense should play — and of how Hoyte would become their leader.

"I think I lead first and foremost by producing on the field," Hoyte said. "You can say what you want, but you have to produce."

Hoyte leads the team in tackles this season with 56 (33 solo). He has four sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss — five more than the next closest player, defensive end Victor Ahumada. Hoyte is averaging eight tackles per game and is on pace to shatter his previous season-high of 74 (2003 and 2004). But he always shifts his concentration away from previous accomplishments when he discusses football career.

Following last season's 6-6 finish, for example, Hoyte said out­ side linebacker Quinn O'Neill was the guy he prayed for because he believed his young teammate would "just live a full life and have a solid bowl berth on coming." Hoyte's coach in those days wearing No. 39, Hoyte refutes still to give a final evaluation of the rookie.

"I'd say I'm not finished because the season's not fin­ ished," Hoyte said Wednesday when asked to assess his career's progress. "Game to game, I see myself getting better."

A way with words
Hoyte strives to improve in other endeavors, as well, but they present different obstacles. In football, for example, you can't run out of ideas.

Hoyte writes poetry in his spare time and even recites it publicly, proving that when people or teammates label him as "quiet," they don't mean he keeps to himself. He has a passion for writing and is thoughtful and both soft- and well-spoken.

"He's one of those guys who I think is obviously quiet, I wouldn't say soft spoken," Quinn said, searching for words to accurately describe his teammate. "But at the same time when he speaks I think everyone listens because of his passion."

The linebacker's passion and empathy have rubbed off on the people he has worked with off the field ever since he arrived in South Bend.

On Oct. 5, Hoyte joined a group of fellow Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students for a bonfire at the soccer field behind Angela Athletic Center. Hoyte recited two original poems to the group. He has been writing poetry since junior high school.

On April 28, Hoyte was the fea­ tured speaker for the Literary Council of St. Joseph's County's eighth annual Luncheon for Literacy.

"He was wonderful to work with," said Brenda Green- O'Connell, the council's executive director. "He's such a generous person."

In a nationwide sports atmosphere of scandal and debate, athletes like Hoyte seem to bridge the gap of understanding. His tendency to mingle with other person — athlete or non-athlete — makes him a natural favorite of those he runs into, those he has class with and those he takes snaps with. The only question remains: how many people in the world can knock a quarterback out of a game and also write poetry regularly?

"I would say it's a normal person (that can), to be honest with you," Hoyte said, laughing at any hint of abnormality in the situation.

"I just like having fun, and that's what you want to do — to have fun and my way to get away. I get away from life when I get onto the football field, and I get away from life when I write poetry."

Closing out
Gone on with life after Notre Dame should not be any more difficult for Hoyte.

When he continues a football career or puts his 3.35 GPA to use, the man on the weak side of the Irish linebacking corps has set himself and the Irish up perfectly.

On the field, opposing players have criticized Hoyte's speed. He is not the tallest player, either. But his vocal leadership and hard hitting have helped Notre Dame's defense — with 16 turnovers in seven games — earn some deserved respect.

"We don't take him off the field," Weis said Tuesday. "He's earned our trust as the most dependable guy we have in all situations."

So maybe, as the saying goes, Hoyte is not a warrior poet at all. He is, instead, a poetic warrior, writing his final verse.

The Volunteers are in town, and Notre Dame's defensive cap­ tain has three home games remaining to close out what has been — but what he won't yet admit to be — a memorable career, on and off the field.

"When you start playing this game is that sometimes effort beats talent, sometimes talent beats smartness."

"And I hope that at the end of the day people say, 'You know, what? That kid plays really, really hard.'"

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by the numbers

Number of opponents the Irish have faced from the SEC in the seven games Tennessee. The Irish are 20-12 all-time against the SEC.

9 Notre Dame's national rank in total offense. The team is averaging 492.71 yards per game.

Tennessee's national rank in defense. The Volunteers have allowed an average of only 293.6 yards per game.

12 Passing touchdowns allowed by Tennessee in seven games this season.

The touchdown passes thrown by Brady Quinn this season, breaking the record of 19 set by Ron Powlus.

7 Number of games in which junior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija has caught a touchdown pass — a Notre Dame record.

3 Passing touchdowns thrown by Brady Quinn this season, breaking the record of 19 set by Ron Powlus.

20 Top-rated power running back LenDale White in a 34-31 loss on Oct. 15.

A pensive Brandon Hoyte pauses during game action at Washington on Sept. 25, left, and breaks up a pass to USC running back LenDale White in a 34-31 loss on Oct. 15.

Linebacker Brandon Hoyte, top, and defensive back Ambrose Wooden take down BYU's Noahs Tahl in a 49-23 win on Oct. 22.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

**Record:** 5-2
**AP:** 8
**Coaches:** 9

Charlie Weis
first season at Notre Dame

**Career record:** 1-1 at Notre Dame
2-0 against Tennessee

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**Notre Dame 2005 Schedule**

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**Notre Dame Defense**

**Notre Dame Offense**

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**Quinn has been nothing short of spectacular this season, tossing 20 touchdowns, including a Notre Dame record six last week against Brigham Young. He earned his second Cingular Player of the Week award for the honor.**

**After running for at least 100 yards in each of his first four games, Walker has slowed down recently with only 17 yards on seven carries against BYU. Rashon Powers-Neal scored six times in his first four games but didn't play against USC or BYU and is not practicing.**

**The Tennessee run defense is one of the best in the business, yielding only 85.6 rushing yards per game. Top in the tough SEC in run defense and fifth overall, the unit is anchored by a strong front four and linebacker Kevin Simon, who leads the team with 63 tackles.**

**The Volunteers pass defense isn't as impressive as the run defense but has been solid this year and yields 208.3 yards in the air per game. The team's secondary has protected against the big play for the most part and is currently ranked No. 8 in the SEC and No. 44 nationally.**

**The Notre Dame ground game has cooled off, rushing for just under 200 yards total against USC and BYU in its last two games. Run defense is Tennessee's strength, and it yielded only 65 rushing yards to South Carolina and 67 to Alabama two weeks ago.**

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**Notre Dame will put up 24 points, despite the Vols' tough defense. Look for the Irish to put the game in Brady Quinn's hands, much like they did two weeks ago against BYU, and for Quinn to respond. This game is by no means a blowout, as the Vols are out to prove they are better than their record might indicate. The Irish offense is too much in this one, and the team will make the statement it has talked about making all week.**

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**Tennessee**

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**Tennessee is better than its record shows, but the Volunteers' offense can not score enough points to beat a Charlie Weis offense. As a matter of fact, they won't score any.**

**With issues of strength of schedule affecting Notre Dame's BCS standing, the Irish need a dominant win over a team that, despite its record, has proven talent in the nation's best conference.**

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**Final Score:** Notre Dame 31 
Tennessee 0

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**Final Score:** Notre Dame 24 
Tennessee 17
Tennessee Volunteers

Tennessee enters tomorrow's game as the best 3-4 team in the country. While the Vols feature a suffocating run defense that may pose problems for Notre Dame, the pass defense — especially with Weis calling the plays — can be exploited. If Quinn and the Irish put up a fight on the board, Tennessee's weak offense won't be able to keep pace.

Final Score: Notre Dame 27, Tennessee 13

Irish experts
Sizing up the Irish and the Vols

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By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN
Sports Writer

Travis Thomas made a good first impression on Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis, and seven games later, it is paying off.

Thomas was elected special teams captain for the Irish's first game against Pittsburgh, something that really stuck out to Weis.

"When I first got here, the first game I coached here, Travis had already been awarded to be the team captain on special teams right off the bat," Weis said. "So he had already won my respect because I thought that's the type of performance that he had put in, in the offseason, getting ready to just get started when I first started coaching here.

Thomas first started playing special teams as a sophomore last season after losing his starting running back position when he fumbled twice in six carries in the opener against Brigham Young. When freshman Darious Walker emerged in the next game against Michigan, Thomas was relegated to second-string. But he found a home in special teams, and that gave him the confidence to try to work his way back into the offensive rotation.

"Special teams was something I did well last year, and I thought playing well on those would also give me an opportunity to have a key role on offense," the junior said. "So I just took advantage of every opportunity I had.

For Thomas, it took a lot of waiting to get another opportunity at running back. In the first six games of this season, he didn't get many carries outside of those when the Irish were winning by a large margin.

"It's always hard to be patient, but I just tried to keep a positive mindset," Thomas said. "I'm going to try to wait to get an opportunity sooner or later, I just had to be ready when it comes." But the patience paid off, as the coaches slowly started to insert him as a third blocker in certain situations.

"I think that's where they started me off in situations where I had to pick up blitzes, key plays, and I capitalized on that opportunity, and I got some carries off of that," Thomas said.

And so after excelling in those opportunities, Thomas has finally made his way into the lineup. Against Navy at USC on Oct. 15, he ran for 22 yards on 18 carries, including a 16-yard touchdown run. Thomas credits the fresh start he had this season in helping him regain his confidence.

"New stuff, new start, new attitude," Travis Thomas Irish running back

"New stuff, new start, new attitude." (The key was just stepping up and playing the way I know I can play, and I think I've done that so far. I think the more you get opportunities you're more confident you can be.

And so now that Walker and Thomas are starting the carries, both believe it is only a matter of time before Thomas is more of a finesse back, whereas Thomas hits the line a little harder, giving opposing defenses two back to prepare for.

"Travis is a bigger back, and he's able to get in there on the goal line, he's more of a power back than I am," Walker said. "Me, I'm kind of the speedy guy who kind of moves around a little bit, slashes and cuts. I've got to get out there and for both to be able to play our role because it keeps the defense on their toes. They don't know what they're going to get coming back which back is going to come in.

And both backs are willing to share carries. They say that they see it as friendly competition.

"Obviously there's competition — running back is a competitive spot," said Thomas, who has carried 38 times in seven games, good for 167 yards and three touchdowns. "But we're also good friends off the field, too. I think we complement each other well. I think he's a little more flashy-type of back, and I'm more of a hit and get it type of guy. I think I think I'm a good complement to each other.

And with Thomas more confident in himself this season, Weis said, "Travis is best to give him the ball on offense, as was shown in the game against the Trojans.

"Travis has now put himself in the position to continue to get more playing time effectively as a running back," Weis said. "It's a definite change of pace between him and Thomas. I have a lot of confidence in Travis both as a special teams player and as a runner.

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