Alumni network reaches out to graduates affected by Katrina

By KAREN LANGLEY

In the days following Hurricane Katrina, Notre Dame alumni Paul Christmann, Class of 1989, was plagued by the concerns of any New Orleans resident specifically his inability to contact any friends from the devastated city. While Christmann and his family had found housing with relatives in Florida, the hasty evacuation of New Orleans left most residents without any way to locate their neighbors and coworkers.

But Christmann, a software developer and president of the Notre Dame club of New Orleans, was able to unite his profession and his passion to come up with a solution he developed an online alumni bulletin board at www.ndkatrina.com.

"The really popular Web sites were listing human losses, the Department of Saint Mary's and the National Guard, the New Orleans Saints, and sports teams, but we didn't really hear from Notre Dame until Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and surrounding Gulf Coast communities, displacing thousands of students attending colleges and universities in the area.

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Alumni residents sell pizza from basement

By JOE PIARULLI

Domino's and Sharrow beware. Thanks to sophomore business major Patrick Leimkuehler, the residents of Alumni Hall no longer need to call local restaurants for a slice of pizza.

Leimkuehler, an alumni resident, is giving local pizza chains the proverbial run for their money after creating a pizza place in the basement of Alumni Hall, aptly named Dawg Pizza after the dorm's mascot.

Along with two roommates fellow business major Ben Ott and architect major Kevin Kelly Leimkuehler started the business Oct. 8. The three are currently the only employees and are all equal partners.

"I wanted to start it last year, and I went to talk to the guy running food sales last year and he just wasn't really enthusiastic about it," Leimkuehler said. But the idea didn't die. This year, the plan resurfaced through Alumni's Hall Council, when someone broached the site.

The basement pizza business set up in Alumni parallels those established by many other men's dorms such as Keenan, Dillon, Keough, Zahm, Morrissey, Knot and Siegfried. Carroll, Stanford, Sorin, St. Edward's and Fisher are among those that do not have pizza sales.

Dawg Pizza does not have to pay rent since it also sells dorm supplies, which helps the business thrive.

But luck played a role, as well.

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Students offered safe shuttles by security

By KATIE KOHLER

Students at Saint Mary's cross the street to Notre Dame in study, socialize, attend meetings, exercise and eat on a daily basis. And they often rely on the Saint Mary's Security Department to get them home safely and sound.

With days getting shorter and weather getting colder, the 15-minute walk or five-minute bike ride to Notre Dame has become less and less appealing to many Saint Mary's students. Instead they are choosing more often to use the various modes of free transportation offered.

Dave Chapman, director of security at Saint Mary's, said there are three escort services offered to students: the trolley, the escort van and security escorts in squad cars.

"There are always safety issues," Chapman said. "That is why we provide these services. It is a proactive way to prevent something bad from happening again."

Saint Mary's student Abigail Richardson rides the trolley from the College to Notre Dame Tuesday.

Students to send packages to Iraq

By ALICIA CONLEY

Beginning next week, the Notre Dame Accounting Association will be shipping out packages filled with Notre Dame memorabilia and other items including hot chocolate, snacks, music, books, food, DVDs, magazines and food soup to Notre Dame graduates currently serving in the armed forces overseas.

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Students from southern schools adjust to University, College life

By STEVE KERINS

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INSIDE COLUMN

Turkey Day at the slots

I don't know if I've ever received a more offensive e-mail in my life— and it was from my Uncle Mark about Thanksgiving.

"We give you one vote per family of your honest desire for our house or an early Argosy buffet back to our house," he wrote. "If there is dimension in your family then the Mother of the house decides whose home it comes from, then we head to the casino. If there is no one, then we go the traditional route and the entire day is at our house."

I thought it was a joke until several days, aunts, and uncles said they would be open to change.

Thanksgiving isn't supposed to change. We play touch football, eat too much turkey and stuffing, watch the Lions and Cowboys and wake my dad up snoring in the third quarter. There are quarrels like every family, but when it comes to holidays, the Gales (my mom's side) Thanksgiving is like a Norman Rockwell painting.

Any thoughts of considering this farce were over once I did about five minutes of research into this Midwest casino.

Eating at a buffet twice a day every day has taught me that mass-produced food just isn't as good as a rule, but some of the menu items were ridiculous. I know one of my favorite Thanksgiving sides, cheesy potato casserole with Rice Krispies on top, might be a little non-traditional, but I have severe reservations that Polish pilgrims shared Peel-n-Eat shrimp with Peruvian. Argosy also offers "homemade cranberry relish," but I am still wondering whose home it comes from.

Ambiance is another issue. I guess the adults and kids' tables would not only be in separate rooms this year, but in one "six uniquely themed seating areas." After dinner, we could watch football in the adjacent sports bar, but I didn't want to endorse Jeff Gordon.

I would be doing my best to blend in with the year. My roommates' towels were bibs he wears, while my boyfriend, a University of Michigan football fan, purchased a Nascar T-shirt, wearing bleach blonde mullet wig under a John Deere trucker hat, and borrowing my brother-in-law's "home of massive possibilities".

Liza Schultz

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT KIND OF CAMPUS BUSINESS DO YOU WANT TO START AND WHY?

Andy Honick

"Maybe some kind of useful service... like polling students and taking their pictures."

Kristine Murphy

"A Chipotle!"

Lisa Furlbondo

"Anchor Bar!"

Bob Brooks

"A risky business."

Michelle Furlbondo

"Wegmans... a.k.a. the best store ever."

Rema Slaehe

"Aristocampo... in Bond."

A squirrel takes a quiet snack at Holy Cross Cemetery Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Bolivians honor skull-toting tradition

LA PAZ, Bolivia — It's a tradi­tion for people outside Bolivia may find creepy: families perch human skulls on altars, revering them and asking them for protection and good luck. On Tuesday, the skulls were gazed up and taken to cemeteries, where the families crowned them with flowers and filled their jaws with lit cigarettes.

The chapel in La Paz's main cemetery was filled with hundreds of people jockeying to get their skull, or "natita," in a good position for a special annual Mass. Thousands more people gathered outside.

"I was scared of them at first, but now I realize I was scared because I wasn't taking care of them," said Shirley Vargas, who brought two skulls, who she calls Vicente and Maria, to the Mass. "Now I keep them in my room with me. I love them a lot, and they have helped our family when we've had problems."

Milton Eyzaguirre, an anthropologist, said Bolivians are now more willing to bring out their skulls than before.

Doubts raised about toilet seat case

DENVER — A man who sued Home Depot last month claiming a prank left him glued to a toilet seat made a similar allegation about another restroom more than a year ago, an official told a newspaper.

Bob Dougherty's lawsuit alleges employees at the store ignored his pleas for help on the day before Halloween 2003 because they thought he was kidding.

But Ron Trepaze, former director of operations for the town of Nederland, where Dougherty lived, told the Rocky Mountain News in Tuesday's editions that Dougherty told him in the summer of 2004 he was glued to a toilet seat in the town's visitor center but pulled himself free.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Michael McConnell of the American Friends Service Committee spoke at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Center for Social Concerns about his experiences with war and the draft.

Andre Connors, senior curator of the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M., will give a lecture titled "Graphic Text: The Enduring Power of a Well-Designed Message" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Annesberg Auditorium in the Suite Museum.

The Saint Mary's Spanish Club is hosting a salsa night from 6 p.m. to 10 tonight in the Saint Mary's Student Center. Music, dancing and games included.

The Notre Dame volleyball team faces the University of Saint Louis at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

The film "2001: A Space Odyssey" will be shown at 10 p.m. Thursday in Browning Cinema as part of the Film Series, which is free general public, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors and $3 all students. To purchase tickets, call 574-631-2800 or visit http://performing.arts.nd.edu to purchase tickets.

Major Jason Frei will be the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day Recognition Ceremony will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at the Clarke Memorial Fountain between LaFollette Student Center and Hesburgh Library.

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

Due to a reporting error, as article in the Nov. 8 edition of the Observer and a Campus Life Council resolution omit new restrictions on dance floors. In fact, everything mentioned in the resolution is already settled policy by the CCLC. Students for that asserted policy to be added to the Dance Commission Manual. The Observer regrets the error.
Rebuilding needed after tornado

By SARAH WHEATON
The Observer • NEWS

Thanks to a new federal law, Notre Dame employees will have a new retirement option available at the start of the new year.

The new accounts — called Roth 401(k) options — differ from the traditional 401(k) accounts by allowing workers to tax money as they earn it instead of after they withdraw it. Notre Dame assistant professor of economics Jim Sullivan said.

Sullivan said she currently contributes to a traditional 401(k) account and a Roth IRA, so she would consider switching to the Roth 401(k) account when it is made available. But she does have reservations.

"The fact that the government passed a law making it an option means it makes me suspicious," Sgambati said. "It just seemed too good to be true. I would have to do my own research on it.

Kamaria Porter, lead organizer of Notre Dame's campus labor action project, stressed the importance of paying attention to the new option in context.

"As a worker told me the other day, benefits don't put food on the table," Porter said. "While people should be able to plan for tomorrow, the needs of today must be addressed with a living wage of some sort/" She

Porter added, "If people can't afford to put food on the table, they aren't going to be able to plan for the future.

The campus labor action project has been working to improve employees' benefits.

"It's important that employees at Notre Dame maintain and improve their benefits, including retirement plans, but we need to focus on ensuring a living wage and the dignity of the work," said Katie-Rose Hooover, a member of the campus labor action project.

also, President Bush signed a disaster declaration that will clear the way for federal assistance in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

We're focused on getting people back on their feet," said Eric Dietz, state director of homeland security.

State officials said nearly 600 homes were destroyed or sustained major damage. Residents likely would not be allowed to return to the area until Wednesday or Thursday.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, who visited damaged areas of Evansville and Newburgh for the second time since the tornado, said allowing residents to gather what remains of their belongings would be the first step in a gradual recovery.

"There will be people here who will be without permanent housing for a good while," Daniels told reporters after touring damaged areas on foot and by helicopter Tuesday.

The tornado carved a path 41 miles long and about a quarter-mile wide. At least 18 people died at the mobile home park, and four others were killed in neighboring Warrick County. Dozens remained hospitalized.

Experts say the tornado was unusually intense and fast. Pushed by a rapid shift in the jet stream, it raced along at 70 to 75 mph and stayed on the ground for about 35 minutes, said David Blanchard, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky.

Weather service officials were looking into why some special radios failed to pick up a tornado alert sent 10 minutes before the twister struck.

Notre Dame to host regional research project competition

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dreds or thousands of entries," Christmann said. "I thought I could do something similar but for a more targeted group — if I was looking for my ND alumni friends, maybe an ND Web site would be the right place to go.

The site has succeeded in helping people locate one another, giving a place to offer and request help, and supplying a way to find alumni in any city. "Alumni around the country asked me where they could start helping — they were willing to drop what they had to show up in our city and start the rebuilding," Notre Dame president Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., said. "I think this is tied directly to the values that the school espouses, and its Catholic background.

Christmann, who also created a bulletin board for Hurricane Rita, was only one of many Notre Dame alumni who thought of their alma mater in a time of need. "A lot of alumni, as they fled New Orleans, took two things with them: their class ring and their football tickets for this season," said Sean O'Brien, director of Notre Dame's alumni program. "They turned to Notre Dame as their only lifeline back to the security of the University."

A week after Katrina, many alumni strove to serve others and rebuild their alma mater, to help their students in need.

The Alumni Association raised $467,000 for Katrina relief efforts as of Nov. 1, while many alumni around the country have made separate donations through their workplaces or other charities.

In addition, many alumni have come up with ways to directly serve the people of the Gulf Coast.

Chris Bollaire, associate executive director of the Notre Dame alumni association, said it is important to remember that Notre Dame's alumni are united by their experience at Notre Dame. "The Alumni Association is not just the 30 people in the [Deck Center], it's literally the thousands of alumni who have graduated from Notre Dame," he said. While the Notre Dame Club of Chicago typically focuses its fundraising efforts on their Scholarship Foundation and Summer Service Projects, members chose to hold a collection during their Michigan State football game.

"When Hurricane Katrina hit and we saw the absolute devastation that it brought, we felt we had to make a difference," said Kristen Leonardo, club manager for Chicago and a 2000 Notre Dame graduate.

The University is successful at serving its students and this social conscience is equally strong among its alumni, Leonardo said. "The Notre Dame community makes it 'cool' to do service work, whereas other schools are more interested in their fraternity[s] or sororities," Leonard said. "The University has so many service projects going on around campus, it's almost hard not to get involved in something." Notre Dame alumni have also been involved in developing ideas for active service work. "In response to the proposed to the Alumni Association that they could organize school break opportunities for students to work on Gulf Coast relief efforts and damage prevention efforts for future storms," Kane, who has been active with disaster relief for five years, said. "Our class has received tremendous gifts and the opportunity to train in the communications and disaster relief fields. It is difficult to describe how rewarding each day is when that day has a positive impact on even one person," Kane suggested that the trips Kane proposed, which are currently being considered for the spring or possibly winter break, should focus on the poorest areas. "New Orleans will rebuild itself, but Biloxi, Mississippi, has so many people who really are the poorest of the poor," O'Brien said. "Even ACE is reevaluating whether to reopen its Mississippi offices now.

Rob Mastro, Class of 1971, from South Bend and a normal schedule at Saint Mary's. "It's not too far from Bend," he said. While Professor O'Brien and the Alumni Association expected many alumni to respond to the call, the University was successful in reaching out to alumni who already had decided to help.

"As a Catholic institution, we felt compelled to assist those in need, just as we would hope others would reach out to those in the community of need," O'Brien said. "This large show of financial aid came from the Notre Dame Club of Orange County, which raised $10,000 among its membership and prompted two local high schools to raise an additional $12,000. Of this total, $10,000 was donated directly to the Notre Dame Club of New Orleans. "We felt they had the best perspective as to where help was needed," said Tony Roberts, president of the Notre Dame Club of Orange County. "The concept of the 'Notre Dame family' is not just a catchphrase, and we felt that our sister club would know how to use the money to help the most people.

The family of which Roberts spoke did not consist only of alumni, as approximately 50 percent of the Orange County club's members are not Notre Dame graduates. "Any family remains a term that is frequently used to characterize the Notre Dame community," Roberts said. "One of the great things about Notre Dame is that students can say, 'When I graduate, there's a family out there for me.'"

O'Brien suggested that the majority of students who decided to help were underutilized during their college years. "Like Notre Dame students, the alumni didn't do service to make a name," O'Brien said. "They did it to make an impact personally. They just want to get out there and serve others.

Contact Karen Langley at kla@lnd.edu

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Social Security plans delayed

Lawmakers believe system will not be overhauled until Bush’s term ends

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It will be 2009, after the next presidential election, before lawmakers seriously consider overhauling Social Security, a top Democrat on the Senate panel overseeing the program said Tuesday.

Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said he’s “very pessimistic” that lawmakers can act before the end of President Bush’s second term on Social Security ideas that Bush made the centerpiece of his year-long agenda.

“I’m pessimistic that it could come up before 2009,” Grassley told an audience at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “because I think we’re not going to bring it up before 2009.”

Between now and 2009, the political environment will heat up for mid-term congressional elections and then the next presidential election.

Bush acknowledged at a press conference last month that Congress has little appetite for taking on the issue this year, even after he made dozens of speeches nationwide.

“I did make some progress convincing the American people there was a problem,” Bush said. “I think I’m going to continue talking about the problem because I strongly believe that the role of those of us in Washington, one role of us in Congress, is to resolve problems.”

They tried to confront these problems with Social Security’s long-term financial health means law­makers don’t have to wait for upcoming congressional and presidential elec­tions, said Rep. Jim McCRery, R-La., who heads the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security.

“I think that it is possible for us to pass Social Security reform either next year or the year after, simply because the problem is not going away,” McCRery said. “I think both Democrats and Republicans recognize that this problem is not going away.”

At this year’s State of the Union address, Bush asked Congress to establish personal accounts for individual Social Security beneficiaries and make necessary changes to shore up the program’s long-term financial health.

Grassley said Bush had campaigned on Social Security issues and there­fore entered his second term with “somewhat of a mandate” to address the retirement and disability program, but efforts to unite the GOP around a single plan failed.

Lawmakers developed several proposals, but none advanced to a vote.

FRANCE

Riots show effect of discrimination

Associated Press

PARIS — France declared a state of emergency Tuesday to quell the country’s worst unrest since the stu­dent uprisings of 1968 that toppled a government, and the prime minis­ter said the nation faced a “moment of truth” over its failure to integrate Arab and African immigrants and their descendants.

The extraordinary security meas­ures, which began Wednesday and are valid for 12 days, clear the way for curfews after nearly two weeks of rioting in neglected, impoverished neighbor­hoods with largely Muslim populations.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, tacitly acknowledging that France has failed to live up to its egalitarian ideals, reached out to the heavily immigrant suburbs where the rising began. He said France must make a priority of working against the discrimination that feeds the frustration of youths made to feel that they do not belong in France.

“We must be lucid: The Republic is at a moment of truth,” Villepin told parliament. “The effectiveness of our integration model is in ques­tion,” he called the riots “a warn­ing” and “an appeal.”

Despite his conciliatory tone, Villepin said riot police faced “determined individuals, structured gangs, organized criminality,” and that restoring order “will take time.” Rioters have been using mobile phone text messages and the Internet to organize arson attacks, said police, who arrested two teenage bloggers accused of inciting other youths to riot.

The rising is forcing France to confront anger building for decades among residents who complain of discrimination and unemployment. Although many of the French-born children of Arab and black African immigrants are Muslim, police say the violence is not being driven by Islamic groups.

Images of teenagers from immi­grant families pelting riot police with stones and gasoline bombs — reminiscent of Palestinian youths in the intifada or a modem Benjamin Netanyahu’s “war” — are strik­ing a chord throughout the Arab world.

The Egyptian daily Al-Massa referred to the riots as “the inte­gration fiasco of the poor,” Islamic satellite networks that have issued calls to gather public input on requests from counties wanting to secede.

The U.S. Department of Transportation, which regulates time zones, recently pro­posed that five of 19 counties that initially petitioned for a change be moved to Central time. Two counties dropped their petitions before the agency’s deadline for requests expired.
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Monday through Thursday from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Orders can be placed in person or by phone. After 11 p.m., the pizza is delivered to dorm rooms.
Each of the three employees works about 10 hours a week. From 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. only one person works, but after that, at two of their dorms, which are in the kitchen. Over time, the men expect to hire other students in order to expand the hours, deliver to other dorms and perhaps spread out to basements of other dorms.

"It's really fun. It's not hard to do, I hang out with my friends and we deliver to people in our dorm, so it's really kind of social, too," Leimkuehler said.
Generally the other in-hall concessions open on 9 p.m. on most days of the week so that they benefit the students who work in them.

"We subsidize [the profits] to a couple of guys that run it. It's been that way all the years I've been there," O'Neill said.
They sell pizzas, breadsticks, and different kinds of pop. We just get the money fixed, so they're in the slushie operation now.

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**U.S. limits Chinese imports**

Trade agreement viewed as victory for American clothing and textile workers

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai both described the deal as a "win-win" following a final round of talks here, but both later added it was a "fair cry" from China's original expectations.

In the United States, groups representing clothing and textile manufacturers hailed the agreement while major retailers expressed disappointment that the annual increases were not larger.

The U.S. industry has been preparing for a deal that would stem a flood of Chinese imports that began when global quotas were lifted in January, and Tuesday's announcement smooths over the trade relationship between the two nations just in time for President Bush visits China on a state visit.

"We don't want to see such a small trade obstacle impede the overall trade and economic cooperation between the two countries," Bo said through a translator after signing the agreement.

Portman said the deal -- set to take effect Jan. 1 and cover 34 clothing and textile categories including 14 considered the most sensitive by the U.S. industry -- is fair to both countries, and called it an illustration of what "hard work" and "good faith" could accomplish.

"I believe this textile agreement is an example of how the United States and China do have the ability to resolve tough trade disputes in a manner that benefits both countries," he said.

Jim Chesnut, chairman of the National Council of Textile Organizations, said the deal reassured Americans that China wouldn't be able to flood the U.S. market in the next three years.

"This agreement is a victory for hardworking U.S. textile workers," he said.

Auggie Tantillo, executive director of the American Trade Action Coalition, another industry group representing textile and clothing manufacturers, said, "U.S. textile and apparel manufacturing workers and their communities are big winners today. This bilateral agreement represents a necessary and welcome step towards addressing China's unfair trade practices and highly disruptive levels of trade."

But representatives of American retailers expressed disappointment with what they saw as overly restrictive limits on future imports.

"Instead of terms that ensure that there is a true transition to unrestricted trade after 2008, the agreement imposes tight quotas on the products of greatest importance to American families: shirts, pants and underwear," said Laura E. Jones, executive director of the U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel.

Bo said the agreement was concluded after "practical and equal negotiations" and provided a "predictable and stable environment" for the textile industries in both countries and the United States.

However, he also said the agreement would have a much greater impact on China's 20 million textile workers than the several hundred thousand workers in the United States.

**Government aids prisoner re-entry**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- The Labor Department is awarding nearly $20 million in grants to religious and community groups to help people released from prison find jobs and smoothly make their way back into society.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao announced the grants in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday. The money will go to 30 organizations to fund programs in 20 states.

"Everyone deserves a second chance," Chao said in the interview.

Job training and placement, mentoring and counseling are among the types of services that the groups will provide to "nonviolent" ex-offenders, she said. That is defined as an adult who has never been convicted of a violent or sex-related offense.

The department hopes to help some 62,500 released prisoners through the grants, Chao said.

"When ex-offenders return to the community they need help," Chao said.

"Faith-based organizations in urban centers -- because they are so much part of the community -- can be of tremendous assistance in reintegrating these ex-offenders back into the community. What we hope will happen is that there will be a holistic approach in helping these ex-offenders."

The grants are being offered through President Bush's prisoner re-entry initiative, which emerged from the president's 2004 State of the Union address. The initiative aims not only to aid ex-prisoners find employment when they return to their communities but also to help urban areas that have large numbers of returning ex-prisoners deal with these challenges.

Approximately 549 applications were submitted to the department for a slice of the grants, which total $19.8 million. Most grants were in the range of around $66,000 a piece.

Recipients include: Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry in San Diego, Calif., $662,935; Odyssey House Louisiana, $844,250; and Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, $663,945.

**Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai, left, shakes hands with U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman on Tuesday after announcement of the U.S.-China Broad Textile Agreement.**

**IN BRIEF**

Greedens warns of economic crisis

WASHINGTON — With just three months left before he leaves office, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised a warning to Congress: The country could face "serious economic disruptions" if bloated budget deficits are not curbed.

"The Fed chief's strong comments, made during an appearance Thursday before Congress' Joint Economic Committee, come after the government's produced a $319 billion budget deficit this year — an improvement from the record amount of red ink registered in 2004 but still the thirteenth deficit on record.

In the short term, costs related to rebuilding after the trio of devastating hurricanes will make it harder to improve the country's balance sheets, he acknowledged. In the long term, a huge wave of retiring baby boomers will put massive strains on government resources, he said.

"There are no easy choices. Easy choices are long gone," said Greenspan, whose 18-plus- year run at the Fed comes to an end on Jan. 31.

**Casino sale to boost Gary economy**

(GARY, Ind. — Donald Trump's casino company said Friday it had agreed to sell its Lake Michigan riverboat and have the owner of its dock-sharing competitor in a $253 million deal.

The sale of the casino comes as Trump Entertainment Resorts works on its recognition after filing for bankruptcy protection last year and just months after it was forced to drop its plans to build a casino in southern Indiana's Orange County.

The casino's buyer is Las Vegas-based The Majestic Star Casino LLC, which has a neighboring casino at Gary. The two companies have a joint venture that owns the dock, entrance pavilion and restaurants that the two riverboat share.

Gary Mayor Scott L. King said the sale should be a boost for the city's hopes to redevelop the lakeshore to boost the regional economy, which includes plans by Majestic Star owner Donald Burden to put the Monte Carlo casino resort development, King said in a phone interview Friday.

**MARKET Recap**

**Stocks**

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**Up**

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**Volume**

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**BRIEF**

**GOLD**

$685.70

+3.5

**POUND**

$1.97

-0.01

**YEN**

$1.35

-0.01

**NASDAQ**

$156.73

-0.12

**S&P 500**

1,218.39

-4.22

**NIKE(Tokyo)**

$40.36

-7.3

**FTSE 100(London)**

5,460.91

-40.11

**IN CHINESE**

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VENEZUELA

Chavez claims ‘knockout’
American proposal of Free Trade Area of Americas rejected at summit

Associated Press

ARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez proclaimed a "knockout" victory in the debate of the Free Trade Area of the Americas after helping to lead a bloc that rejected the free trade zone, strengthening his position as Latin America's dominant rival of President Bush and as a maximalist in a morass of irritating his neighbors.

The fiery leader was buoyed by the emergence of a fragmentation bloc opposed to the trade pact and went on to denounce thousands of anti-trade demonstrators at the summit in Arequipa.

But some say it is too soon for Chavez to declare victory, and that for him to have begun to deliver on pledges to variegated antiglobalization forces he has been signing up.

"Bush lost by total knockout," Chavez said after the Summit of the Americas, calling the U.S.-proposed Free Trade Area of Americas a "fallacy" designed to allow richer nations to exploit poorer ones.

The United States argues that NAFTA and other trade deals create jobs and build better living standards for the poor. But Chavez proclaimed the "FTAA is dead," and emotions ran high as crowds of protesters clashed with riot police in the streets on Friday.

Bush, unable to get the 34 nations to agree on revising the stalled pact, left the negotiations early. Mocking Bush, Chavez said he was continuing "while leaving with his tail between his legs," Chavez crowed to reporters that he was savoring the sweet "honey of victory." Not everyone agrees.

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THE SPIRIT OF BEAUTY.

JAPAN

Whale hunt a part of controversial research

Greenpeace, New Zealand speak out against Japanese work

Associated Press

TOKYO — A fleet of Japanese whaling ships left for the seas of Antarctica amid protests Tuesday, aiming to kill 850 minke whales — almost double the last year's catch — and expand the hunt to fin whales for the first time.

The expedition is the first under a six-year research whaling program launched earlier this year by the Tokyo-based Institute of Cetacean Research.

"If that oil money were to dry up, if prices were to decline, I'm not saying that these policies would fail, but I would certainly limit the options," he said.

Until Chavez's system is also shored up, he added, "the opposition can't say it's going to fail, the government in the region is going to be a success."

"We do have spreading poverty. He has poured billions of petroleum dollars into infrastructures and social projects, including subsidized state-run food markets and cooperatives bringing thousands of jobs to the poor."

"The system is very much divided now," Ellner said.

A fleet of six ships left the western port of Shimonoseki led by the 8,030-ton Nisshin Maru, and is to return in mid-April.

In the past survey, we found the number of minke whales has been increasing, so we included them this time," Masuda said.

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Democrats lead in governor races

Associated Press

Democrat Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine hung a steady lead over Republican Jerry Kilgore Tuesday in the race for Virginia governor, while early returns in New Jersey's gubernatorial race showed Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine ahead of Republican Doug Forrester.

Kaine had 680,125 votes, or 51.7 percent, to Kilgore's 660,676 votes, or 46.1 percent, with two-thirds of precincts counted.

With 12 percent of precincts reporting in New Jersey, Corzine led with 144,271 votes, or 52 percent, to Forrester's 123,995 votes, or 44.2 percent.

Both gubernatorial races saw record-breaking, mean-spirited campaigns, and were closely watched by political analysts for signs of the public's mood ahead of next year's midterm elections. Elsewhere, New York and a few other major cities selected mayors.

Statewide ballot referendums put gay rights before the voters in Maine and Texas, while several government-oversized measures on the ballot in California were seen as a referendum on GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who campaigned hard for them.

Both New Jersey and Virginia saw races for governor marked by nasty personal attacks. One ad in Virginia charged that one candidate would not have supported the death penalty for Adolf Hitler; another in New Jersey quoted a candidate's ex-wife as saying he would betray the state.

In New Jersey, Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine and Republican businessman Doug Forrester spent upward of $70 million on the governor's race. Acting Gov. Richard Codey assumed the office last year when Gov. Jim McGreevey, a Democrat, resigned over a homosexual affair, but Codey decided not to run.

In Virginia, at least $42 million was spent in the contest between Kaine and Kilgore, the former state attorney general. Democratic Gov. Mark Warner

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Suspect recognized on security videos

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — A business partner, roommate and other acquaintances of a man accused of raping and strangling an 11-year-old girl testified Tuesday that they recognized him in images captured by a security camera.

The suspect in the images had Joseph Smith's gait and wore a uniform like the one in which the man later operated together, said the business partner, Ed Dines.

In the tape, the suspect is seen taking the girl away by the arm.

"That is Joe? What ... is he doing there?" said Dines, recounting his reaction after seeing the images in February 2004. "I couldn't believe that this is the guy I know."

Smith, a 39-year-old former auto mechanic and father of three daughters, is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and capital sexual battery in the death of Carlie Brucia. He pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he may face the death penalty.

During early videotape, prosecutors have said they have DNA evidence linking Smith to the crime and clothing fibers belonging to Carlie that were found in a car used by Smith. The defense says the evidence is inconclusive and other suspects weren't properly investigated.

During cross-examining Smith, the defense attorney asked Smith worked occasionally, as saying that Smith had gained weight and changed haircuts since the images were taken.

Pincus said he loaned Smith his station wagon the afternoon of Carlie's disappearance, believing it would be returned in a few minutes. But Smith didn't return the car until the next morning and had added more mustaches on his face to the odometer. Smith left wearing a mechanic's uniform but returned in a green sweat shirt, Pincus added.

During cross-examining Smith, the defense attorney asked Pincus acknowledged that in a deposition he had confused the days when he loaned Smith the station wagon.

Detective Toby Davis testified that he interviewed Smith at his home, searched his bedroom and found mechanic's uniforms. Davis showed Smith a still photo taken from the security camera images, and Smith said, "That looks like me, but it's not me," he said.

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This is a column about torture, and in particular the torture that has been practiced by all branches of the U.S. military and by the CIA for the past several years, and which is only now (long after it first came to light) getting the media attention it deserves. There is a vast amount of documentary evidence on the subject, thousands of pages in lurid detail, and most of it can speak for itself.

Typically I devote a great deal of time to carefully developing rhetorical arguments. For this piece, I have abandoned that style, because in the face of the evidence and the nature of the crime, each of us knows that torture is wrong, even those who support its use against our enemies. What the proponents of torture believe is that it is necessary to defend our freedom. What I propose to you, and what I feel the selections below indicate, is that the existence of torture in a free society, for any reason, is inherently inconsistent, and indeed a far greater threat to everything we believe in than all the terrorists in the world put together.

The only things that Dave Heininger, the publisher of Notre Dame's student newspaper, the Observer, has ever done to the administration of this university are add hedge-trimming and cut a few feet off the end of his lawnmower. He has generally behaved like a good landlord, he has not broken the law, and he has no reason to fear the ugly courtroom's deliberations.

Since the United States has opened several interrogation camps in such freedom-friendly nations as Thailand and Russia, twenty-eight detainees have been tortured to death.)

Official testimony of a detainee at Abu Ghraib, Iraq: "They stripped me naked, they asked me, 'Do you pray to Allah?' I said, 'Yes.' They said 'Fuck you' and 'Fuck him.' Someone else asked me 'Do you believe in anything?' I said to him, 'I believe in Allah.' So he said, 'But I believe in torture and I will torture you.' (It is worth noting that, according to formal documents, as many as 90 percent of the detainees at Abu Ghraib are innocent civilians collected through random and poorly organized night sweeps (of the Iraqi countryside. If the war in Iraq and the war against terrorism are proven wars, then the actions at Abu Ghraib are simply incompetent.)

From the official investigation of Abu Ghraib: "Tri another occasion DETAINEE-07 was forced to lie down while M.P.s jumped onto his back and legs. He was beaten with a broom and a chemical light was broken and poured over his body... During this abuse a police stick was used to sodomize DEPAIR-07, and two female M.P.s were behind him, throwing a ball at his penis and taking photographs.

Senator John McCain to the U.S. Senate: "We are obliged to make clear to our soldiers... that they are always, always — through the violence, chaos and heartache of war, through depriva­tion and cruelty and loss — they are always, always Americans, and different, better and stronger than those who are our enemies.

Anthony Lapouranis, former Army philosopher: "I think our policies required us to lie. There were freaking horrible things people were doing. I saw (detainees) who had feet smashed with hammers. One detainee told me he was forced by Marines to sit on an exhaust pipe, and he had a soft-filz-stuffed blise to prove it. The stuff I did was mainly torture like sleep deprivation, isolation, stress positions, hypothermia. We used dogs."

Excerpt from H.R. 2863, approved by the Senate 90 to 9 and currently in Joint Committee: "No individual in the custody or under the physical control of the United States Government, regardless of nationality or physical location shall be subject to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [as defined by the U.S. Constitution]."

One Bush administration strongly opposes this legislation.

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**Letter to the Editor**

"It's our backyard, too"

In response to Professor Ed Manier's Oct. 31 letter "Not in My Backyard," I would like to make a few points which I believe are not adequately represented.

First, the "student body sycophant" he cites is the first student body president in many years to recognize that this relationship between Notre Dame and the community of South Bend warrants careful attention and improvement. He has taken action, forming the Committee on Community Relations in the Student Senate, organizing an off-campus seminar and has frequently met with city leaders to address the issue. The only things that Dave Baron guarantees to are the best interests of Notre Dame.

Second, muscling through an ordinance that specifically targets students at a time when students are not adequately represented does not improve community relations. Promising that the ordinance will not be enforced unless neighbors complain and then breaking that promise does not help to improve community relations. Community relations is not just a Notre Dame issue; it's a South Bend issue, too. We have to address it together, not in the summer when the other half isn't here.

Third, the punitive measures taken against first-time-violators of the ordinance are unreasonable and extreme. Underage alcohol consumption is illegal, and a reasonable person expects some punitive action if he knowingly breaks the law. Violation, however, is extreme punishment for a first-time misdemeanor offender. We cannot begin to improve community relations if students who are merely Notre Dame students and South Bend residents realize together that the ordinance does not in fact support that end.

Patrick Knapp
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Nov. 8

**Observer Poll**

What do you think of Notre Dame's disciplinary policies?

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**Quote of the Day**

"Everythings has been figured out, but who's going to do it?" — Jean-Paul Sartre

French philosopher
THE OBSERVER

VOICEPOINT

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Estimate of deaths low

Joey Falco's Nov. 7 article "Beating fascism in Bush." Delay's in point of why the American Left continues to slip further away from the mainstream. His article is simply a restatement of the Democratic talking points since Katrina, and though it contains a beautiful picture of what the liberal democrats and the media wish, hope and dream will be true, it contains very few actual facts.

Falco's first supposed crack in Bush's "glass case of composurer was hurrican Katrina. New Orleans, a Democratic-controlled city, failed to evacuate its people and failed to accept federal aid after the storm. Mayor Ray "school bus" Nagin failed to mobilize thousands of school buses that were at his disposal to help evacuate his city. Democratic governor Kathleen Blanco, prior to Katrina, turned down the help of the federal government when Bush offered it. It was recently discovered that the protests of deficits that had been given to New Orleans to improve the known problems of the levees were diverted to other projects. The media reported rapes and killings in the Superdome and described the city as a "Toxic Soup" that would never be revisited, none of which was accurate. It was all part of a liberal vision of what they hoped to be true. It's absurd to think the president hoped for hurricanes in order to bolster his brother's reputation, but the liberal media and leaders wished for a disaster so that they could blame it all on Bush. Unfortunately, the Republican administration of Tom DeLay. Falco fails to mention that the prosecutor, Ronnie Earle, who indicted DeLay, had to go to three different grand juries before he found the only one that would indict (one that had been sworn in just hours earlier). And what are they indicting DeLay for, you ask? Ronnie Earle, who at this very moment is making a movie about his life as a prosecutor, is accus­ ing a La by the house of conspiracy to break a law that wasn't even on the books, and wouldn't be for another two years. Ronnie Earle knew his indictment would force DeLay to step down in the House, and would also serve as a statement ending for his political smut film.

For the Scooter Libby "crack," he was indicted for making a false statement, not for outing a covert CIA agent. Falco dismisses the fact that Valerie Plame had not been under cover for over five years as well as the fact that she sent her husband, Joe Wilson, to Niger to investigate WMDs. He also fails to mention that Wilson never filed an official report on his findings in Niger or that Wilson himself helped in the "outing" of himself and his wife by approaching the news media.

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Nov. 7

Ryan Crane unfortunately misrepresents statistics in his Nov. 7 letter to the editor (ironically) entitled "Misleading Statistics." Crane insists that The Lancet article, which estimates that between March 2003 and September 2004 the U.S. death Coalition caused 98,000 excess Iraqi deaths, is "easily debunked" due to "a confidence interval so large as to be almost statistically meaningless." In fact, The Lancet estimate is probably quite low because it excluded data from hot spots like Fallujah (not to mention the number of deaths since September 2004).

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However, the numbers in the middle of the CI are statistically more likely to be more accurate than the numbers closer to either extreme. The stats are something like this:

(i) There is a 2.5 percent chance that the number is lower than 8000, and a 2.5 percent chance it's higher than 194,000 (2.5 percent + 2.5 percent = 5 percent, thus the 95 percent chance the number is between 8000 and 194,000).

(ii) There is a 10 percent chance that the number is lower than 45,000, and a 10 percent chance it's higher than 167,000 (thus a 90 percent chance the number is between 45,000 and 167,000).

(iii) There is a 20 percent chance that the number is lower than 66,000, and a 20 percent chance it's higher than 147,000 (thus a 60 percent chance the number is between 66,000 and 147,000).

Many refer to the lower number of innocent Iraqi dead (30,000) and a total of 15,000 at the time The Lancet article came (eight years ago) at The Iraq Body count website, which is based on the work of Marc Herold, an economist from the University of New Hampshire. Herold says his number is probably very low because it comes only from deaths directly caused by the U.S. Coalition that are reported by at least two different news organizations. So indirectly caused deaths (e.g., deaths due to the anarchy following the war) and deaths not reported by at least two media sources are not counted.

According to The Lancet, the risk of death from violence in the period after the invasion was 58 times higher (95 percent CI 8.1-71) than in the period before the war. Note that there is only a 2.5 percent chance that the risk of death from violence is less than 8.1 times higher than it was before.

Americans need to face the fact that our military kills a large number of innocent people. Many more have died since The Lancet article was published a year ago. We need to take an unbiased look at all the numbers in context. We need to admit to the reality of a war that we had overwhelmingly supported. Only then can we ever hope to have the knowledge and self-awareness to make mature, informed decisions about when and how to use the most powerful military in the world.

Sean Walsh
graduate student
Nov. 7

Content of comic is questionable

I am amazed that, given the prominence of The Observer recently, people haven't noticed the comics offered on the last page. Recently, I have found that Jockular is particularly offensive to both myself and those with whom I work. Kimberly Baker submitted a letter (Nov. 11) about its position on women. Not only have I, taken offense at those comics, I have also taken offense at Monday's comic about the white crosses.

Also, the columns of Randi Mechanical and Erik Powers, a senior, were both students last year during the outrage that ensued following the destruction of the crosses. I fail to see how a comic depicting the burning of the crosses (misinterpreted as "F-S") and the tasteless remark "I think the Kremlter Elves have joined the Klan!" can be funny.

Abortion, as is evident, is a very sensitive issue, and race relations, as is also evident, is a much "safer" for the content of a comic strip. As a Catholic, I was offended by the lack of respect given to the cross, and as a human being I was offended by the lack of respect for a differing view on an issue so serious as abortion. Furthermore, I am amazed that a newspaper serving a Catholic community would publish a comic such as Jockular, especially as humor, because of its morally questionable content. I am also amazed that that it is printed, because outside by members of the community, have continued to produce baseless comics that are, at best, ill-suited for print media and television. Never before have I seen faith taken so lightly. Maybe it is a lesson that the authors need to learn before taking another entertainment position.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

The crack in the case

Estimate of deaths low

Dan Antkowiak
 Staff Cartoonist

Do we zee rats, we are raising our security level from "cowier" to "wet pants."
Land of the Dead
Unrated Edition
Universal Home Video

MOVIE REVIEW
Mendes’ ‘Jarhead’ only a half-full Gulf War drama

By SEAN SWEANY
Some Critic

"You will train. You will hydrate. And you will maintain a constant state of suspicion.

Do it, Sam Mendes fans.

While these words are directed at Marines in the Gulf War movie "Jarhead," they equally apply to audiences eagerly anticipating this recent direct-action effort of the . . . Also, Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal), the film’s main character, has a point: "American Beauty," "Road to Perdition.

Just as the Marines’ preparations were mostly useless — since the war did not happen as the soldiers expected — so will potential "Jarhead" fans be disappointed by a film that does not live up to its lofty expectations.

"Jarhead" is a film recounting the memoirs of Corporal Anthony "Tony" Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal, "Donnie Darko"), a soldier stationed in the desert while the war is being fought. Swofford is a young, single, and unpretentious man who uses his time away from the front lines to reminisce about his life before the war.

After an opening scene reminiscent of Stanley Kubrick’s "Full Metal Jacket" (1987), the film continues with a series of vignettes that depict the daily life of a soldier in the desert. The vignettes include scenes of soldiers engaging in various activities, such as playing football, drinking water, and resting in the shade.

One scene features a character ruminating about the politics of the situation. This scene is cut off by another soldier who tells him that nothing matters except the fact that they are there.

Essentially, this is a film about boredom. The lives of soldiers are spent in the desert with nothing to do, and "Jarhead" graphically portrays how boredom becomes a form of protest. The film avoids being completely boring, but, at the same time, it fails to stimulate viewers into feeling strongly in any direction.

The part about this seemingly apathetic is that the rest of the film is very well done. Gyllenhaal shows he is one of the top young actors in Hollywood, while Foxes backs up his award-winning performance in "Ray" with another phenomenal effort. The rest of the cast, especially Sarsgaard and Cooper, also give stunning supporting performances.

Mendes directs the talent well. His imagery and cinematography — especially when the oil fields are burning and raining oil on the soldiers — make the movie visually breathtaking.

The DVD is even better. It has a strong supporting cast, and the actors made cameos.

As good as "Land of the Dead" is, it is not for everyone. It’s aimed at a niche audience, and those within the niche will love the movie. And while it’s recommended that those not in the audience learn more about this particular niche, this movie is not the best place to start.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

By CHRIS MCGRADY and TAE ANDREWS

Chrisныхt: With headlining acts such as FIFA 2006, NHL 2006 and NCAA Football 2006, EA Sports has effectively built the gold standard for sports-themed video games. And in the world of basketball arcade entertainment, NBA Live 2006 is a slam dunk.

The game's numerous new features (the new Playmaker control complement nicely with the improved graphics and controllability of the players. Although perhaps removed from reality a bit (i.e. Carmelo Anthony or Manu Ginobili routinely dropping 50 points in a game), the ability to personalize your playing style is a huge step up.

The previous version of the game had several features that could turn a nasty bunt into a weary bunt. In the old version, certain moves in the game were nearly impossible to execute.

Are the days of the inability to perform even a simple "pro-hug," which prevented the remaining of the button that produced such a move, the "turn over bottom" among many avid NBA Live players. Looked into a new era of behind-the-back passes and tomahawk jams. With the new take, video gamers are given a virtual arsenal of effective drive, dunk, dish, and dodge abilities that will have even the most experienced of players salivating.

Aside from regular game play, there are numerous extra features that enhance the overall experience of the game. First of these is the All-Star Weekend, which includes the 3-point competition, the Dunk contest and the All-Star Game.

Need help working on your outside stroke? Well, the 3-point feature is back and better than ever. Don't like the view you're getting from your shooter? Feel free to change the camera angle without leaving the game. The 3-point competition will let even the most un-athletic of couch potatoes "make it rain" alongside the likes of Kyle Korver and Michael Irvin.

The dunk competition makes the game enter a new realm of fantasy rivaled only by the bullet-time banana found in "The Matrix." There is such a thing as hangtime, but the way LeBron James hangs in the air makes the gamer start looking for wires attached to his back. Despite this stunning visual aspect, the competition takes on a near-ludicrous level when King James tosses the ball off the shot-clock, does a forward handspring and then dunks the ball with his arm covering his eyes.

Stupid? Yes. Entertaining? Definitely. The dunk competition's perverse use of fake abilities makes the most unrealistic facet of the game one of the most fun.

Want to prove that Charlie Weis isn't the only guy out there who can put the "nasty" back in "dynasty"? Look no further than NBA Live's Dynasty Mode.

Are you a fan of the championship-thirty Clippers or the rooftops Toronto Raptors? Well, fear no longer. You don't have to wait until next year's draft to watch your team rebuild, as you can trade and sign players en route to the championship faster than you can say Greg Popovich.

Don't feel like playing an entire season just to pull a "Denver Nuggets" and run into a brick wall in the first round of the playoffs? That's fine, too. Just use the simulation feature and you can skip more games than Ron Artest, and you don't even have to punch anyone to do it.

Overall, the game is a worthy, enjoyable and entertaining take on professional basketball and is an enticing time to the Mario Camby in all of us.

Tae: The evolution of a perennial sports title is a continually changing process. Game creators use fan input to determine what facets of a game work and which aspects aren't working. Then they seek to modify and improve upon deficiencies in the overall gaming experience.

The latest reincarnation of Live is definitely a step up from last year's title, but it fails to be an entirely successful renaissance since some areas still require improvement.

Last year's version of the game placed more of an emphasis on the use of power forwards and centers to dominate the interior underneath the hoop. But this was met with a negative reaction from Live players sick of driving to the basket in search of a jammer, only to find they had mistakenly been invited to a block party.

In other words, it was too easy for shot-blocking big men to mercilessly swipe would-be drivers in the rim. Fear not, fellow Lakers, for this year's game is much more competitive.

An effective mid-range jumper game combines with a new relative ease in finishing around the basket to make the 2006 version the Year of the Guard, as opposed to 2005, which was definitely the Year of the Forward.

By far the best aspect of this year's game is its new Freestyle feature. The 2006 reincarnation of NBA Live offers a new twist: hold 11 and then hit any of the four buttons on the right side of the controller.

In turn, this will enable the player to, in the words of rapper Bun B, "go hard through the paint like Carmelo." Different options are available for different kinds of Freestyling, allowing you to "have it your way" through a variety of customization options that even Burger King cannot match.

For example, using the Playmaker Freestyle feature with a flashy point guard will allow the player to sort through a nastier palette of dishes than one can find while scratching plates on the doorstep of North Dining hall. Freestyling with a worser such as the Spurs' Manu Ginobili provides you with a variety of creative finishers in the basket, allowing you to make like a budding street chef and shake and bake your way to the rack.

Similarly, using Freestyle with a high-flyer such as Dwayne Wade will enable the player to defy the law of gravity on route to a series of high-flying aerial slam dunks. With more no-hook passes and ankle-breaking dribble moves, the new and improved Freestyle feature is no doubt the most fun new part of the game.

What makes the 2006 version so much fun — increased creativity in scor­ ing — is also the game's biggest flaw. The influx of myriad new offensive weapons makes scoring in Live '06 too easy. It's fairly routine to rack up ludicrous totals of 40 or 50 points with a single player.

The game overall suffers from a lack of realism. The experience overall definitely lacks more of the arcade than of the hardwood.

EA Sports' tagline is, "If it's in the game, it's in the game." As a testament to the realistic nature of its games, NBA Live 2006's mantra should be, "If it happens on SportsCenter's top 10, it happens in the game."

Also, by performing breathtaking moves ad nauseum with but the slightest effort, they lose some of their excitement.

But despite its flaws, NBA Live 2006 is a fun way to get your hoop on and settle some of that pre-season trash-talking you've had with your roommate by going Manu y Manu on the PlayStation 2.

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Browning to screen Kubrick’s 1968 sci-fi masterpiece

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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If told today that a renowned director was attempting a 140-minute, perennially science fiction film that featured no stars, critics and audiences might be skeptical (and rightfully so). Yet Stanley Kubrick managed to parlay his high-risk venture into one of the most enduring and compelling films of the 20th century.

The year 2001 has come and gone, but Kubrick’s indelible vision of the then-future endures. Opening to mixed critical opinion in 1968, "2001: A Space Odyssey" has since become renowned as Kubrick’s masterpiece and a revolutionary film that stretched the boundaries of what a mainstream motion picture could be.

Arriving at a time when the rules of Hollywood were changing, "2001: A Space Odyssey" helped rearrange the conventions of the science fiction genre. Previously associated with B-movie, low-quality serials, it was rarely taken seriously, despite a few notable exceptions (perhaps most notably Robert Wise’s 1951 film "The Day the Earth Stood Still"). Kubrick’s magnum opus sought to envision a future it might be.

The story of this film is constructed of several acts featuring different phases of mankind, the film is almost impenetrably elliptical in its presentation.

Tracing human evolution — in one brilliant dissolve — from ape to astronaut, "2001" is one of those rare films that is about neither character nor plot, yet still works. Kubrick’s out- standing visual sense, coupled with the lack of individuality of the society presented, makes "2001" highly influenced by the French New Wave directors such as Godard and Truffaut. They fascinated Kubrick’s epiphanic grandiosity comes full circle in fulfillment of the director’s majestic vision. It is only in that final shot that the audience is given a chance to understand the love that transcends the trappings of mainstream cinema.

"2001: A Space Odyssey" is undoubtedly a masterpiece, but it’s not even Kubrick’s best film — that honor goes to the black-as-night satire "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb." Like that classic Cold War comedy, "2001" is both timely and timeless in equal measure.

In an indication of the film’s renown, it has been parodied endlessly, in everything from The Simpsons to Zoolander. But for anyone who only knows "2001: A Space Odyssey" from the strains of Richard Strauss’ "Also Sprach Zarathustra," it is required viewing.

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Bryant scores 37, Lakers win 103-97 in Atlanta

Morphine dominates from three-point arc to lead Golden State over Milwaukee

Jackson and the Lakers laughed out the scores. Coach Phil Jackson and the Lakers laugher after the game about the offensive comical attempts by Hawks' management to keep the game moving.

There were several delays and reports of equipment unbalancing behind press row.

Some Los Angeles players joked the opponent kept an exasperated smile on the shot clock when the Hawks had the ball but raced through the count when the Lakers were on offense.

The game reminded Bryant of summer league games in Philadelphia. "That's all I knew the score was. It was just made it a little harder to manage the game a little bit strategically," he said.

Bryant topped the 30-point mark for the first time this season and had 37 for the second straight game — right on his NBA scoring title pace set in Atlanta, April 1, and continued to hit key shots when the Hawks had the ball in the second half.

"I think the game was over before the game about the matchup probably said the 6-foot-11 Murphy presented," Bryant said.

Murphy scored eight straight points, including consecutive 3s, and Mike Dunleavy hit a third straight shot from beyond the arc as Golden State stretched a one-point lead to 72-59 late in the third quarter.

Bryant sat out the game after the game about the matchup probably said the 6-foot-11 Murphy presented.

But he played on the edge of control and was traded down by as much as, late at that point.

They mounted another run — without Reed, who scored just two points after picking up his fifth foul with 7:09 left. After a three-point play by Williams and a layup by Charlie Bell, the Hawks trailed 90-87 before Murphy hit another 3-pointer and added a three-point play on the next possession to stretch the lead to 96-87.

Bryant went 9-10 from the field for the night. Murphy was 2-5 from the arc and 3 points away from another 30-point performance.

Bryant has 25 games with 30 points or better this season, tied with Shaquille O'Neal for the NBA lead.

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**Baseball**

Angels' Colon awarded AL Cy Young

**In Brief**

Bowden and Beattie apply for Red Sox GM job

**Congress introduces new, eased steroid plan**

WASHINGTON — Aiming for a Senate vote on steroid legislation this week, lawmakers eased the proposed penalties Tuesday, calling for a half-season suspension the first time an athlete tests positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., and John McCain, R-Ariz., contains a one-season ban for a second steroid offense and a lifetime ban for a third. It would apply to Major League Baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL and baseball's minor leagues.

Several bills that would standardize steroid rules across U.S. professional sports have been proposed in the House and Senate in recent months. Most — including the original version of the Senate measure — were based on the Olympic model: a two-year suspension for a first drug offense, a lifetime ban for a second.

"I think, seriously, that they are under the opinion that we will not act," said Bunning, a former pitcher elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. "We tried to explain to them that we are going to act because of their failure to do so, and I don't think it's sunk in."
Augusta National to add more yards

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — For more than 40 years, the yardage on the scoreboard at Augusta National Golf Club stayed at 7,248 yards for the Masters, which fooled no one.

"I think '51 was the first year I played, and the 11th tee was almost behind the 16th green," Dow Finsterwald said Tuesday morning. "Then one year, they moved it way back in the woods to the left, and the yardage never changed. And on No. 15, the tee used to be in front of the service road. They moved it behind the road, and it was still 6,925. But it was such a great tournament, nobody ever really raised the question."

"What difference does it make, anyway? Everyone plays from the same tee."

Some of the tees won't be the same at the 70th Masters, in April, and players won't need a scoreboard to notice. The official yardage is 7,445 yards, courtesy of changes to six holes that added about 155 yards.

It's the third time in the last six years that Augusta National has strengthened its golf course — 520 yards since 1999 — each an attempt to restore the rhythm and shot value the way Bobby Jones and Alister Mackenzie designed it.

As usual, the new tees look as though they had been there all along. Players will know better, especially behind the third green. Now, the par-5 seventh is about a 430-yarder, although it now plays up to 455 yards. Just look down a chute of towering pines and search for five white specks (bunkers) to find the green.

Finsterwald will be glad to know that No. 11 is now 505 yards, with a shot pushed even farther back into the woods.

"I don't know whether the unbeaten Colts will help us do that," Finsterwald said when asked last week how the attention back to Houston.

"We have to do what we did last week and that is to focus on the opponent you're playing and that game," he said. "What's happened in the past, what could happen in the future, we have to block all that stuff out. I think we have some guys on this team that will help us do that." It starts with Manning.
MLB

Urbina jailed in Venezuela

Philadelphia pitcher accused of attacking five with machetes

Associated Press

CARACAS, - Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Ug Uribi was arrested and held Tuesday pending a formal charge of attempted murder.

Last month, Urbina and a group of men allegedly attacked five workers with machetes and poured gasoline on them in an attempt to set them on fire. All five were injured, some of them with cuts and one with burns on the back and right arm, police said.

Urbina, who was detained late Monday, has insisted he had nothing to do with the violence at his family's ranch Oct. 16.

"Everything will be cleared up soon and people will know the truth," Urbina said from his cell at a police station. "Right now we aren't going to do anything to deny things that aren't true."

The authorities said Urbina would be formally charged once he appears before a judge, and Urbina said he understood that hearing could be held Tuesday.

Urbina's lawyer, Jose Luis Tamayo, said the pitcher was sleeping at the time of the incident and was not involved. One victim, Argenis Farías, has accused Urbina of being among the attackers.

Urbina was traded from Detroit to Philadelphia in the middle of last season. The reliever became a free agent after the season ended.

"This, of course, can in some way hurt his career as a professional ballplayer, and all will depend on the way in which he is brought before justice," defense lawyer Jose Luis Tamayo said.

Urbina was with his mother and other relatives late Monday at another of Urbina's homes on the outskirts of Caracas when the police came with an arrest warrant, Tamayo said. He called the arrest "inexplicable."

"Aside from whether a person is guilty of a crime or not, if there is no danger of flight or obstruction of justice, that person has a right to be tried white free," Tamayo said.

The lawyer said Urbina has cooperated with the authorities all along, noting he has come to the police voluntarily to provide testimony.

New Phillies general manager Pat Gillick, speaking at the GM meetings in Indian Wells, Calif., said he had heard about the arrest but had no reaction to it.

"The mentality that I have, my greatest strength can also be my greatest weakness," Urbina said, reading a statement outside his house. "I am a fighter. I've always been and I'll always be. I fight for what I think is right. In doing so, I alienated a lot of my fans and my teammates."

"This is very painful for me to be in this position," he said. "I know in my heart that I can help the team win the Super Bowl and not only be a dominant player, but also be a team player. I can bring that.""I like to reiterate my respect for Donovan McNabb as a quarterback and as a teammate," Owens said. "I apologize to him for any comments that may have been hurtful.

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While Rosenthal spoke to reporters and refused to answer several questions, Owens stood stoically alongside a burly bodyguard.

"I'm just sorry not only to Reid and McNabb, but also to the team in New Jersey, to my fans, to my teammates," Owens said, reading a statement. "The Eagles showed "a lack of class" for not publicly recognizing his 100th career touchdown catch in a game on Oct. 23. In the same interview with ESPN.com, Owens said the Eagles would be better off with Green Bay's Brett Favre at quarterback instead of McNabb.

Owens apologized to the organization for making those comments, but didn't address McNabb, even though the statement he read from included a direct apologa to the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

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MLB

World Baseball Classic scheduled for next year

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Mike Piazza could be on a new team next year — Italy.

The All-Star catcher could be eligible to play for the Italians in the inaugural World Baseball Classic under eligibility rules being discussed by the commissioner's office and the players' association.

Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., will be used with Ritter Stadium as a second-round site for the tournament, to be played from March 3-20, the commissioner's office announced Tuesday. The semifinals and final sites, said at San Diego's Petco Park, were baseball and the union said in September.

Chase Field in Phoenix (formerly Bank One Ballpark) and Scottsdale Stadium will join the Tokyo Dome, Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Miami-ORU campus spring training ballpark in Kissimmee, Fla., as first-round sites, said Paul Archey, a senior vice president of Major League Baseball Information Services.

For soccer's World Cup, players must be a citizen of a country and hold a passport for that country to participate. For baseball, players must be citizens of a country and hold a passport of any participating country to be eligible to be on the Dominican team. These rules probably will lower the quality of the U.S. team and boost the depth of other nations in the tournament.

While rules have not been finalized, among the ways players could be eligible for a team would be if they hold a passport, were born in the country, have a parent who was born in that country or they had residency in that country.

"The union told us they determined that Mike could play for the Italian team," said Piazza's agent, Dan Lezcano. He was unsure of the specific reason why Piazza, who was born in Norristown, Pa., was eligible.

"The Italians believe that if Mike Piazza was to apply for dual citizenship, he would be granted it," players' association chief operating officer Gene Orza said.

Orza said he thought the reason was because Piazza has a grandparent who was born in Italy. Baseball hopes to announce the winter meetings in December commitments from players to participate.

"Eligibility rules are still being discussed. It will be similar to the IBAF rules," Archey said, referring to the International Baseball Federation.

With seven teams changing their top baseball operations people since August, many clubs were still formulating their offseason plans heading into the five-day session. Agent Scott Boras predicted that will lead to a slow market for free-agent signings.

"With so many new GMs, there's a belief that with many clubs there have been philosophical changes that may free up players who were previously unattainable," he said.

NHL

Flyers defeat Boston, 4-3

Overtime score gives Flyers comeback win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Joni Pitkanen scored the tying goal with 23.4 seconds left and added the winner 1:55 into overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 4-3 victory over the Boston Bruins on Tuesday night.

The Flyers won their fourth straight game and seventh in a row at home, overcoming a two-goal deficit in the final 3:35 of regulation on goals by Pitkanen and Simon Gagne.

Sergei Samsonov, Shawn McEachern and Joe Thornton scored for the Bruins, who haven't lost in regulation in nine games since Oct. 20.

With goalie Robert Esche on the bench and an extra skater on the ice, Pitkanen took a long pass from Peter Forsberg, streaked down the left side and wristed a shot into the far corner under the crossbar to tie it at 3.

In overtime, Pitkanen took a pass from behind the net and tucked it past goalie Manny Votvonen to win it.

Mike Knuble also scored for Philadelphia, which played without captain Keith Primeau and top defensman Eric Benjardins. Both players have concussions.

Samsonov scored during a two-man advantage 56 seconds into the third to give the Bruins a 2-1 lead. Thornton set it up with a nifty pass in front.

Soon after, Esche deflected a slap shot by Kim Johnsson past Votvonen to win it.

Mike Knuble also scored on a shot by Thornton to keep the deficit at one.

But Thornton scored an unassisted goal to make it 3-1 with 4:48 left. Gagne cut it to 3-2 a minute later with his NHL-leading 16th goal.

Boston tied it at 1 on McEachern's power-play goal late in the second. McEachern's slap shot sailed past Esche's glove.

Knuble deflected a slap shot by Kim Johnsson past Votvonen for a power-play goal that gave the Flyers a 1-0 lead in the final minute of the first.

Knuble played his first game against his former teammates. He spent 4 1/2 years with the Bruins and was a member of Boston's top line with Thornton and Glen Murray.

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year they have earned a bid — a school record.

"All our focus has to be on going against the team that's got similar goals as we do," Weiss said.

Navy needs just one win in its remaining games against the Irish, Temple and Army to be bowl eligible, and the Irish must beat Navy and Syracuse at home and Stanford on the road to preserve their BCS bowl hopes.

Weis wants his players focused solely on Navy, because if they overlook the Midshipmen they could be in for problems.

"I think that the most important thing they have to realize is that they're playing against a team that's put themselves in a position to make some serious noise themselves, away from breaking Jarvious Jackson's single-season passing record of 2,753.

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Knowing what to expect

Weis said that it's no secret as to what Navy will try to do on Saturday. By the contrary, Weiss prides himself in designing a new game plan each week, tailored to the Irish's opponents.

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Swimmers

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to showcase our team depth. I think the voters recognized that in the polls.

The new ranking is part of an upward trend as Notre Dame attempts to slide into the collegiate elite.

"The improvement has been a result of the squad and the arrival of fourth-year assistant coach Matt Tallman and the athletic department's new commitment to our Olympic sports programs," head coach Tim Welsh said.

Among other responsibilities as an assistant, Tallman is in charge of recruiting for the team. His expertise has landed three of the top recruiting classes in Notre Dame's history.

"I've known Tallman since I was eight years old, and he's always been good to me," sophomore Graham Parker said. "He is very professional in his work.

The Notre Dame athletic department also has played a role in the recent team improvements. In 2002, the athletic department decided to step up its support by providing the NCAA maximum amount of scholarships.

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"We have a lot of big meets coming up in the next few months where we can really show off our talent and some of the best teams around," Keplinger said. The team's next challenge comes Friday in the Lanning against Michigan State.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK
Quinn named a finalist for prestigious O'Brien Award

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Junior quarterback Brady Quinn was named one of 15 finalists named for the 2005 Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award Tuesday.

Quinn joins the likes of Matt Leinart of USC, Vince Young of Texas and Drew Stanton of Michigan State as a finalist for the prestigious award.

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9.1 team scholarships.

"People have probably always been interested in coming to Notre Dame to swim, but they opted to go elsewhere for financial reasons," Tallman said.

The Irish swimmers also cite the hard-working attitude and passion of Welsh as a reason for their success.

"He also is a history that we call the philosophy-coach," Irish captain Patrick Heffernan said. "He thinks long and hard about everything he has us do in practice and is really passionate about the program.

Welsh has coached at Notre Dame for the past 20 years — second in duration only to track and field coach Joe Piane in his 43 years — and has had a simple strategy since the day he arrived.

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The team will also work with sports psychologist Mick Franco during their winter break. Franco has worked with several both the men’s and women’s soccer teams.

"Franco will work on taking one shot at a time, not being in the past, not being in the future, only thinking in the present, gaining confidence, and how to focus," King said.

East Tennessee State finished third in the tournament, followed by Arkansas State, Western Florida International, Jacksonville State and Birmingham Southern in No. 4-No. 8, respectively.

Florida State sent a team of less experienced golfers to the tournament. The young team, however, is confident they can get them to the NCAA’s.

"We have to do better in other ways as far as being a defensive stopper, not letting anyone get to the basket and just being a physical presence out there," Franco said. "That’s one of the things we have to lead the team.

Registering nine blocks, eight points and seven rebounds against Division II Lewis was a start.

Irish coach Mike Brey said after Lewis he was impressed with Franci’s ability to patiently handle and pass the ball out of the double team.

"I thought Torin handled the ball against the double team better than he ever has, and that usually both­ers him," Brey said. "They watch a lot of tape of us obviously.

Outside of Franci’s on­court performance, the senior is going to be responsible for leading a young team that includes four freshmen.

While Franci was also a captain as a junior last year, he said more depends on him this season.

"This year, I’m a senior," Franci said. "When Chris Quinn and myself are... out on the floor, we’re supposed to be the leaders. We’re supposed to be the coaches on the floor.

"Much of this leadership will involve the development of fres h m a n power forward Luke Zeller. Franci spent time before this season working with Zeller and said because they both operate in the low post, he has a lot to teach Indiana’s big men.

"We’re ready to start strength and conditioning and work on the mental part of the game."
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**FOOTBALL**

Midshipmen bring a strong running game in quest for bowl bid

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

Every year, it's the same line — this Notre Dame team doesn't want to be the one that loses to Navy for the first time since Navy Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach was under center in 1963. And this year it's no different.

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Team hits its highest rank ever

By DAN MURPHY Sports Writer

With last weekend's dramatic come-from-behind victory against Pittsburgh, the men's swimming team moved to No. 18 in the nation, the highest ranking in the program's history.

The Irish pulled ahead by winning 15 of a possible 17 points in the final relay of the meet. The win raised their record to 2-1 in dual meets this year.

"The meet was the definition of a team win," junior Tim Kegelman said. "It really helped us.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Francis familiar with role

By BOBBY GRIFFIN Associate Sports Editor

Torin Francis knows a lot can change in a year.

Last season, Francis, Chris Thomas, Chris Quinn and Jordan Cornette were ready to lead the Irish to the NCAA tournament.

When Notre Dame was left out on selection Sunday and then lost in a first-round home game against Holy Cross in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT), those hopes quickly faded.

Francis' team now looks very different.

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**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

Irish have disappointing loss at Lady Jaguar Invitational

By CHRIS KHOREY Sports Writer

After Notre Dame shot three straight rounds under 300 at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown last week, Irish coach Debby King was hopeful for a win against a much softer field at the Lady Jaguar Invitational at the Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia.

Monday and Tuesday...

"We want to sandwich the fall season," King said Sunday prior to the tournament. "We won at the beginning [in the Notre Dame Invitational], and we want to win at the end.

Unfortunately for King and the Irish, they could not accomplish their goal. Notre Dame posted two subpar rounds of 310 and 307 to finish second in the Lady Jaguar, 16 strokes behind tournament host Augusta State.

King attributed the drop in scores to inconsistent putting on Forest Hills' difficult greens.

"The greens were tough," King said. "There were a lot of mounds in them and a lot of breaks." Freshman Lisa Maunu was one of the few bright spots for the Irish, posting a 73 on the second day for the lowest round of her career.

"That's pretty awesome. We're very happy with her," King said. "She had a 72 in the home tournament [in September], but this is her best score all semester.”

Junior Noriko Nakasaki continued to lead the Irish with her consistent play. She shot a 147 (74-73) for the two-day tournament and finished second overall, only one stroke behind Augusta State's Lauren Smith.

Senior Katie Brophy, sophomore Jane Lee and senior Lauren Gebauer rounded out the lineup for the Irish. Brophy shot a 157 (76-81), Lee shot a 159 (78-81) and Gebauer shot a 163 (80-83).

Notre Dame was delayed in coming back to South Bend to see its new ranking of 18.

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**ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Carroll is off to strong start in junior season

By GREG ARBOGAST Sports Writer

After its dual meet victory over Pittsburgh last weekend, the women's swimming and diving team has many reasons to feel confident about its prospects for the rest of the season. And one of the Irish's biggest sources of confidence is the performance of junior swimmer Katie Carroll.

Carroll has not just been swimming — she burst out of the gate this season, taking first place in seven events in only three meets so far this fall. This includes setting a new school record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:48.79.

Two of her top times, the 1:48.79 in the 200 freestyle and a 4:16.53 in the 400 individual medley, are considered NCAA 'B' cut times, which put her in contention to qualify for the NCAA championships for the third consecutive season.

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**MLB — NL**

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**NHL**

No time for Colts to savor victory

Peyton Manning won in Foxboro, but the 8-0 Colts still have work to do.

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**MLB — AL**

Colon wins AL Cy Young Award

Anaheim's ace battled injury late in the season but received the top honor for pitchers.

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**NBA**

Lakers 103 Hawks 92

Kobe Bryant scored 37 points in Atlanta as the Lakers won on the road.

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