Lovitt granted clemency by Va. governor

Notre Dame students worked on death row case, met convict

By MADDIE HANNA
 Associate News Editor

Convicted murderer Robin Lovitt watched waves of Notre Dame students come and go through the University's Washington Program while cycling on legal appeals bought him time on death row — until the day before his scheduled execution, when Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, troubled by the destruction of DNA evidence granted Lovitt clemency. Warner issued a statement Tuesday evening that commuted Lovitt's sentence to life in prison without parole, just before his scheduled Wednesday night execution by lethal injection.

Lovitt was slated to be the 1008th person executed in the United States since the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976, a distinction that drew national media coverage in recent weeks.

"In this case, the actions of an agent of the Commonwealth, in a manner contrary to the express direction of the law, costs the expense of a defendant facing society's most severe and final sanction," Warner said in the statement. "The Commonwealth must ensure that every time this ultimate sanction is carried out, it is done fairly."

Approximately 40 Notre Dame students have met Lovitt — who was convicted in 1999 of murdering a man with a pair of scissors — while taking Professor Tom Kellenberg's capital punishment litigation course in the Washington Program. Two of those students, seniors Christian O'Brien and Ryan Finlen, have been following Lovitt's case closely since meeting him in fall 2004. "I'm ecstatic," O'Brien said. "I think it definitely the right decision. They worked tirelessly on that. He's a great guy." Kellenberg & Ellis, a D.C. law firm headed by double Domer Tom Vannucci, handled Lovitt's defense, and so did former Whitewater independent counsel Ken Starr.

Finlen returned to D.C. this summer as an intern for Kirkland & Ellis, which spent 10 weeks working on Lovitt's clemency petition. He had been at Kirkland & Ellis for slightly more than a month when the Supreme Court granted Lovitt a stay on July 11, his original execution date.

"It's a victory, a decision not to hear Lovitt's case came just before his scheduled execution."

ND offers elective aviation course

By RYAN SYDLIK
 News Writer

Posters publicizing Fundamentals of Aviation — a relatively unknown course offered through the Notre Dame Pilot Initiative — read "Fly Like a Champion Today" and encourage students to learn to fly for elective credit. Though the University first offered a ground aviation course in 1973, the course ended in 1977 because no professor remained to teach it. But in recent years, the course has returned, thanks to the efforts of Notre Dame students and currently licensed pilots Joe Friel, Jeff Newcamp and Brian McCarthy.

While at Notre Dame, the men taught the undergraduate course, under the guidance of Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) professor Col. Michael Zenk.

The course is currently taught by Dillon senior Lauren Centoli.

"I got involved my freshman year when I saw the posters for NDPI," Centoli said. "Since [Friel] was graduating that year, the course would have ceased to exist if I had not come in. They asked me if I would teach it and I said yes." Centoli, a certified commercial pilot, flight instructor and ground instructor, said the program is an advanced ground school.

"Other programs teach you just what you need to know to pass the private pilot's exam," he said. "This class goes above and beyond that. The scope is beyond that of simply passing the FAA test."

The purpose of the course is to fulfill one of the major requirements for a pilot's license, Centoli said. With Fundamentals of Aviation

Students begin planning for spring break

Anthony Travel books students early for vacation destinations

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
 News Writer

The holiday season has arrived and brought with it a cold, snowy South Bend winter — leaving many students dreaming of sun, sand, surf and 80-degree temperatures as they make spring break vacation plans.

Nearly 100 students have already booked vacations through Anthony Travel, said Kayleen Carr, leisure manager for the agency.

"Typically we see about 600 students book through us per year," Carr said.

Carr said cruises and destinations in Mexico are usually the most popular vaca-
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Va. governor spares man's life

Louvitt, set to become 1,000th person executed in U.S., granted clemency

In granting clemency, Gov. Mark R. Warner noted that evidence from the trial had been improperly destroyed, depriving the defense of the opportunity to subject the material to the latest in DNA testing.

"The commonwealth must ensure that every time this ultimate sanction is carried out, it is done fairly," Warner said in a statement.

Warner, a Democrat, had never before granted clemency to a death row inmate during his four years in office. During that time, 11 men have been executed.

Virginia is one of the most active death-penalty states, having executed 94 people since 1976.

The 1,000th execution is now scheduled for Friday in North Carolina, where Kenneth Lee Boyd is slated to die for killing his estranged wife and her father.

The 1997 execution since capital punishment resumed in 1976 resulted in wrongful convictions and death row inmates freed. In addition to Lovitt, nine inmates have been freed.

In granting clemency, Warner said, "It has been a generation since capital punishment resumed in the United States. The 1,000th execution is not a milestone we want to mark.

"Consequently, after careful consideration and review of all the facts and circumstances in this case, I have granted Mr. Lovitt clemency."

Clemency was commuted to life in prison.

Associated Press

Wednesday, November 30

7PM Catholicism and the Fight Against AIDS Panel
LaFortune Ballroom

Thursday, December 1

7PM AIDS in the 21st Century: Home & Abroad Panel
LaFortune Ballroom

Friday, December 2

6:45PM Rosary at the Grotto
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have focused on increasing environmental awareness.

Since Notre Dame just joined the challenge, the pri-
mary focus this year will be on education, specifically in the
camps. "The Students for Environmental Action has
had this ongoing competition between the dorms to reduce
electricity, so whatever dorm wins goes some form of the prize," Mitchell said. "That's been going on for a
really long time, but not many people know about it.

Part of the goal this year is to increase awareness of that
campaign, but in the follow-
ing years, SEA will need more large-scale projects to reduce emissions, Mitchell said.

While the students will be the ones actually working toward those reductions, the SEA will need cooperation from others around campus.

"Hopefully the teachers are going to be the ones who talk with students to administrators," Mitchell said. "That's who it really needs to go through, is administrators.

Laura Fuderer, a member of the Environmental Group of
the PSFA (Progressive Faculty-Staff Alliance), said the environmental groups on campus should work together to come up with ways of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Environmental Group of the PSFA is indeed hoping to work with the SEA on what-
ever projects they propose that might make the Notre Dame community aware of the potential impact of global warming," she said. "That might consequently help us to reduce our contribution to the causes of global warming.

For Fuderer, the motivation behind the movement is quite clear.

"It's because we believe, as stewards of this earth, we can find a more sustainable balance between consumption of the Earth's resources and human needs for a healthy environment," she said. "As a major producer of the world's carbon dioxide our country has an obligation to the rest of the world to mitigate that output.

Mitchell said Notre Dame and other college campuses are obviously parts of that output, and there are many ways they can help reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"Notre Dame is becoming more and more of a sustainably conscious through fac-
culty and students, but energy is a big issue we need to take into consideration," Mitchell said.

The SEA hopes to raise attention about the Campus Climate Challenge and get student input next semester by starting an educational campaign.

"For this year, we only have four months left, so education of energy conservation would be a big enough goal for us," Mitchell said.

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being counted as ground
school, a student is able to
continue to flight school and
get his or her license.

"We cover everything need-
ed for a private pilot's license," Centioli said.

Topics covered in the course include aerodynamics, sys-
tems, performance, weight and balance, navigation, flight planning, emergencies, weather,
airports, airspace and com-
munication, among others,
Centioli said.

There are currently 18 stu-
dents registered for the course in the spring — nearly triple the number who had enrolled in the fall. Centioli said stu-
dents should not be deterred from enrolling, as there is
room for 30 students.

"If people do not think of an ROTC class as an elective," he said.

"Though the ROTC runs the course, it is intended for civil-
ian students. Students are not required to be in the armed forces to take it.

"If more people knew people about the class, more people would take it," Centioli said.

"The supply is there to meet the demand."

A ground school course taken elsewhere runs between 200 to 400 dollars. With the Notre Dame Pilot Initiative, the cost is already covered by tuition.

Fundamentals of Aviation also features guest speakers, such as Sam Pavl, President of Experimental Aircraft Association in Elkhart, Lowell

Farrand, one of the most sea-
ned pilots in the United
States and the first to fly a
powered parachute; Richard
Levy, a Boeing 777 captain;
and Col. Mel DeMar, a former
Marine One pilot who served
two tours in which he trans-
ported now-former Presidents
Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Bill
Clinton.

In addition to visits by
guests, the students also get to
take a trip to the South Bend
Regional Airport to see the
control tower and static air-
craft displays.

For those interested in the
course, AS 30098 is offered
Monday and Wednesday from
3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

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tion choices among students.
"Puerto Vallarta and Cabo
San Lucas have also been
very popular," she said.

Following this trend, Joey
Maher, a junior at Notre
Dame, is planning a trip to
Acapulco with several of his
friends.

"We were deciding between
Jamaica, Acapulco and one
other place," he said. "But
because of the hurricanes, we
decided it's going to be
Acapulco 2005, baby.

Maher said 15 to 50 people
will be flying to Acapulco for
spring break.

"We have a package that
includes everything," Maher
said. "We're trying to get as
many people as possible to go
because the more people we
have, the cheaper it will be.

Cost is an issue many stu-
dents are concerned with when planning their travels. Some students said they are waiting to final-
ize their plans because they are searching for a deal on airlines and hotels on some Internet travel sites.

"I might be going to Montana
with friends to go skiing at
Big Sky," said Kat Kriedt, a Saint
Mary's junior. "It depends on what kind of price I can find for flights. It's really just all about the money."

"Not all students are plan-
ning some stereo-typical trip
paradise, including those who
will already be studying abroad.

"My roommate and I will be
in Rome next semester," said

Emily Addis, a Saint Mary's
sophomore. "Our spring break will be two weeks of nonstop travel throughout as
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"I probably just go to
Arizona to visit my grand-
parents," Saint Mary's jun-
ior Emily Griesemer said.

"My friend and I are planning
going on a summer abroad
program, so I have to do
something inexpensive, like
go to Arizona.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

French tighten immigration rules
PARIS — The French premier on Tuesday announced tightened controls on immigration, part of his government's response to the country's worst civil unrest in four decades.

Authorities will increase enforcement of requirements that immigrants seeking 10-year residency permits or French citizenship master the French language and integrate into society, Dominique de Villepin said.

France also plans to crack down on fraudulent marriages that some immigrants use to acquire residency rights and launch a stricter screening process for foreign students, Villepin said.

Anti-racism groups widely opposed the measures, saying, generally, greater scrutiny of immigrants could stir up racism and racial wars.

Both Villepin and Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy have announced law-and-order measures to fight the spread of violence in depressed suburbs where many immigrants live. The two — both members of President Jacques Chirac's conservative party — are expected to run for president in 2007, and both want to appear firm in response to the violence and France's broader social problems.

Opposition group quits election bid
CARACAS, Venezuela — Three Venezuelan opposition groups pulled out of congressional elections Tuesday, five days before the vote, saying the conditions are tilted toward President Hugo Chavez's allies.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton defends vote on Iraq war
WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Tuesday defended her vote to authorize war in Iraq amid growing unease within liberal Democrats who could determine the fate of 2008 presidential candidate's future.

"I have the responsibility for my vote, and I, along with a majority of Americans, expect the president and his administration to take the steps needed to end the war's faulty evidence and mismanagement of the war," the New York senator said in a lengthy speech to thousands of people who have written her about the war.

At the same time, she said the United States must "finish what it started in Iraq.

City launches new wireless network
NEW ORLEANS — To boost its stalled economy, hurricane-ravaged New Orleans is offering the nation's first wireless internet network owned and run by a major city.

Mayor Ray Nagin said Tuesday the system would benefit residents and small businesses who still can't get their Internet service restored over the city's washed out telephone network, while showing the nation "that we are building New Orleans back.

The system started operation Tuesday in the lower Ninth Ward district and French Quarter. It's to be available throughout the city in about a year.

LOCAL NEWS

County to impose jury duty fines
NEW YORK — A New York county judge might begin imposing fines or community service next year to punish the growing number of people failing to show up for jury duty.

Since May, the number of residents ordered to report for jury duty who actually showed up has dropped more than 20 percent in the county. Court officials are at a loss to explain why fewer than four of every 10 Marion County residents now bother to appear.

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Professor sheds light on infant co-sleeping

If sleepless nights and stretch marks aren’t enough, new mothers also can expect a litany of unsolicited and often inaccurate opinions and judgments on the best way to care for their infants.

Even the medical community is divided on questions of infant care, with conflicting information and shifting directives issued every few years to new parents.

Should babies be breast-fed or bottle-fed? For how long? Is it safe to sleep with newborns? If so, for how many months or for several years? Are babies safer sleeping on their backs or their tummy’s?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), regarded by many as the authority on infant well-being, recently reversed recommendations it issued earlier this year, and now cautions against "any and all mother-infant bed sharing." Along with that reversal came the recommendation that all babies use pacifiers during sleep — quite a change from its earlier position issued in February of this year that encouraged "exclusive breast-feeding" for the first six months and support for breast-feeding for the first year and beyond as long as mutually desired by mother and child.

Confusing, isn’t it? Anthropologist James McKenna, director of Notre Dame’s Mother-Baby Behavioral Sleep Laboratory and a renowned expert on infant co-sleeping, breastfeeding and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), served as one of three expert panel members for the AAP committee that made this most recent recommendation against bed-sharing. However, he voted against the recommendation.

Based on his scientific studies and familiarity with how mothers and babies sleep and what it means to families, McKenna spoke to the Observer about the differences among contemporary cultural practices, personal preferences and just good science.

"The truth is, not all families and babies are the same," he said. "Bed-sharing is a heterogeneous practice with outcomes ranging from lethal when practiced unsafely to being beneficial and protective when practiced safely."

McKenna considers infant co-sleeping unsafe when either or both parents are chemically impaired; if the mother smokes, sleeps in a chair, sofa or recliner with the baby; when babies are placed on thick pillows; when other children are permitted to sleep in the same bed; or if the baby is placed in a prone- or tummy-position to sleep.

"The AAP's "size-fits-all" recommendation certainly shows that Western medical authoritative knowledge has failed to learn tragic lessons from our past," said McKenna.

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In Brief

U.S. eases ban on poultry imports
WASHINGTON — The United States has relaxed a ban on poultry imports from British Columbia initially imposed by the discovery of a bird flu in a duck raised in the Canadian province. The strain of bird flu is now known to be low-pathogenic and poses no threat to human health, unlike the more virulent form in Asia that has killed dozens of people, the Agriculture Department said. U.S. officials had banned on Nov. 21 all poultry imports from British Columbia until their Canadian counterparts could identify the strain of the virus in a second, nearby farm as well. Several Asian countries that quickly followed the U.S. lead now are expected to relax their restrictions.

In the days after the Nov. 18 discovery of the virus, Canadian officials killed nearly 38,000 ducks and geese on the two farms, located outside Vancouver, said Brian Evans, Canada's chief veterinary officer.

Goldman Sachs builds headquarters
NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs broke ground Tuesday on its $2.4 billion headquarters near the World Trade Center site, which state leaders hope will serve as the catalyst to lure other financial companies to millions of square feet of proposed office space. "If Goldman builds here, others will come. And we need others to come," U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said at the ceremony to mark the beginning of construction on the 1 World Trade Center.

State and city officials went through months of negotiations to persuade Goldman Sachs to build and struct a deal in August that includes $1.65 billion in tax-exempt government bonds.

The headquarters, with 2.1 million square feet of office space to house at least 9,000 employees, is scheduled for completion in 2009.

"Goldman Sachs has called Lower Manhattan its home for 136 years and we are proud to reaffirm our commitment to this neighborhood and to the city of New York," said Goldman Sachs Group Inc. chairman and CEO Henry M. Paulson.

Merk faces start of third Vioxx trial

Evelyn Irvin Plunkett, the plaintiff in the Vioxx trial, leaves the Federal Court in Houston on Tuesday. Plunkett claims Vioxx caused her husband's fatal heart attack.

"There was nothing that would have triggered a fatal heart attack except for Vioxx," Plunkett's attorney Andy Birchfield told jurors.

This is the third trial Merck is facing over Vioxx's safety. It lost the first state trial in Texas last August, but scored a victory in its home state of New Jersey earlier this month.

Whitehouse Station, N.J.-based Merck withdrew Vioxx from the market in September 2004 after a long-term study showed the drug doubled risk of heart attack or stroke if taken for 18 months or longer. By then, more than 20 million Americans had used Vioxx.

Birchfield told jurors that Merck likes to cherry-pick the 18-month benchmark to demonstrate that the drug couldn't have caused problems in patients who took it for a shorter time. But he told jurors a study showed Vioxx can cause problems after just seven days. He said that Merck knew about Vioxx's safety problems before it was launched. Birchfield quoted from internal e-mails, including some from Merck scientists who raised warning flags about its cardiovascular risks, to support his assertions.

Merck made a "premeditated, financial decision" not to warn patients about the drug's risks because it wanted the revenue the former $2.5 billion would generate, and lens to build Pfizer Inc.'s competing drug Celebrex in the marketplace, Birchfield said.

Disability benefit programs declared outdated

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal rules used to determine who's disabled are nearly 50 years old and need to be updated to reflect economic, medical and technological advances, a government panel says.

Many Americans with disabilities are working and able to work but remain stigmatized from seeking jobs by "welfare-to-work" policies and "disability" labels that discourage economic independence, according to the National Council on Disability report being released Wednesday.

Applicants for disability insurance must prove complete disability to engage in "substantial gainful activity," a concept first adopted in 1956. About 6.5 million people received disability benefits in 2002, according to the latest available data.

"Our nation's current disability benefit programs are based on a policy principle that assumes the presence of a significant disability and lack of substantial earnings equate with a complete inability to work," council chairman Lex Frieden wrote President Bush in submitting the report, which assesses efforts to promote employment among the disabled.

Also, federal efforts to make it easier for the disabled to work have had little effect since few people are aware of the incentives and how they affect access to benefits and health care, the report found. And the months and years it can take beneficiaries to convince Social Security that they are disabled and cannot work can leave them liable of enrolling in any employment or training program that might jeopardize their benefits, including Medicaid or Medicare, it said.

"We will be looking carefully at the recommendations," Social Security Administration spokesman Mark Lasser said.

Congress and the agency have made it easier for Americans who collect disability to make more while retaining their benefits, according to the council. However, less than half of one percent of those receiving either supplemental security income or disability insurance ever leave the rolls to seek work, the council said, citing Social Security and General Accounting Office reports.

"The bottom line, from my perspective, is the biggest programs that serve people with disabilities are not as great as they are today," said Andrew Imparato, president of the American Association of People with Disabilities. There was no expectation that the disabled would ever want to buy a home, have a career or start a family, Imparato said.

MARKET RECAP

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The Observer

Business
Possibility of cocaine trafficking on the rise

WASHINGTON — More cocaine is likely to come into the United States from South America as the U.S. diversifies resources from its drug-control strategy to focus on terrorism, according to government officials.

The report prepared by the Government Accountability Office, an investigative arm of Congress, found that U.S. cocaine imports from South America increased 2004 increased by 68 percent to a record 196 metric tons in the second quarter, up from 98 tons between the U.S. and South America.

But the Pentagon's attention to armed conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq and the Homeland Security Department's focus on hurricane Katrina threats to undermine recent achievements, the GAO said in its report.

The report, an advance copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, offers a sobering look at the future of government efforts to stymie America's $55 billion illegal drug trade. War-resistant Taliban and drug smuggling.

Coca plants and the number of users (2 million) have fallen, apparently due to a rise in shipments.

"We need to be more effective and better prepared because they are people that not only move illicit drugs today, but can easily move other more dangerous commodities such as terrorists in the future," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who requested the study.

In its report, the GAO pointed to particular trouble areas in the use of the Navy's P-3 maritime patrol aircraft due to structural problems, a slowing Coast Guard response because of aging ships, and a surface radar system on Coast Guard vessels that is "often inoperable.

"Since fiscal year 2000, the number of hours flown by the Navy's P-3s has decreased nearly 60 percent, to about 1,500 hours in fiscal year 2005, according to the study.

"Various factors pose challenges to maintaining the current level of transit zone interdiction operations," the GAO said in calling on the Pentagon to work with Homeland Security to develop a long-term strategy to plan for a likely shortfall in ships and aircraft.

In their official responses, the departments said they were working to boost resources for drug control but acknowledged they were constrained partly by the perceived threat level as well as availability of funding.
**BRITAIN**

Debate over nuclear power begins

Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair opened a fierce debate on energy and the environment Tuesday, saying the British government will consider building a new generation of nuclear power plants.

In a speech briefly delayed by anti-nuclear activists, Blair said an energy study already underway in Britain will deliver proposals next summer.

He acknowledged that reconsideration of a long-standing move away from the use of atomic reactors to generate electricity is a "difficult and challenging" issue.

"What we need is a serious debate, not one conducted by protest or demonstration to stop people expressing their views," he said, referring to two Greenpeace activists who climbed into the rafters of a London conference hall, forcing Blair's speech to be moved to a nearby area.

Many Europeans have strongly opposed nuclear power plants since the 1986 Chernobyl reactor disaster increased fears about its safety, but Britain is not alone in beginning to rethink that axion.

Finland this year became the first Western European country to begin construction of a reactor since 1991. France, which already generates much of its electricity with nuclear plants, plans to start building a new-generation reactor in 2007.

The conservatives in Germany's new coalition government want to keep some nuclear plants going, although the Social Democrats in the power-sharing Cabinet insist on sticking with a plan to shut down all of the country's nuclear power stations by 2011.

The government minister said earlier this year that the public's negative feelings about atomic power were weakening.

"We also believe that concern will become increasingly necessary as world oil supplies tighten." The issue back on the agenda with a vengeance is energy policy," Blair said. "Energy prices have risen. Energy supply is under threat. Climate change is producing a sense of urgency."

For Britain, the problem is getting worse as oil and natural gas production in its own North Sea fields declines. Blair said that but for the 130 fresh nuclear plants that now generate more than 30 percent of the country's electricity, Germany will be decommissioned.

"Some of this will be replaced by renewables, but not all of it can," he argued. "In Britain, on any basis, we also have the issue of our transition from being self-sufficient in energy to being an importer."

A government policy paper on energy resources will be issued early in the summer of 2006 and will address the possibility of a new generation of nuclear reactors that could help provide enough energy for nuclear power is not the answer to climate change, it's costly, dangerous and a threat to our future," Blair said. "I don't reject the idea of building new nuclear plants, but we need to think about them carefully."

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Kamarua Porter

K-Mark's Blue Light Special

One of the things I think I’ll miss the most about college will be the sheer joy of having your friends run around with you on your mundane errands. So many times, friends have asked me to walk with them to turn in papers or buy a magazine from the bookstore; and that’s totally normal. Our lives are not inundated with so many personal tasks daily so we gladly share each other’s tasks. Also, we turn every thing into an event to be with each other and converse—hence study groups, cooking parties and errand pairing.

However, I fear we shall see the last of errand pairing when college is over. For example, one day I went with a friend to the salon while she got her hair cut. I had nothing else to do and it was on campus. Yet, if I were living in Chicago and my friend asked me to come to watch her get her hair cut on the other side of town, I would definitely decline. When you leave a place like Notre Dame, which is extremely communal and sharing, your identity and time use would be most tied with the things you need and want to do. The question is not “How can I spend as much time with others as possible?”, but “How can I spend my time most wisely to maximize my goals?”. While we may still strive to wind the hours with companions, the demands of work and rest may keep us from late night grocery runs with our friends.

Yet, there is a distinct beauty of errand pairing. Going to the store or the post office can be so boring. You are in a place surrounded by people, but it is not normal to be talking with them. The loneliness of errand-running probably explains why parents drag their unwilling children to bulk shopping at Target—any companionship is preferred when shopping. For 16 packs of paper towels (critiquing the merits of stockpile shopping will follow).

Also, errand loneliness disorder has caused the rise in cell phone usage. In absence of actual people to talk to, people shop and dial, most annoyingly on those hands-free things, bewildering the other shoppers bearing the errand-running on their own. When people are looking right at me, talking right at me, and there is no one else around, I usually speak back—to my embarrassment.

Therefore, a friend and I have devised a way to keep errand pairing alive and well. With so many searching for dates on Match.com, Yahoo personals and the like for what Mother Nature intended to occurred in bars, parties and coffee shops, why not use the internet to match people who want an errand companion together? This could be the answer for so many dreading going to the farmers market one more time without someone to compare fresh squash with. The website could also list what type of errands you like to do and find an adequate partner for you. If you love going to used record stores, weird alternative spirit stores for tarot cards or street fairs, your errand profile would state that. You could also vary the people you run errands with as well. Even in conversation with a fellow bulk shopper, but cannot take him to the record store, set up a second errand friend for the second thing on the list.

I cannot imagine a better way to reduce cell phone costs, get your errands done and meet new people. Yet be advised, this is not dating. People looking for relationships had better keep looking. Errand pairing is about living up those everyday, boring tasks that could use some inane small talk. It should be a rule—no spending years up on an errand, you would not do that anyway with a person you met recently and will never see again.

Let us use the errand pairing service for what the internet is best at: impersonal, short and efficient communication and task completion (anti-technology rant on the way.)

Besides the cell phone usage in stores, there is the whole bucket of worms provided by the iPod. My moose with the iPod probably comes from the fact I do not have one, but it’s crazy how many people are plugged up to those trendy white earphones everywhere. I think there should be a mandate that everyone on head-phones should sing what he is listening to. Then public places would be more like a Tower of Babel musical than a silent crowded place.

So maybe taking out an ad for someone to sit with you to get your oil checked to a great idea. Neither is singing Dolly Parton’s Jolene on the subway—unless you have a killer voice. Yet, not speaking to people in public places sounds pretty ridiculous too.

Kamarua Porter is a senior history major. This piece goes out to everyone writing long papers cram-style, especially Ben Zerante—You can do it! Also, Stephen Smith, the last action hero. Good luck on the 11th. Thanks for the emails and shout outs, Notre Dame—you’re beautiful.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Two weeks ago, The Observer ran a series of articles discussing residence life infractions and punishments at Notre Dame ("Crime and Punishment," Nov. 11-18). One of the issues that seemed to be addressed, both directly and indirectly, was the role of a rector in student life.

It's hard to define the role of a rector because they are disciplined by the university in a few different ways. They are the primary authorities in student life in some ways, but not in others.

The problem is, that ambiguity makes it very tempting to think of a rector as a mother or a father. But rectors are not mothers and fathers, either. Thinking of a rector in that way is what can cause people to get so angry when their "rector" doesn't do them something they wish they could do, or doesn't do them something they think they should do.

It's hard to define the role of a rector in my own life. When she responds to things that I do, it is hard for me to understand her responses, because she doesn't treat me like the cops do, but she doesn't treat me like my mom does, either. I guess the important thing to keep in mind is, if I'm having trouble defining my rector's role in my life, think of how much harder it must be for her to play that ambiguous role. I realize more and more: A rector a role that deserves just as much respect as a cop — and just as much gratitude as a mother.

Kathryn Kemnetz
Assemblywoman
Nov. 29

U-Wire

A high concentration of football fans in one place turns us into cavemen, shedding our intelligence like a bad habit. We swagger, we swear, we scream epithets at the press box every time Invade-your-space happens. When I did menial labor at a large business over several high-school summers, I'd rather repeatedly risk a lot of future income for illegitimate children than use condoms, and if the definition of childlike behavior - stay with me - is what I was the enemy.

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Why fight drugs?

I completely agree with lan Bounded ("The cost of the real war lost," Nov. 29) that the drug war has been a failure, and that everything up to and including cocaine should be legalized in order to assume that the vast majority of people are rational. I have never had the "pleasure" of trying cocaine, but I know plenty of people who did, and the vast majority of them still lead normal (or, to most people, quasi-normal) functional lives, even if they might still indulge in it one to a few times a year. Ditto for the one person I know who occasionally uses ecstasy. The Milwauke子女 love their hermits. (It honestly believe that most students at this school have tried cocaine and otherwise functional lives, and ditto for most other hard drugs. After all, studies show that only heroin ranks as a real "social" or addictive potential drug. I vividly mildly future-oriented people can cope as one person described: "My girlfriend didn't see what the big deal was with crack, she tried it three times and then she started to crave it, so she stopped."

Unfortunately, there is another side of America, the significant "underclass" — both urban and rural — whose people have little to live for and who perceive no chance of advancing beyond dull, low-paying menial jobs and distinctly unglamorous lifestyles, who don't value the future because they have no rational basis to do so. When I did menial labor at a large business over several high-school summers, I saw a lot of "10s" people. I'm afraid I'm mindset utterly opposite from that of a student at a top-50 college. One worker had to pay garnishments to five different women for six different children (all illegitimate). The overwhelming majority of the workers there had illegitimate children.

When you care so little about the future that you'd rather repeatedly risk a lot of future income for illegitimate children than use condoms, and if the definition of childlike behavior — stay with me — is the inability to defer gratification now for more gratification later, how can the state not treat people with that outlook like infants? If everyone is equal under the law, then we can treat drug addicts like children. They know us better than the cops. They know us better than the legalizers' beef really with America's drug laws, but rather with America's values, which have pretensions to "rugged individualism" but actually enthusiastically embrace trial lawyers and welfare sprawl. To see what happens when a society does a 180 from collectivism to individualism, libertarians should take a look at Russia, where the fittest are certainly thriving — and the unfit can join the mafia, overdose to death or starve.

It's a small wonder that the legalization debacle ignores the real costs of legalization (they'd have no audience). The worst of these (and those who hate Big Brother the most have been most blind to its inanilizing effects on three generations of Americans.

Alex Fordlow
September 11 Expanded Pages

Pointless petition

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We've seen this before: students have shown that they care about the environment, about the economy, and about the health of local residents. But now we must also consider the impact of these proposals on our own lives.

The last thing we need is another drug war. It's time to legalize and regulate all drugs, just as we have already for alcohol. Only then can we start to address the real problems that these proposals are designed to solve.

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**MOVIE REVIEWS**

**Mangold’s Johnny Cash biopic is money**

By GRAHAM EBERTSCH
Scene Critic

With the recent rise in biography films, this holiday’s “Walk the Line” has some hope of following the writing cast of James Mangold’s story of country music legend Johnny Cash has risen to the occasion and proved itself to be as good, if not better, than similar musical biopics. Every event depicted in the film after their first interaction reflects Johnny Cash’s desire to be with her, a desire which eventually ends his marriage to Vivian, isolating him from his two daughters. The movie does not drag on through the death of Cash in 2003. Instead, it concludes with a resolution between June and Johnny. Inevitably, “Walk the Line” will be compared to last year’s stand-out picture, “Ray.” While they both incorporate the same basic musician biopic formula of a hard childhood, overcoming obstacles, failed romantic relationships and the eventual substance dependency, the similarities end there.

To compare the performances by the two lead actors would be an injustice. In portraying an iconic celebrity, an actor is confronted with the difficult line between becoming the individual and being able to do great impersonation. While Joaquin’s speaking voice isn’t an exact imitation, the mannerisms, personality and singing voice he picked up from Cash make for an excellent performance. Jamie Foxx, a trained comedian, seems to be more focused on capturing the most spot-on imitation with the very familiar traits of Ray Charles. “Ray” seems to use standard Hollywood template for an individual beatings adversities and succeeding. But “Walk the Line” is instead a gripping story of Cash made by people who genuinely want the story to be told. It is quite refreshing to see Joaquin Phoenix in a role not written by M. Night Shyamalan. Phoenix shows his strength in dramatic acting giving an eerie glimpse in the mind of Cash, especially since Phoenix himself lost his own brother River to a drug addiction. Any Oscar-buzz for this role is well deserved. But Reese Witherspoon has the stand out role of the movie and of her career - as June Carter, Witherspoon has finally decided to fly her acting flag. This role might seem like a stretch for the actress who is two-deep in the “Legally Blonde” franchise, but she tackles it head-on. Witherspoon captures both the wity performer and the southern girl longing for real love beautifully. Hopefully this will be the gateway to better roles for the talented actress - then again, Jamie Foxx did go on to star in “Steel.”

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**Thriller ‘Derailed’ barely stays on track**

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Critic

Audiences who expect a simple and old-fashioned thriller in “Derailed” might be in for a pleasant surprise. While it encapsulates many of the common elements that make a thriller great, the film twists and turns to great effect. The story revolves around a married couple - Charles (Clive Owen) and Lucinda (Jennifer Aniston), who meet on the Chicago commuter train, begin an ill-advised affair in Mikel Hafstrom’s “Derailed.”

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Writer: Stuart Beattie
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**June Carter (Reese Witherspoon) and Johnny Cash (Joaquin Phoenix) perform onstage together in “Walk the Line,” James Mangold’s biopic of the music star.**

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

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**Charlie and his country music predecessor, June Carter. At a young age, Johnny, or J.R., as his family called him, loses his older brother Jack. As if such an event weren’t tragic enough, JR’s father, a heavy drinker and womanizer, tells the young boy that God “sent me to be the wrong son.” Cash’s father continues throughout the movie as the token parental authority figure. However, Cash’s son’s achievements will never meet his expectations. While the basic character is a common one in writing, actor Robert Patrick does a fantastic job in not over-acting the role. After some slow plot progression of Cash’s marriage and rise into fame, the story takes off into the main focus of the movie. The cat and mouse game between Cash and his country music predecessor, June Carter, is quite satisfying. As the movie continues, the two leading men would be an injustice. In portraying an iconic celebrity, an actor is confronted with the difficult line between becoming the individual and being able to do great impersonation. While Joaquin’s speaking voice isn’t an exact imitation, the mannerisms, personality and singing voice he picked up from Cash make for an excellent performance. Jamie Foxx, a trained comedian, seems to be more focused on capturing the most spot-on imitation with the very familiar traits of Ray Charles. “Ray” seems to use standard Hollywood template for an individual beatings adversities and succeeding. But “Walk the Line” is instead a gripping story of Cash made by people who genuinely want the story to be told. It is quite refreshing to see Joaquin Phoenix in a role not written by M. Night Shyamalan. Phoenix shows his strength in dramatic acting giving an eerie glimpse in the mind of Cash, especially since Phoenix himself lost his own brother River to a drug addiction. Any Oscar-buzz for this role is well deserved. But Reese Witherspoon has the stand out role of the movie and of her career - as June Carter, Witherspoon has finally decided to fly her acting flag. This role might seem like a stretch for the actress who is two-deep in the “Legally Blonde” franchise, but she tackles it head-on. Witherspoon captures both the wity performer and the southern girl longing for real love beautifully. Hopefully this will be the gateway to better roles for the talented actress - then again, Jamie Foxx did go on to star in “Steel.”

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From this point on in the film, “Derailed” builds slowly and deftly with tension and fear until the shocking climax, which is difficult to predict. The film then begins to expose a series of less-important and even more shocking events until ending at a scene that is rather outlandish, though some what satisfying. Like most Hollywood thrillers, it thrives on the suspense it builds.

But on a more important note, “Derailed” fails to say anything new, relevant or insightful about the human condition that the viewer did not already know before seeing the film, though it seems to try.

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SHOW REVIEW

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Critic

With people spontaneously bursting into song and choirs lines materializing out of thin air in the background, it can be difficult to take the average musical seriously. But "Rent" is a musical that can, and should, be taken seriously. "Rent" is about a community celebrating life, in the face of death and AIDS at the turn of the century," said Jonathan Larson, the musical's creator, prior to his death.

Larson worked for seven years to perfect the show into being but died suddenly the night before it was ever performed for an audience, which effectively added another dimension to the play's "write the day" attitude.

Now, nearly 10 years after it first came to life, Larson's music remains fresh and the show's underlying themes still ring true among audiences across the nation.

One of the most defining features of the ensemble of characters featured in "Rent" is the fluidity of sexuality among them. The three romantic storylines feature a straight couple, a gay male couple and a lesbian couple. But what makes this portrayal so innovative is not the presentation of their sexuality as something novel, but as something that is almost insignificant.

Each relationship consists of tribulations as well as triumphs, regardless of the sexuality of characters. In fact, each couple could conceivably be replaced with one of a divergent sexuality without significantly altering the show's plot.

Arguably, the least tumultuous and most tender relationship is between Tom Collins and Angel, a drag queen. While it's difficult to forget the fact that this is a man dressed in opaque tights and a wig, Angel's status as the only drag queen takes a backseat to the devotion between himself and Collins.

This representation is particularly relevant today in a world where, not only are homosexual relationships hotly debated in the political realm, but most portrayals of gay men and women tend to be heteronormative, and are usually peripheral to a central romantic storyline between straight characters.

Similarly, though the cast is multiracial, the characters Larson created fail to represent any particular racial archetype. Instead, Larson forefaced how, despite their diversity of experiences, the characters connect with one another. They ultimately share the same goal of thriving in the face of adversity, instead of merely surviving in the wake of a large breadth of challenges.

In addition to struggling to afford their artistic ambitions in New York City, the characters also endure the devastation of AIDS. The play was originally written when AIDS in America received an enormous amount of attention.

Today, though discussions about the issue have somewhat subsided, audiences are still reminded of the serious toll AIDS continues to take on the world's population.

Larson penned his musical in part to pay tribute to the friends he's lost to AIDS, an issue which takes particular relevance this week at Notre Dame. Students will have the opportunity to assert themselves as part of the cure at a number of events that are being held in conjunction with World AIDS Day 2005, on Thursday.

The words, music and spirit of "Rent" have withstood time, and, thanks to the feature film's wide-release, are now available to the population at large.

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MOVIE REVIEW

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Critic

"How do you measure a year in the life?"

The recently released "Rent," which brings Jonathan Larson's 1996 musical from the stage to the screen, first poses this question.

The film follows a year in the life of a group of struggling artists who live in New York City in the midst of their own AIDS epidemic. With an eclectic selection of music ranging from rock to salsa, "Rent" chronicles the joys and struggles of these young people, but ultimately conveys its underlying theme living life to the fullest.

But it's possible that audiences will see two different movies depending on whether or not they have previously seen "Rent" performed onstage. For those who will receive their first glimpse of the critically acclaimed musical via the local movie theatre, "Rent" will not disappoint. The��ed frolics of catchy songs and a moving message make the movie unforgettable.

For those who have had prior exposure to "Rent" — and particularly for self-proclaimed "Rent" fans — the film has a slightly different effect, as it certainly can't embody the story of all of the various characters in its extensive fan base. Diehard fans will notice a few song omissions and might wonder why a few characters are overlooked in the film.

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DPAC Spotlight

Fellini's masterpiece showing at DPAC

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The brief years between 1959 and 1960 were some of the most important and groundbreaking in the burgeoning film world — Jean-Luc Godard's "A Bout de Souffle," Michelangelo Antonioni's "L'Aventura" and Francois Truffaut's "Les Quatre Cents Coups" were all released in that brief span of time. Equally important among them was Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita." The film that catapulted his director to international prominence and one of the towering and enduring motion pictures of its time.

Though not as incisively brilliant as his 1963 masterpiece "Otto e Mezzo" ("8 1/2") or as poignantly biting as the 1960's "La Strada," "La Dolce Vita" may stand as Fellini's best film, and, subsequently, as one of Italy's best films.

Eschewing the "cinema verite" tendencies of Italian Neo-Realism, "La Dolce Vita" may be the archetypal Fellini film: at once serious and whimsical, realistic enough to be engagingly grounded, yet just flighty enough to keep audience unbalanced.

The film follows gossip columnist Marcello Rubini (Fellini's alter-ego Marcello Mastroianni) as he explores a staggeringly decadent Rome. He becomes increasingly drawn into the heady hedonism of the world around him, as he finds himself entrenched with socialite Maddalena (Anouk Aimée), his mistress Emma (VittoriaREADY), and a bisexual prostitute (Adriana Moneta).

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When the animated Griffin family satirizes religion, race and physical disability with the most unnecessarily inappropriate and politically incorrect humor, it is humor nonetheless and very funny humor at that. While it may be offensive, it is also very funny, which helps overcome the inevitable cringe.

In classic Hollywood style, the Griffin family arrives at their own movie premiere via the red carpet. The laughter begins with the appearance of "Family Guy" favorites, including Mayor Adam West, Drew Barrymore, the Kool-Aid Man and, of course, Greased-up Naked Jeff Day.

The appearance of these characters indicates the movie is directed specifically at fans of the series and not at those who aren't well versed in the "Family Guy" world. The movie itself does not hesitate to drive immeasurably more humor as the overweight son, Chris Griffin, executes a perfect triple somersault into the Quahog Public Pool and the infant son, Stewie Griffin, comes face to face with death.

Normally obsessed with killing his mother and dominating the world, Stewie's attitude changes. After a glimpse into his future as a changed, 30-year-old virgin, Stewie becomes the protagonist who attempts to change his past. This provides the crux of the film's plot.

The movie's unforgettable clips are linked together by Stewie's desire to erase his near-death, life-changing experience.

From the critic marijuana rug of Stewie Griffin, Seth MacFarlane (who is also the voice of Stewie, Peter and Brian) and other various cast members, show writers and crew. While more special features would have been welcome, the movie itself is funny enough that they aren't really missed.

Like the weekly Fox show itself, "Family Guy Presents Stewie Griffin: The Untold Story" only gets better with repeated viewings. The more the movie is seen, the more missed jokes and cleverly placed comedy is enjoyed by alert viewers.

While more inappropriate than breaking taboos, "Stewie Griffin: The Untold Story" gets two thumbs up — a high-quality reward for "Family Guy" enthusiasts.

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“Two thumbs way up.” -HBOEY & ROEPER
UConn overcomes slow start to beat Army, 68-54

Kentucky blasts overmatched High Point; Wake Forest edges Wisconsin, 91-88; Aldridge leads Longhorns to win

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. – Rudy Gay had 17 points, 10 rebounds and five steals, and Connecticut shook off a struggling start to beat Army 68-54 on Tuesday night.

The Huskies scored just 18 points in the first 10 minutes Tuesday night but sank 10 straight baskets after that, including four 3-pointers that helped the Black Knights stay close for much of the first half.

Brown had four of Army’s seven first-half points that helped put the Black Knights up as many as six points in the period. He repeatedly found the open spot in the UConn defense, prompting coach Jim Calhoun to frequently swap defenders on him.

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**MLB**

**Mets sign new closer Wagner**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — When he's not blowing 100 mph fastballs by big league hitters, Billy Wagner likes to relax with his family on their quiet Virginia farm.

So the New York Mets knew it was going to take some serious convincing to bring him to the bustling Big Apple — even though he spent the past two sea­ sons in another tough city, Philadelphia.

To lure the free-agent closer, New York offered $43 million over four years, a no-trade clause and some comforting words from a country boy of its own. Done deal.

"It seemed like all roads kind of led to New York," Wagner said Tuesday after slipping on his new No. 13 Mets jersey at a Shea Stadium news conference. "I think it was always the Mets' ball to lose."

Maybe one reason was James Plummer, director of corporate services for the Mets and a longtime team employee. A Mets batting coach in 1965, he still counts Wagner's hometown in Virginia as "a no-trade clause, Wagner said Philadelphia was willing to include it for only the first two years of a contract.

"Our secret weapon this year was Jimmy Plummer," the GM said.

Wagner saved 38 games for Philadelphia last sea­ son and turned down an offer of just more than $30 million over three years to stay with the Phillies.

New York's proposal included a club option for 2010 that could raise the value to $50 million over five seasons.

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**NFL**

Shockey blossoms in fourth season with NY

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Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jeremy Shockey's career appears to be settling into its triumphant third act.

In Act I, the free-spirited rookie from a small town in Oklahoma comes to the big city and unseals his vast talents on the NFL, making the Pro Bowl and setting team records at his position.

Act II is the inevitable fall from grace as the team stumbles and the hero's brashness begins to look more like self-aggrandizement. Several ill-timed — some would say vulgar and inflammatory — public comments only fan the flames.

Now comes Act III, in which the chastened hero minds his manners, is reeducated to his craft, and again becomes a star and even a team leader of sorts.

With five regular-season games remaining, the New York Giants tight end already has seven touchdown catches, one more than his career best. His 713 yards are second among NFL tight ends behind San Diego's Antonio Gates (823), and his 14.9-yard average is the best in the league among tight ends.

And the jerseys won't become obsolete - Shockey signed a five-year, $31.2 million contract extension in October.

But it's clear the new Shockey has adopted an all-business, all-the-time attitude when it comes to football.

"You start not doing well, you start not doing good, people can really control is what you do on the field, how I play on Sundays and how I work during the week," Shockey said a day after his 10-catch, 127-yard, one-touchdown performance in last Sunday's overtime loss to the Seahawks. "I can't really control what people think of me. They praise me now, but I guarantee if I start not doing well, they're going to start hazing me.

That may be a harsh assessment considering that, from almost any perspective in the Giants Stadium parking lot, Shockey's No. 80 reigns supreme before home games, ahead of Eli Manning's No. 10, Tiki Barber's No. 21 and Michael Strahan's No. 92.

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Shockey's increased numbers this season are the product of several factors.

They include better health — he has been plagued by nagging injuries. They also include Manning's growth as an NFL quarterback and the addition of wide receiver Plaxico Burress, signed as a free agent in the offseason. Burress leads the team with 60 receptions for 928 yards, and has opened up room in the secondary for Shockey.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Slow start dooms Belles in loss to Carthage

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Steve Bender didn't want to start this way.

The first-year Belles coach saw Saint Mary's fall to 1-3 in the season on Saturday.

Saint Mary's team lost 63-45 to Carthage in a game in which the Belles never got on truck.

In their first home game of the young season, the Belles came out struggling, hitting just 4-4 of 24 field goal attempts in the first half. They fell behind 24-2 and were never able to recover.

“In there's no way we had a chance after such a poor start,” Bender said.

Carthage (11-1), meanwhile, knocked down 12-of-16 shots in the first 20 minutes to take a commanding 30-17 lead at half.

Saint Mary's battled back in the second half, cutting the lead to 34-28 with 12:49 remaining.

But Carthage's strong shooting was too much for them to handle.

The Red Devils went on a 25-5 run to ice the game after Saint Mary's cut the Carthage lead to six.

Carthage made 53 percent of its shots on the night, and the Belles, who dropped their second straight game, shot just 26 percent.

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nate the Lady Blue Devils as they lead all game, missing just two of their 21 shots.

Freshman guard Shana Lieberman also chipped in 17 points for the Lady Reds.

Bender said his team took some positive aspects from the Carthage loss. We said several underclassmen played well and saw more playing time and that he believes the freshmen and sophomores showed potential to contribute significantly this season.

“I realized we have a lot of depth that we were not necessarily expecting this soon,” Bender said.

Sophomore guard Alison Kessler was the only Saint Mary's player to reach double digits, scoring 15 points.

Junior Bridget Lipke added eight points and three assists in the losing effort.

Carriage Bridge scored five points and Erin Newsome, Emily Light, Katie Basche each chipped four points.

The Belles next host in a conference game against Illinois today at the Angela Athletic Center.

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NCAA Men's BASKETBALL

Blue Devils and Hoosiers to square off in Bloomington

Indiana students anticipate first-ever Duke visit to Assembly Hall as part of Big Ten-ACC Challenge

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's Marshall Strickland can already envision Assembly Hall on Wednesday night.

He expects the wild, late-night crowd to taunt Duke's top players, J.J. Redick and Sheldon Williams. He expects the sold-out crowd to remind freshman Josh McDermott he had to make a mistake by choosing the Blue Devils over his home­

state Hoosiers, and he hopes the Indiana students swarm the court in a postgame celeb­

ration.

Welcome back to college bas­

ketball.

“When Assembly Hall gets rock­ing, this is a special place,” Strickland said. “I’m excited just thinking about it.”

So far, the 17th-ranked Hoosiers (3-0) have brought a renewed level of excitement to the program after two con­

secutive subpar seasons.

They overwhelmed Nicholls State, Florida A&M and Western Illinois with a strong inside-outside combination and have scored more points in each game. They’re averaging 103.3 points a game.

Hoosiers have resembled the previous under­

achieving teams, thanks in part to the addition of forward Marco Killingsworth and solid inside-outside combination than the Hoosiers and a perfect 6-0 mark in a showcase event that has been dominated by the ACC in each of the previous six years.

Strangely, though, the Blue Devils have never played in Bloomington.

The last meeting between the schools came in the 2002 regional semifinals when the Hoosiers rallied for a stunning 74-73 upset of No. 1 Duke, a victory that sent coach Mike Davis sprinting on the court and calmed Indian­

a into the Final Four.

“We know when they’re going to come out and get after us,” freshman guard Greg Paulus said. “The crowd is going to get into it and playing uphill is never good on the road.”

The bigger question may be what the Blue Devils, and par­

ticularly McDermott, a native of Carmel, Ind., receive.

A year ago, the Hoosiers had a similar matchup against then-No. 9 North Carolina in Bloomington native Sean May’s homecoming. Indian­

a responded with one of its best games of the season, a 70-63 loss, and the hostile crowd rattled May.

Fans chanted “Traitor” and wore shirts that spelled out “May you must be adopted.”

Those memories have already prompted McDermott to ask his parents to stay home.

“I don’t think I’m going to be the favorite person,” he said. “I always followed Indiana bas­

ketball, but I always wanted to go to Duke.”

Other battles may prove more critical.

Inside, Killingsworth and Williams could turn the game into a wrestling match.

Williams, at 6-foot-9, 250 pounds, is the nation’s strongest and most tal­

ented players. Killingsworth, at 6-8, 268, wants to prove he can match up with Williams and has also demonstrated the ability to pass and hit three-point­

ers.

But the key could be the perimeter.

Redick, a 6-4 guard, aver­

ages 22.4 points and is one of the nation’s top shooters for 3-­

pointers and free throws. He’ll likely be defended by Lewis Monroe, who, like Killingsworth, transferred to Indiana from Auburn. The Hoosiers could also use speedy Earl Calloway or versatile 6-5 swingman Robert Vaden on Hedick.

Meanwhile, Indiana has con­

centrated on 16.3x in each of its last two games and might get a boost if sophomore guard A.J. Ratliff returns from a broken thumb. Ratliff hasn’t yet played this season and was expected to start.

Both teams will be missing key players. The Blue Devils lost starting guard DeMarcus Nelson for six to eight weeks after he had surgery on a frac­

tured right ankle, while Indiana is still without D.J. New, who broke his left foot in the Hoosiers’ first exhibition game. White was last year’s Big Ten freshman of the year.

Whatever happens, Strickland and his team will use this game as a template for the rest of the season. They have some troubles. We have to make them run with us, and I think we will have some suc­

cess.”

Duke senior Lee Meicichon talks to coach Mike Krzyzewski during the Blue Devil’s win over Seton Hall Nov. 18.

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lead Saint Mary's in scoring, averaging 14.8 and 11.0 points per game, respectively. Bender also predicts solid contributions from freshmen Erin Newsom, Nicole Beier, Calli Davison and Emily Light, who all logged at least ten minutes of playing time against Carthage. With the added contributions of some of these underclassmen and the steady guard play of Boyce and Kessler, Bender believes his group will show it can compete with the top teams in the league.

"We can't back down against [Hope], or they'll have their way with us," Bender said. The game, which is the Belles' first against a league opponent, will be played at the Angela Athletic Facility at Saint Mary's on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

After Hope, the Belles face North Park University Friday. They return to league play next Wednesday and Saturday games against Adrian and Alma, respectively.

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team's second leading scorer behind Duffy.

Duffy led the Irish charge to pull away from the Gaels early in the second half. Iona scored the first four points of the half to cut the Notre Dame lead to 36-32, but Notre Dame responded with a 16-4 run keyed by pressure defense and Duffy's outside shooting. With 14:34 left in the game, Duffy connected on her second straight three-point shot to stretch Notre Dame's advantage to 52-36 and put the game out of reach.

In the first half, Notre Dame rolled on the inside play of center Melissa D'Amico and forward Courtney LaVere. The pair each recorded eight points in the first half. D'Amico pulled down eight rebounds in the game, while LaVere added five. But despite the strong interior play early on, Iona hung with the more talented Irish in the first half. Washington attributed her team's first half struggles to McGraw's absence.

"It's tough when you play without your head coach," Washington said. "I think in the first half, we were all a little nervous. We didn't really find out until just before the game that coach McGraw wasn't going to be there. I think it took us the first half to kind of get used to the way it was going to be tonight."

McGraw has stressed all season the need to improve team rebounding. The Irish edged the Gaels 42-35 on the boards, but D'Amico said the margin should have been even greater.

"Rebounding has been an issue all year," the center said. "It's something we work on in practice a lot. I think sometimes (when) we get out, we just don't go after it. And that's something we really have to improve on, especially against the better teams.

Iona point guard Toni Horvath had a productive outing, leading the Gaels in scoring with 14 points and connecting on 4-of-6 three-point attempts. Iona's 6-foot-5 forward Maritina Weber pitched in with 11 points and nine rebounds.

The Irish struggled with free throws Tuesday night, shooting just 62 percent from the charity stripe. Washington said she does not think the problem will continue.

"It's not really a concern of ours," Washington said of the team's free throw shooting. "We're pretty good in practice, so sometimes it's just when the lights go on a little nervous. And that's just something that I think, as the season goes on, we'll get used to that and we'll knock them down."

"I'm totally confident in our players. They can go to the line and make free throws," Washington said.

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Texas, which will take place Dec. 9 and 10. The Final Four will be the following week in the AlamoDome in San Antonio.

Notre Dame's strength of schedule may have been a key factor in the team's high seed. Eight of its regular-season opponents made the NCAA field. These include Louisville, Texas, Tennessee, LSU, Loyola-Chicago, Valparaiso, Florida and Southern California.

Playing Louisville twice and the other eight once, the Irish compiled a 7-2 record against their top opponents. The Irish were down after their loss to Tennessee Saturday, but they've gotten over it. "I think (the high seed) really lifted our spirits," Brown said. "We were all pretty down about it (like Tennessee lost) and to kind of be able to look ahead was good. Obviously we'll have to look back at (the loss) and learn from it and not pretend that it didn't happen — because it did." The saying goes, "You win as a team, you lose as a team."

But against Tennessee, the Irish did lose as a team, Brown said. This time of year, she said, they need everybody to contribute.

"We just had two or three players that didn't have a good match for us," she said. "And this time of year, we need to have everybody. That's why we've won the tough matches in the past, like the Big East championships because it was a just a great, solid team effort. Everybody contributed really well."

With a solid week of practice and extra energy because of their unexpected high seed, the Irish will be back in action Thursday, ready to make a run — as a team.
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Irish left winger Matt Amado looks to receive a pass during Notre Dame's 9-4 victory over Bowling Green on Nov. 10.

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At the same time, it hasn't been easy for Amado to adjust to a new coach with a new style in his last year with the Irish.

"It's a tough transition," he said. "We go from a coach [Dave Poulin] who was a lot more laid back and supposedly more of a pro-style coach where you can do your own thing. Coach Jackson is a lot more into discipline and accountability and overall work ethic, big-time sacrifice." Despite the big changes, one thing remains the same — his wingman. Amado was paired with right wing Tim Wallace for most of this season, and the duo has been explosive. Wallace currently leads the team in points with 11 (five goals, six assists).

Amado describes Wallace as the bigger, more physical guy that's not afraid to get dirty, while he is more adept at finishing with a solid shot and setting up teammates.

"Me and Timmy have played together all the time pretty much from day one," he said. "Being back with him, it's good. We get along off the ice, [and] we bang out a lot. We're not really total opposites, but were different enough that we help each other out and bring something different." Wallace and Amado have seen two centers shore up the middle of their line, first Mark Van Guilder and now junior captain T.J. Jandra. But no matter who has been up to take advantage of the one-on-one matchups, Amado has one goal for the team in sight — the NCAA tournament.

"Ultimately, your goal is to always win an NCAA championship, but that might not always be totally feasible," Amado said. "Our goal is to get to the tournament and see what we can do from there."

That may seem like a tall order in the midst of Notre Dame's current four-game winless skid, including two losses to Ohio State and a loss and a tie to Miami University on back-to-back weekends, but Amado knows what it takes to make the national stage.

In his sophomore season, he started five games, registering 15 tackles and two sacks. And after Saturday's game, he had doubled his sack total on the year to eight, and his numbers have nearly tripled his career stats.

"He played real solid," Landri said to his keys, [and] he played solid. We went with him for a few games, and he took over. He made plays on the quarterback would flush out and Vic was right there, and he made a play when we needed it." Contact Heather Van Hoogarden at hvahoog@nd.edu

Sacks

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Victor Abiamiri said Notre Dame's victory Saturday. "Glad to come out of here with a victory," he said.

Abiamiri said Notre Dame'srelief that the game was over, Abiamiri said.

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Abiamiri finished with a team-leading 10 tackles, including six solo tackles, playing in in getting three tackles, including one decorating the one-on-one situation against USC, and with backup Justin Brown starting. Abiamiri saw most of the snaps Saturday. The junior responded with arguably the best game of his Notre Dame career.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Whatever isn't paying you back or working for you must be stopped. You've been working too hard and too much. Your generosity has become a hindrance, so get back to doing what counts.*** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Bend over backward for an older friend or relative. Now's the best time to take on another responsibility, but, by doing so, you will please someone who will make a difference in your future.*** GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try to settle down a little and focus on one thing. Multitasking is fun, but not today. Put your thoughts on paper. You can get your point across if you are precise.*** CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may have some minor disputes with older or younger people. Today is about love, getting along and doing things that will bring you closer to someone you truly care about.*** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let little things depress you. Everything is OK, even if it doesn't feel like it at the end of the tunnel. Join the experts and you will see some good possibilities for work toward.

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**Gaelstrom**

Washington coached Irish Tuesday against Iona in McGrath's absence

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was forced to take on the Iona Gaels without its leader at the Joyce Center Monday night. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw had to stay at home because of an illness, but associate head coach Coquese Mason Washington guided Notre Dame to a 74-55 win over the Gaels. Senior point guard Megan Duffy led the Irish with 21 points and four assists. The Irish captain did not commit a single turnover in the game. Freshman guard Lindsay Schrader continued to light up the scoreboard early in her Irish career, adding 14 points in 22 minutes. Schrader, who averages 10 points per game, is the Newcomer of the season. They went on a 15-match winning streak for most of September and October. They won both the Big East regular season and tournament titles for the ninth and 10th times, respectively, in the past 11 years. But the most important news they received so far this season — their most exciting achievement — was announced Sunday afternoon. The Irish (28-3) nabbed the national seed for the NCAA tournament — Notre Dame's highest-ever NCAA seed — despite dropping their final match of the regular season to Tennessee (21-8). The Irish will host the first two rounds of the 64-team tournament, beginning Thursday at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame's early-round bracket includes Dayton, Texas A&M and Northwestern. "I was surprised, I was thinking we'd get maybe about a 10 or 12 seed," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "But we'll take it." The national seed was the fifth top-16 seed in program history for the Irish and second in the past four seasons. This is the seventh time the Joyce Center has hosted the early rounds. Notre Dame is 6-2 all-time at home in the NCAA tournament. The winner of Friday's second-round game will advance to the round of 16 in College Station, Texas.

**SMC Basketball**

Bender sees a new Hope in big game

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's hosts Hope College tonight in its first conference game, Belles coach Steve Bender knows his team cannot afford a repeat of its previous outings.

"We absolutely have to come out playing hard this time," Bender said.

That's because Saint Mary's is now 2-0 in the Carthage tournament. In a Nov. 25 Belles game against "pathetic." The Belles never came close to making a comeback and Carthage sailed to a 63-45 victory.

Hope, the defending MIAC champion, is undefeated at 2-0 as it enters Angela Athletic Facility for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off. Bender said in addition to starting well, his team must shoot better to have any chance at winning. On Saturday, Saint Mary's shot 17 percent in the first half. Bender, who is now 1-3 in his first year as Saint Mary's head coach, called the young season a "roller coaster" for the Belles. He said, in spite of the rough start, the women are "keeping going forward."

And despite the poor record, he said the team has been improving in practice and must translate that progress into game situations beginning tonight. Bridgey Boyce and Alison Kessler have emerged as the frontcourt leaders.

**ND Volleyball**

Irish happily surprised with No. 6 seed

Team enters NCAA tournament with its highest-ever ranking

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

High expectations are nothing new for Notre Dame. The No. 7 Irish have been ranked in the top-10 for most of the season. They went on a seven-game winning streak last weekend against Ohio State, scoring a goal in each of the back-to-back home games. "Maybe in the past I haven't performed as well as I should have, and now I am," Amado said of his recent touch. "So it's all coming together. It's nice to see."

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State, scoring a goal in each of the back-to-back home games. Matt Amado has been one of Notre Dame's top scoring threats throughout his career, but only this season has the senior forward truly become a force to be reckoned with on the ice. Amado has already scored seven goals, 12 games this season. He is fifth in goals in 31 games during the 2004-05 campaign. He watched two of his teammates leave last weekend against Ohio State.

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