Professors question recruitment approach
While University has no quota for Catholic faculty members, ND scholars stress caution

By KATLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the third story in a three-part series examining the role of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame may be beginning a heightened push to recruit Catholic professors, but during his Sept. 26 address to the faculty, University President Father John Jenkins was quick to assure the non-Catholics in attendance of their importance.

"Faculty members who are not Catholic are indispensable to the life and success of Notre Dame," Jenkins said during his address.

The debate generated by the different perspectives of non-Catholic scholars — who now comprise about 46 percent of the faculty — makes Notre Dame a "better Catholic university," Jenkins said.

But some of those non-Catholic scholars say the University's new recruitment efforts may have an alienating effect, and other professors warn against taking an overly numerical approach to the project.

Rabbi Michael Signer, a Jewish professor mentioned by Jenkins in his address who has contributed to Catholic-Jewish dialogue at the University, said he senses Jenkins' remarks about increasing the number of Catholic faculty members "chilling.

"I think that Father Jenkins is absolutely sincere when he indicates that non-Catholics contribute to the Catholic mission of the University of Notre Dame," Signer said. "However, when one talks about numbers, and special hiring efforts, there is always a shadow cast over those who are not Catholic."

Signer said Jenkins has set himself up to walk a delicate line — to bring in more Catholic faculty members while at the same time not alienating Notre Dame's non-Catholic professors.

"I think under Father Jenkins' leadership, poses a challenge to itself to seek out what he considers to be a critical number of Catholic faculty and make non-Catholics feel welcome," Signer said.

Father Robert Sullivan, director of the Ehrman Institute and director of the newly created Keough office — which will strive to help the University maintain a "critical number" of Catholic professors, Jenkins said in his address — said Notre Dame's mission is primarily to

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College addresses homosexuality

SMC panel discusses being gay on campus

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

As activists across the U.S. spoke out Wednesday in honor of National Coming Out Day, members of the Saint Mary's community gathered in Dalloway's Coffeehouse to discuss the issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities both at the College and within society.

The Wednesday night panel discussion was sponsored by Saint Mary's officially recognized student club Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA). While several of the five women on the panel — who represented a range of ages and academic disciplines —

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SAGA reflects on challenges, goals

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

On March 21, 2005, Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) voted 12-3 to make Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) an official College club, a decision that ended the student struggle to obtain recognition.

The history of officially sponsored homosexual clubs on campus is a dark one.

On March 3, 1997, The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College applied for official club

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Sixth annual Blue Mass honors emergency personnel

Notre Dame, South Bend communities celebrate dedication, commitment of local firefighters, police officers post-Sept. 11

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

The Notre Dame community took time Wednesday afternoon to honor local firefighters, police officers and emergency response people at the sixth annual Blue Mass.

University President Father John Jenkins presided over the Mass and called these occupations "special expression[s] of Christian service and generosity."

During his homily, Director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner emphasized how easy it is for many people to take certain things in life for granted until they are altered or removed.

"Since Sept. 11, [citizens] have a much deeper appreciation for everyday commitment and dedication from each of you," Warner told the officers and emergency personnel in attendance — a feeling, he said, that will continue to resonate in the future.

"[The] work becomes a mission and a ministry as we come together to build a society where there is peace and justice," Warner said.

After communion, former Indiana governor and former South Bend mayor Joe Kernan expressed gratitude for the officers' and emergency personnel's crucial role in providing safety and security.

"We owe you [officers and emergency personnel] in the highest regard — we admire you to the greatest degree," Kernan said.

Kernan said the work done by those who keep the com-
Awkward? Not quite.

Dearly beloved, we gathered here to mourn the loss of a friend who (according at least to the Oxford English Dictionary) had been at our sides, for better or for worse, since 1530. A friend, who, through-out the years, had both insulted us and made us ache with laughter, a friend who both publicly embittered us and alleviated said humiliation, but above all, a friend who never individuated the cruel fate bestowed upon it in recent years. Who is this friend, you ask? None other than the word “awkward.” Of course, awkward certainly isn’t the first word to meet such a fate—time and time again, rampant overuse of a word makes it lose all but the most general meaning, like a spice left too long out of the jar and soon devoid of flavor.

We’ve seen many a respectable and perfectly innocent term fall from glory to definition-limbo—nice, fine, cool, awesome, interesting, sweet, actually, definitely, seriously, literally, anyways. And don’t ever get me started on what that remorseless word-usageladened Alanis Morissette did to the word “irronic” in a three-minute song. But awkward is a word for whose tragic demise we must all take responsibility.

Every time we tripped in public and answered the stares and stifled giggles around us with a confident cry of “Awkward!” we gave the word a little push down a steep slope towards linguistic ambiguity.

Every time we decided that the short-est pause in conversation elicited a declaration of just how “awkward” those silent seconds were, we kicked awkward in the shin and told it how fat it looked in those jeans.

And every time we placed one of our hands on the other, stuck out our thumbs and wiggled them to simulate the “awkward turtle,” we were being really quick-witted and inventive.

Wait, sorry, my bad, we were actually just spitting in awkward’s drink while it wasn’t looking.

The list of offenses goes on and on, including adding insult to injury by spelling the word itself as “akward” or joining any of the 276 Facebook groups centered around that syntactic sac­rifice dubbed “the awkward turtle.” And if we lovingly gave all the credit to awkward’s demise, anagrams reveal the true willingness to reunite.

Two days later, police on Wednesday still were peck­ ing away at the vexing ques­tion: Where did the bird come from? “We figured someone would call and say, ‘That’s my bird!’” Police Chief Rich Miller said. “But we still haven’t heard from any­body.”

300 monkeys to be banished from New Delhi

Government buildings, temples and many residen­tial neighborhoods of New Delhi are overrun by an army of macaques. The monkeys scare passers-by, and occasionally bite or snatch food from unsus­pecting visitors.

The Columbus Day lecture “Dia de la Raza, Columbus Day: Two names for an event that changed the Americas” will be held today at noon in Vander Vennet Theatre.

Notre Dame women’s basketball head coach Muffet McGraw will host “Angels Night Out,” an education and awareness fair for women’s health today in the Joyce Center Concourse and Monogram Room. Exhibits will be open and refreshments served at 5:30 p.m., and presentations begin at 6:30 p.m.

ArcoustiCafe will be held tonight at 10 p.m. in the basement of LaFon­taine.

The United States Air Force Band will play at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Leighton Concert Hall in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The lecture, “What Women Bring to Peace: A Comparative Look at the Role of Women in Conflict Resolution Today” will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh West­ern Center Auditorium.

Notre Dame hockey will take on Minnesota State today at 7:05 p.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Rink.

The film “Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price” will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday in Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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

In Brief
By STEVE KERINS

Israel has a definite plan for its role in the Middle East following this summer's short but controversial war against Hezbollah forces in Lebanon, an Israeli government representative said Wednesday.

Barukh Binah, Israel's Consul General for Chicago, gave a lecture entitled "In the Wake of a Summer of Conflict: An Israeli Perspective." The lecture was sponsored by Notre Dame's Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, along with the Jewish Federation of Chicago, St. Joseph Valley and the Department of Political Science.

"There's a lot of talk right now ... about how this war started, and what was achieved and not achieved," Binah said, before giving an overview of the events leading up to the conflict.

Binah said Israel's advance into Hezbollah-controlled southern Lebanon occurred as a response to the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers, after numerous failed kidnapping attempts over the past several months.

"Because Hezbollah is directly connected to Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, he said, officials in those countries would have had to respond to Hezbollah's actions against Israel.

"They thought that the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers would draw attention from [Iran's nuclear program]," Binah said. "They were surprised by the Israeli reaction."

Israel's reaction, Binah said, showed its neighbors the country "can retaliate and would not tolerate attacks" on its territory.

"In view of the provocation, which was quite a serious one, we have responded in a very measured way," he said.

The immediate behind Israel's actions against Hezbollah, Binah said, was "to bring Hezbollah down to a certain level ... which we hope that we have achieved." Binah applauded recent measures taken by the U.N. Security Council to establish what Israel says is a more sustainable situation in the region.


The other factor, he said, is that Hezbollah "will not be able to deploy in the south after Lebanon and thus no longer poses a threat to Israel.

Binah also said the release of the kidnapped soldiers remains unconditional, a matter for which Israel assigns responsibility to the Lebanese government.

"Everything is hinged on the performance of the international community in implementing the U.N.'s resolution," Binah said.

Binah addressed criticisms raised against Israel's treatment of Lebanese civilians and infrastructure during its attacks. He said the Israeli army did everything possible to ensure civilian safety while protecting Israel from Hezbollah's terrorism.

"We have given up the advantage of ... surprise to alert the [Lebanese] public of an impending attack," Binah said. "We used the radio to alert people, and we even called them every single cell phone, when we knew who to call.

Although Israel won a decisive victory in this summer's war, Binah said the political situation in that troubled region remains difficult.

"We bequeath to our children a country that still has to be fought for, and we can't take anything for granted," he said.

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By MARY KATE MALONE

The Student Senate voted Wednesday afternoon to create a committee to more closely monitor senators' progress on the senator's Committee Chair Pat Knapp told senators that the committee would meet with University archivists before giving an overview of the University's plans for a "Graduate University," just south of Notre Dame's campus.

Last April, student body president Lizzi Shappell, former Residence Life Committee chair Mark Seiler and then-senior Brett Hummel helped create a student survey to gauge what type of development students would like to see on the extended hours during Bourdelle and Napoleon Boulevard.

Knapp said they received about 40 percent of the surveys back last spring. Now, University officials are asking Knapp to help distribute additional surveys, this time for faculty and staff as well as the residents of the South Bend community.

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release another album, "supermanned morphographic," on Oct. 24. After the release of "Songs for Silverman," Folds' most recent album, he has been touring with bassist Lindsay Jane Jamieson, who will also join Folds at Notre Dame in November.

The process for bringing Folds' music to Notre Dame began last April when SUB had its annual turnover.

"As soon as we heard in April that [Folds] was going to be in concert fall, we contacted the agent," Vassel said. "It was a process of months and months, but we were able to make it happen.

Folds has performed on other college campuses, including Purdue, Vassel said.

Due to legal and contractual issues, SUB could not reveal how much Folds' fee will be for performing. The total cost, however, will include transportation and production, Vassel said.

The University concert budget is $5,000, Vassel said. "The price basically is to spend all of that concert budget and then use the ticket revenue from it to fund the concert in the spring.

SUB has made an effort, he said, to minimize the cost of attending the concert for students.

"Basically, we could charge whatever we want theoret­ically," Vassel said. "But we always try to keep our shows affordable for students.

The ticket price will be $15—a $5 increase from ticket costs for last year's Better Than Ezra and Pat Green concerts, Vassel said.

The increase is "really just reflective of the fact that it's a more expensive concert for us," he said. "We think it's a fair price, and we're hopeful that it sells out.

To sell out, SUB needs to sell nearly 1,800 tickets, the Stepian Center's capacity for the Sept. 11 attacks. Vassel said last year's concert capacities were only half of that.

"Being a more popular artist, we were able to work with Notre Dame Security, Police and Risk Management to get the capacity increased to 1,800," he said. While Vassel admits the Stepian Center's full capacity at Stepian Center may not be perfect, he thinks it is the best option.

"We wish for something better, but it's kind of the best of what we've got," Vassel said. "It's the best location with the understanding that obviously it's not ideal.

Stepian Center is the best location because the Performing Arts Center is not available for SUB use and the Stepian Center provides a whole new level of produc­tion for SUB's events.

Concerts held at the Joyce Center are "significantly more expensive," Vassel said, and scheduling anything at the Joyce Center is difficult.

"Because Stepian Center is a Student Activities venue, it's much easier to book in advance (and) it's a lot easier to be flexible with the sched­ule," he said.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale on Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. at the LaFortune Box Office and will be open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students with valid IDs.

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security is difficult and requires vigil­ance, and he assured the workers they would be in the community's protection.

Officers and emergency personnel served as lectors and took part in the presentation of the Eucharist.

The Blue Mass "started in 2001 in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks," Basilica Rector Father Peter Rocca said.

"I think our first [Blue Mass] was about a month after the Sept. 11 attacks," he said.

It is called the Blue Mass, Rocca said, "because of the color of the uniform frequently worn by police officers and firefighters.

Police and firefighters were asked to attend the first Blue Mass as a way to remember those who lost their lives or served during the Sept. 11 attacks.

As I recall, we had a number of firefighters and police officers who came from New York to join us for this Mass," Rocca said.

The first few Blue Masses usually ended with a speaker who "actually experienced the Sept. 11 attacks," Rocca said.

On Wednesday, the Blue Mass placed more of an emphasis on the local community, "not so much geared toward inviting people from New York," Rocca said.

"The work becomes a mission and a ministry as we come together to build a community where there is peace and justice," Father Richard Warner, Campus Ministry director, said.

An "open invitation" was extended to local, municipal, county and state law enforcement and fire agen­cies, University of Notre Dame Security/Police Director Rex J. Bakov said.

The Blue Mass is "kind of a new thing, but we think it's an impor­tant new tradition that we've started," Rocca said.

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states. BOG researched the need for such a club and approved it on April 7 — only to have it deferred by the then College President Bill Hickley.

He vowed to make an administrative decision about ALBSO by the conclu­sion of the school year. Hickley failed to do so, how­ever, and retired at the end of May, leaving the decision up to his successor, Marliou Eldred.

Almost one year after ALBSO's original request for club status, Eldred denied the group official College sponsorship on Feb. 27, 1998. This decision caused major student protests across campus.

Student supporters covered their mouths with duct tape and camped outside of Eldred's office in Le Mams Hall for up to eight hours at a time.

Following Eldred's rejec­tion, the group renamed itself The Feminists Collective. Members re­write their constitution and reap­pointed club officers. On March 5, 1998, they unanimously received club status and held their inaugu­ral meeting on March 19.

But just a few years later, the group failed to properly file paper work with Student Activities and The Feminist Collective dissolved.

Today, however, SAGA is as strong as ever with at least 50 members who aim to educate and promote respect for each other and being able to respect differences — even if that means you have to agree to dis­agree," SAGA President Kristi Allmandinger said.

SAGA has not faced the backlash of its predecessors — only warn­ings from a "couple of administrators telling us to be­lieve that's what we do," Allmandinger said.

Coordinator of Women's Studies Astrid Henry said most feedback has been pos­i­tive, with only a "little bit of tension" arising when SAGA voted to grant SAGA club status in spring of 2005.

SAGA, led by then senior Megan Schaffer, was not originally granted club status when it first requested it on March 15, 2005.

BOG reviewed the proposal for one week before its March 21 vote of approval.

The acceptance of SAGA as an official club did not come without fire.

Allmandinger said some students ask to be removed from the campus-wide e­mails SAGA sends, and the group's posters have been ripped down. She said, however, she "respects" the wishes of stu­dents who do not wish to be involved.

Junior Sara Nielsen said she hopes more students will become aware of SAGA in the future and that "more people will come to be accepting on this campus."

"It is a life skill to accept that other people are different than you and to be able to deal with that in some way," she said.

Ultimately, SAGA welcomes people to Saint Mary's to have "somewhere to go on a good or bad day — to have a place to go where you can be accepted."

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• Dr. Susan Steidle-Paeschl, Counseling Center, 1-7336
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• Women's Care Center, 234-0363
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

5 killed in French train collision
ZOUFFTGN, France — A passenger train collided Wednesday with an oncoming freight train in northeastern France, killing at least five people and injuring 16, two seri­ously, officials said.

The impact of the crash killed one of the passenger train’s cars on top of another, compressing it. Several cars of the freight train were either crumpled, bent skyward or tipped over on their sides. More than 300 police and rescue workers from both France and Luxembourg were at the scene.

Rescuers have retrieved five bodies by evening, police said, and did not believe any survivors were removed from the spoilt wreckage, although rescue efforts were expected to continue through the night.

Pope case restrictions on Latin Mass
VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI has decided to loosen restrictions on use of the old Latin Mass, a Vatican official said Wednesday, apparently the first time he had publicly hinted the second part of his year-old Latin Mass, a Vatican official said Wednesday.

The pope’s intent is to “help overcome the schism and help bring [the ultraconserva­tives] back to the church,” said the official, who asked that his name not be used because a papal document has not yet been released.

It was not immediately clear when the pope will make his decision public, but the official said it was expected soon. The Times of London, in a report Wednesday, said the pope has marked the order and it could be published in the next few weeks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Electronic report fraud in St. Louis
ST. LOUIS — Election officials say hun­dreds of potentially bogus registration cards, including ones for dead and under­age people, were submitted by a branch of a national group that has been criticized in the past for造假 restrictions on use of the old Latin Mass, a Vatican official said Wednesday.

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Troops to stay in Iraq until 2010
WASHINGTON — For planning purposes, the Army is gearing up to keep current combat units for expected deployments.

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Lidle’s passport was found at the crash site, accord­ing to a federal official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. It was not immediately clear who was in control of the crash Wednesday and who was the second personnel killed.

Federal Aviation Administration records showed the plane was reg­istered to Lidle, who had repeated as a reporter in recent weeks that flying was safe and that the Yankees — who were traumatized in 1979 when catcher Thurman Munson was killed in the crash of a plane he was piloting — had no reason to worry.

“The flying?” the 34-year-old Lidle, who had been living near Los Angeles, told The Philadelphia Inquirer this summer. “I’m not worried about it. I’m safe up there. I feel very confident in my abilities flying an air­plane.”

The crash came just four days after the Yankees’ embattled rightfielder was pulled from the line-up in an embar­rassingly quick elimin­ation from the playoffs. During which Lidle had been relegated to the bullpen.

In recent days, Lidle had been taking abuse from fans on sports talk radio for saying the team was unpre­pared.

“This is a terrible and shocking tragedy that has stunned the entire Yankees organization,” Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. He offered his condolences to Lidle’s wife, Melanie, and 6-year-old son.

The Daily News of New York reported on Wednesday that the plane had issued a dis­trust call before the crash. The craft took off from New Jersey’s Teterboro Airport about 2:30 p.m. and was in the air for barely 15 min­utes, authorities said.

The FAA said Lidle and his flying companion were sightseeing and were taking a route that took them near the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and the Empire State Building.

The FAA said it was too early to determine what might have caused the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board sent investigators.

Hoyle protected airspace over one of the most densely packed sections of New York City was not clear. The plane was unusual in that it was equipped with a para­chute in case of engine fail­ure, but there was no sign the chute was used.

The crash rattled New Yorkers’ nerves five years after the Sept. 11 attacks, but the FBI and the Homeland Security quickly said there was no evidence it was anything but an acci­dent. Nevertheless, within 10 minutes of the crash, fighter jets were sent aloft over several cities, includ­ing New York, Washington, Detroit, Los Angeles and Seattle, Pentagon officials said.

The plane, flying north over the East River, along the usual flight corridor, came through a hazy, cloudy sky and hit The Belvoir — a red-brick tower overlooking the river — with a loud bang. It touched off a raging fire that cast a pillar of black smoke over the city and sent flames shooting from four windows on two adjoining floors.

Firefighters put the blaze out in less than an hour.

LOCAL NEWS

Worker sues Walmart over accident
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A worker who was critically burned in an electrical accident at the new Walmart store that opened in August has filed a lawsuit alleging Wal-Mart was negligent.

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N. Korea warns of more nuke tests

SEUL — North Korea on Wednesday threatened more nuclear tests and said it would urge addi­tion sanctions an act of war, as Japan banned all North Korean imports — such as clams and mush­rooms — and barred the North’s ships from its ports.

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New kiwis to sport smooth skin

State production of this new fruit has been encour-aged since the first harvest about five years ago, according to the California Farm Bureau. The golden kiwi is sweater, and marketers are promoting it to people who like fruits such as mangoes or peaches.

Kiwifruit growers accounts about 9 percent of the kiwi grown in the United States, while about 12 percent are part of the San Joaquin Valley, where more than 250 farms specialize in growing it.

"There's a kind of a don't, don't tell policy," she said. "My dad always said of thinking that being gay is a choice."

Junior Sara Nielsen said she knew she was "different" when she was six or seven years old.

Throughout school she has cru-ses on guys, but as she got older she realized that she was gay. Nielsen also de-scribed how she had developed a real passion for Notre Dame in her senior year, she said.

Matha went on to law school at the University of Notre Dame where she thrived and became close friends with people who of whom she became her best friend.

When she came out to her mother over the phone dur-ing her senior year at Saint Mary's College, Matha's family waited for her.

"I really haven't experienced any bias or discrimina-tion here, and what it was like that day," she said.

"I have it on good authority that she was gay in middle school at Saint Mary's College," a panelist said.

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Alaskan oil pipeline shut down

300,000 barrel-a-day loss has yet to rattle oil markets or raise prices

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — America's giant oil field will produce very few barrels over the next several days as operator BP scrambles to fix an electrical problem.

So far, the loss of 300,000 barrels a day of Alaskan output hasn't rattled oil markets.

BP PLC said electrical shorts that shut Prudhoe Bay on Tuesday followed strong winds, then storms, and then rain, coating insulators on high-voltage lines with mud.

The London-based company, whose faces intense criticism following two oil leaks in Alaska over the past seven months, said the shutdown of its power system was not a reflection of aggressive production.

**BP spokesman Darren Beaudou** said the problem was a "highly unusual weather event," partly attributable to the large amount of snow in the region.

But at least one industry analyst questioned whether BP's latest troubles could be blamed entirely on weather.

"People who are bad carpenters hit themselves on the thumb repeatedly," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy and Economic Research Inc. of Winchester, Mass.

Lynch acknowledged that BP faces brutal weather conditions on Alaska's North Slope and that he did not know the details surrounding the recent power failure.

"Things like this should be dealt with pretty quickly, generally, or not even happen," said Lynch, who runs a stable of technology news and entertainment Web sites, accepted the resignation of co-founder Shelby Bonnie, who has been running the San Francisco-based company for the past six years.

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Movies, makeouts, moldable minds

Everyone knows that when a member of the opposite sex asks you to "watch a movie," you will — more likely than not — watch little more than the opening credits.

Everyone also knows that when a professor announces that you "are taking a movie in class," you will — more likely than not — once again watch little more than the opening credits (this time, or course, because you'll fall asleep).

In such instances, movies merely provide the background noise for a good make-out or the make-up of a sleepless night. This is not the extent of society's effect on society. After all, there's a critical age group out there that does watch movies from opening credits to closing credits.

Humans are visual and aural learners. That's why the Schoolhouse Rock. series in elementary school was our teacher's best friend. And over a decade after elementary school, can we all still sing the jingles?

"Conjunction Junction, what's your function?" "Hey, there's a tele­ graph line. You got yours, and I got mine. It's called the nervous system." Or even "I'm just a janis. You, I'm only a bill. And I'm sitting here on Capitol Hill. All set 'n best seat. Out going out, huh? Where are you going?" Then you'd lecture them on how that wasn't the way it worked — that you didn't actually go anywhere, or do anything, for that matter, except for perhaps slow-dance to K-C & Jojo's "All My Life" at the middle school dance that even then, you had to wake up the next day and go to school. A dance that you didn't really dance. And the cycle con­tinues.

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RETHINK STADIUM SEATING

I have read with great interest the call for the return of pep rallies to the Stepan Center. I, too, was an ND student of the 70’s, and I agree the Stepan pep rally experience was great. But I just think the place is too small, and I thought the same thing back then. It is also difficult to get to for alumni, with limited parking in the area.

My recommendation is the same one I made before the first stadium pep rally last year. I knew at the time they were going to mess this up by basically surrounding them on the north end of the stadium. This will create a noise experience as close as possible to Stepan, but will allow every one to attend. And I totally agree with the person who said this dorm versus dorm thing, at a pep rally, is the dumbest idea I have ever heard.

Good luck!

Jim Blase
alumnus
class of 1981
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IMMIGRATION RHETORIC EXPLOITS FEAR

We write to express our deep concerns about two recent commercials produced by Rep. Chris Chocola and his opponent Joe Donnelly, each concerning immigration. In both commercials, both candidates attack one another with accusations of being an advocate for illegal immigrants. The clear implication of the ads is that to take a humane view to immigration in the United States, and to treat those most affected by the issue with appropriate human dignity, is to commit the gravest of errors. In our view, both candidates are exploiting fear and prejudice, and in so doing, are failing to address the legitimate political, social and moral issues at stake in the current immigration debate.

The images are stark: the commercial’s written accusation sits alongside heroic-looking images of the border patrol, and a stereotypical photo of a group of Hispanic-looking people lined up against a wall. There is no mistaking the message: to be a friend to immigrants is to be an enemy to the good citizens of the United States. Each candidate will be “tougher” than the last on illegal immigration. To both candidates, we say that the strategy here does not escape the thoughtful and careful voters of this district; even in these times when national security and pride take center stage in the political debate, we will vote with our consciences informed by fact, and we will not be swayed by appeals to our fears. Attempts to stir up certain segments of the electorate who view immigrants as both an economic threat by displacing American workers, and as a threat to national security, are nothing new; many of our ancestors were targeted by the propaganda of anti-Irish movements prior to the Civil War and the anti-Italian movement following the First World War. Most of us mourn the sad chapter in American history in which we interned both Japanese immigrants and Japanese Americans in Japanese descent in the name of national security.

We are a country of immigrants, and we need not fear immigration. We do need leadership that presents a thoughtful solution to the current state of immigration law in this country, but one that does so while acknowledging the dignity of immigrants and their significant positive contributions that the immigrant community makes to our nation and indeed to our own cities and towns. We need facts, not fear, and we need to know that the leaders we elect are committed to the same careful, considered approach that we are. I encourage both candidates to give the voters of this district the respect that we deserve; we deserve more than shameless rhetoric that plays on our weakest impulses.

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CALLS FOR PEP RALLY REFORM

The team was on the stage in Stepan. Sweat poured down the bandstand as the bandmen marched alongside the band to protect the bandsmen from the raucous students. Toilet paper flew everywhere, not infrequently into the horns of the bandsmen and rattling teeth.

I have just read the Oct. 11 Letter to the Editor from Jeanine Sterling. She couldn’t have been more correct. When I arrived on campus in September of the first pep rally, other than the Dillon Rally, was an event that exploded. The band marched around the campus, and students followed like the children of Hamelin following the pied piper. Personalities like Rich “Jean Louise” Sherman and Mike “Tuners” Murphy made the rally an event not to be missed.

The band marched on the stage in Stepan, Sweat dripped from every body in the place. You could barely move where you were, your购 could yell and shout and cheer. Even if you couldn’t understand what Arai or Yonto or Kelly or Tholoman or Zikas were saying, you knew it had to be the truth and to the detriment of whoever was waiting to play the Irish the next afternoon.

As you left, you knew that you had been a part of an event. You were at a level of preparation for the game that you felt you could have played. (Luck for most of us that there was still 17 or 18 hours before the start of the game!) I know. I’m just another alum (triple donor) reminiscing about “the good ole days” when we walked five miles uphill both ways in the snow to class in September. I know things change. But do they have to change that much? A ’70 Dodge Challenger is still a great car ... or a ’68 Camaro. That’s why Dodge is bringing back the Charger (and the Challenger). That is why there are so many covers of the songs that were new back when pep rallies were pep rallies. If it works for music and cars, why not pep rallies? Go ahead. Ask Coach Weis about the rallies. Then bring them back!

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class of 1975
class of 1980
Oct. 10

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**CD REVIEWS**

**Killers album receives lukewarm reaction**

**THE KILLERS STRIKE AGAIN WITH SECOND ALBUM**

By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Critic

Prior to the Oct. 2 release of their second album, "Sam's Town," the Killers' lead singer Brandon Flowers pronounced the LP "one of the best albums of the past 20 years." Frontman and promotion aside, the record is a solid second go-around, although it fails to live up to Flowers' flowery language.

Breaking onto the scene in May 2004, the Killers quickly resolved questions of what the commotion was all about with the release of their smash album, the appropriately-named "Hot Fuss."

The Killers quickly went on a spree—landing two Billboard Hot 100 singles with instant anthems "Somebody Told Me" and "Mr. Brightside." The success rolled over into 2005 with the Killers releasing two more hit singles; "All These Things I've Done" and "Smile Like You Mean It." By the time the dust cleared and the body count was tallied, the Killers had claimed millions of victims in going platinum three times over.

After gaining notoriety with "Hot Fuss," the Killers strike again in "Sam's Town," their second LP album.

The Killers' lead singer Brandon Flowers performs songs from the band's first album during the summer of 2005. The Killers are now on tour to promote their new album.

However, with their run at the top, the band faced a significant challenge with their follow-up effort: would they be able to sustain their high indie-rock revolution or are they victims of their own success?

Now that the album's out, the answer is a little bit of both. The band's winning combination of catchy synthesizer chords, dance-rock guitar riff and the warbling vocals of lead singer Brandon Flowers hit home again, as evidenced with the success of the album's first single, "When You Were Young."

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That being said, the sophomore album has a much more introspective feel as compared to the freshness of the first record. To borrow lyrics made famous from their first album, they may not be soldiers, but they nonetheless have the Killers. It is particularly interesting to note the various influences on the record. The Internet has been ablaze with critics chirping that "When You Were Young" is an offspring of Bob Springsteen. In addition, some of the tracks have a Queen-esque feel to them. Without a doubt, this is a hybrid album, both in terms of its influences and its half-anthem, half-explorative nature.

However, the true test of a great album is its playability—the ability to listen without wanting to skip over songs. The first album had it, but this one isn't quite up to the same standard. That being said, "Sam's Town" isn't quite an album to die for, but still has more than enough killer singles to keep campus quad rocking from now until well into 2007. For diehard Killers fans, the band is performing at the Congress Theatre in Chicago, Ill. Oct. 17.

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**THE KILLERS FAIL TO STOP HEARTS WITH LATEST ALBUM**

By NATHAN HOGAN  
Scene Critic

What's more challenging than taking multiple tests and turning in a project during a stress-filled midterm week? Trying to create a second album that follows a very well received, three­track debut? Both Killers fans and Killers' lead singer Brandon Flowers remain unsatisfied with the album. However, with their run at the top, the band faced a significant challenge with their follow-up effort: would they be able to sustain their high indie-rock revolution or are they victims of their own success?

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The Killers are composed of, from left to right, Mark Stoermer, Brandon Flowers, Ronnie Vanucci and Dave Keuning. They formed in 2002 in hometown Las Vegas.

The Killers frontman Brendan Flowers performs songs from the band's first album during the summer of 2005. The Killers are now on tour to promote their new album.
What happens when TV and movies cross paths

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Remarks and crossovers between television shows and movies, much like nights at The Linebacker, do not typically end well. Autocritics on the silver screen, like "Lost in Space" (1998) and "Scooby-Doo" (2002), or on the small screen, like "Firefly" (1999) and "Buddy" (1990), leave a bad taste and a desire to never view another crossover again.

Where did this desire to mix media begin?

Arguably, the trend gained ground with the Star Trek franchise. With six different television series and ten feature films, the franchise has been jumping media since it first began in the 1960s — and with mixed results. "The Next Generation" (1987-94) was incredibly popular during its seven-year run, whereas "Enterprise" ratings declined rapidly during its four-year tenure. Likewise, the movies have had some success, like "The Wrath of Khan" (1982), while others were deemed failures, like "The Final Frontier" (1989).

As much of the Star Trek world demonstrates, the crossovers between movies and television do not always end badly — and sometimes they even improve upon the original source material. Several television shows have had movie extensions that have met with box-office success, including "Beavis and Butt-head Do America" and "The X-Files." However, because of the stigma attached to crossovers, many movie-to-television gems fall through the cracks.

The short-lived "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles" was a critical win and is soon to be released on DVD. And even though it only lasted for two episodes on the air, "Chucks — The Animated Series" has had great DVD sales and is highly popular amongst Kevin Smith fans.

Fortunately, some of the excellent television shows developed from movies are granted the success and recognition that they deserve. The well-received 1994 movie "Stargate" led to the creation of "Stargate SG-1," which saw a very successful 10-season run. Although differing from the film on minor counts, the series picks up where the film ended with the team exploring other worlds through the stargate. A second television series, "Stargate: Atlantis," is currently entering its third season on the Sci-Fi channel.

It’s even possible for a terrific television show to develop from a unsuccessful movie material. In 1992, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" hit the big screen and was moderately successful as a horror movie parody. Greater Josie Whedon, who wasn’t granted the control he desired over the feature film, came back in 1997 with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," the television series that aired on the WB and UPN for seven highly successful and critically acclaimed seasons. Much improved from the movie version, "Buffy" combined multiple genres in a serialized format that drew positive criticism from audiences, reviewers and even academics.

The show follows adventures in adolescence of Buffy and her friends, with supernatural elements adding emphasis to the teen angst and anguish, which is at the core of the series. The series followed Buffy through high school, college and the early years of adulthood. The success of "Buffy" led to the spin-off show "Angel," which aired on the WB for five seasons.

Whedon, having worked in both film and television, decided to cross back into movies after his show "Firefly" was dropped by FOX and came back with the movie "Serenity," which aired on the WB for five seasons.

A trend not soon to be abandoned, this past summer, the film "Miami Vice" meeting with mixed success. Currently showing on NBC, the television series "Friday Night Lights," which is based on the 2004 movie, is receiving promising reviews.

The mixed success of these crossovers is what’s leading fans of "The Simpsons" and "24" feeling skeptical. The "Simpsons" movie opens in theaters next summer and the "24" movie enters production. Hopefully these films will be the next "South Park" — not the next "Wild Wild West."

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The Weekend at Notre Dame

By MICHELLE FORDICE

ON CAMPUS

DPAC Classic 100
"Mon Oncle"

In this acclaimed satire filled with absurdity, Monsieur Hulot finds it hard to cope with the technological world of his sister and her family. (French language with English subtitles.)
Saturday: 3pm
Browning Cinema, $3

DPAC Movies
"Unknown White Male"

"Unknown White Male" is the documentary that relates the story of Doug Bruce who, after losing his memory, must relive his entire past while evaluating what to do with the chance to reinvent himself.
Friday: 7pm, 10pm
"The Bridesmaid"

Phillippe falls in love with Senta, a bridesmaid at his sister's wedding, but soon the mysteries of Senta's past and the implausibility of her stories force him to decide how far he will go for love. (French language with English subtitles.)
Saturday: 7pm, 10pm
Snite Museum of Art
"Caras Vemos, Corazones No Sabemos. The Human Landscape of Mexican Migration to the United States"

The Snite’s feature exhibit raises the issues of Mexican migration to the U.S. through the expression of Chicago/Mexican visual arts.
Thursday-Saturday: 10am-3pm, Sunday: 1pm-5pm, Free

"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price"

A documentary that explores the possible negative influences Wal-Mart has had on families, the economy, and American values.
Friday: 7pm
Hesburg Center Auditorium

OFF CAMPUS

Cinemark 14 (Matinee: $3.50, Evening: $6.75, Friday/Saturday Evening: $7)

Opening Night:
"Man of the Year"

Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams), a comedian and talk show host, decides on a whim to run for presidency, but the real surprise comes when he actually wins.
One Night with the King
"One Night with the King" tells the story of Pharaoh (Tiffany Dupont), to fight a supernatural force that fills its victims with rage before moving on.

The Grudge 2

The sequel to "The Grudge," it follows the turn of Karen Davis' (Sarah Michelle-Geller) sister, Aubrey (Amber Tamblyn), to fight a supernaturnal force that fills its victims with rage before moving on.

John Triton (John Cena) is discharged against his will from the war in Iraq and returns home to find that his wife has been kidnapped and he must save her.

Also Playing
Employee of the Month
Gridiron Gang
Jackass: Number Two
Open Season
School for Scoundrels

Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning

The Departed
The Guardian

Showplace 16 (Before noon: $5, After 6pm: $6 with (ID))
The Anthony
Step Up
World Trade Center
Barnyard: The Original Party Animals
Cars
Monster House
Pulse
Superman Returns
Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
(All movies are as of Friday)

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Tigers designated hitter Alexis Gomez hits a two-run homer during the sixth inning Wednesday, as Detroit defeated Oakland 8-5 to take the 2-0 lead in the ALCS.

As patient as Detroit has been in these playoffs, Loaiza threw six scoreless innings and removed six straight batters after Carlos Guillen's leadoff double in the second.

Mets vs. Cardinals, PPD

The New York Mets might have to face Chris Carpenter sooner than expected.

Game 1 of the NL championship series between New York and St. Louis was postponed Wednesday night because of a steady rain, giving the Cardinals a chance to pitch their ace on full rest in Game 2.

A decision will be made before the postponement.

First Mets, Cardinals NL game postponed due to rain in the ALCS.
Reactions to Lidle's Death

"Spending the last few months as Cory's teammate, I came to know him as a great man. While he was known as a baseball player, he was more importantly, a husband and father and, at a time like this, I want to share my deepest sympathies with his wife Melanie, his son Christopher and all those who knew and loved him." — Yankees captain Derek Jeter

"I have no words. I just have very strong emotions. It's just so sad, so sad. He was a very hard worker, very competitive. ... I want to find out that maybe it's not true. — Mets pitching coach Rick Peterson

"It just kind of gave me goose bumps. I was real good friends with him. We played all the time when we were on the road. ... When you lose a friend like that, it makes you realize how quick things can go. » — Cardinals pitcher Mark Wohlner

"When I heard the news, I was shocked, ... Cory was a true professional who gave his all every time he went to the mound. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family." — Phillies manager Charlie Manuel

Notable Deaths of Figures in Plane Crashes

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Yanks, former teammates mourn Lidle

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Cory Lidle walked into the New York Yankees' clubhouse for the first time this summer, Jason Giambi was elated to see his old friend. The pair were teammates at South Hills High School in West Covina, Calif., and Giambi was among the first to express sadness and condolences Wednesday after the pitcher apparently died when his plane crashed into a Manhattan high-rise condominium.

"Right now, I am really in a state of shock," Giambi said in a statement. "I have known Cory and his wife Melanie for over 18 years and watched his son grow up. We played high school ball together and have remained close throughout our careers. We were excited to be reunited in New York this year and I am just devastated to hear this news."

Lidle also was mourned by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who lost Yankees captain Thurman Munson in a 1979 plane crash.

"This is a terrible and shocking tragedy that has stunned the entire Yankees organization," Steinbrenner said.

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani had watched several of Lidle's games with the Yankees after the team acquired him from Philadelphia on July 30.

"Having seen him pitch for the Yankees in Detroit just four days ago, it is very difficult to comprehend that I was seeing a young man in the prime of his life play his very last game," Giuliani said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said he was with pitching coach Ron Guidry and bench coach Lee Mazzilli when he heard the news, "and we were just stunned."

"Cory's time with the Yankees was short," Torre said, "but he was a good teammate and a great competitor. My heart goes out to his family."

New York Mets coach Manny Acta said he lives in the East Side building that Lidle's plane crashed into. Unsure whether he would be able to get into the building, Acta said the Mets found him a place to stay.

"It's not just about me. It's about the pilot, the co-pilot, and everyone else in the building to think about," Acta said.

The news arrived at Shaquille O'Neal's New York City home, after the NBA All-Star had been promised a call to break the news to the New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals preparing for the opener of the NL championship series, which was rained out.

In Brief

Philadelphia finds answer for CSKA Moscow, Langdon

COLOGNE, Germany — Allen Iverson scored 28 points Wednesday to help the Philadelphia 76ers defeat CSKA Moscow 85-71 and win a four-team basketball tournament.

Samuel Dalembert added 15 points and 18 rebounds for the 76ers. Iverson had more free throw attempts (17) than the entire Moscow team (15). He made 12 and added nine assists.

"We just want to get used to winning games," Iverson said. "Our confidence is up a lot more after losing the first game. So was our defense." The Sixers were in command the entire game, except briefly in the second quarter when Euroleague champion CSKA Moscow took a 24-23 lead. But the 76ers went on a 15-0 run and held CSKA scoreless for more than five minutes.

U.S. Open champ tops fellow Russian in Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW — Maria Sharapova, playing her first match since winning the U.S. Open, beat fellow Russian Eka Tschitmadze 6-4, 6-2 Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals at the Kremlin Cup.

Among the men, top-seeded Nikolay Davydenko defeated Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the quarters in another match between Russians. Davydenko, the 2004 champion, is looking for his third title this season and a spot in the eight-player Tennis Masters Cup in China in November.

In the day's big upset, third-seeded Andrey Golubev of the Ukraine defeated second-seeded Dmitry Tursunov. Vera Zvonarova defeated Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3, and Ukraine's Serity Stankovskaya downed Tursunov 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Detroit fan in famous brawl gets bad rap in court

DETROIT — A Pistons fan involved in the infamous brawl at The Palace of Auburn Hills two years ago was paint­ed as a disruptive drunk by a defense lawyer in the fan's lawsuit against Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal and the team.

Pacers lawyer Steven Potter, of Auburn Hills, told jurors in the first day of testimony Wednesday that Palace security had repeatedly con­fronted Charles Haddad, 23, of Burt, about his behavior at Pistons games and had decided the night of the brawl to revoke his season tickets.

O'Neal admitted that he punched Haddad during the Nov. 19, 2004, brawl, which was sparked when another fan threw a cup of beer that hit Pistons player Ben Wallace, who now plays for the Sacramento Kings. O'Neal said he was trying to protect another teammate, former Pacers Anthony Johnson.
Condra will lead Irish in opener

By DAN MURPHY
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It's time to fire up the Zamboni. Notre Dame begins the regular season tonight when it takes the ice against Minnesota State-Mankato at 7:35 in the Joyce Center.

In his second year at Notre Dame, coach Jeff Jackson leads an Irish team with eight returning seniors on the roster. Last year, the team finished with a record of 13-19-4, which earned it a CCHA playoff berth.

Notre Dame got off to a strong start this season with a 9-0 exhibition rout of the University of Windsor. The match was the only game atmosphere the Irish have seen going into tonight's contest, since a shortened preseason prevented them from scheduling other scrimmage or even a Blue and Gold game.

"The timeline didn't really allow for a Blue and Gold game," Jackson said. "We only had six practices before our first game."

Despite the quick start, the team looked prepared against their Canadian opponents. Sophomore center Erik Condra — last season's rookie of the year — captured his collegiate debut.

Against Notre Dame last season with both teams heating each other on the road. The Irish took the first contest 3-2 on Dec. 6, but four days later the Mavericks evened the series with a 2-1 victory in the Joyce Center.

Mankato will start sophomore Dan Tormey between the posts. Tormey started 31 games last season and ended with a 2.86 goals against average — having a lasting impression on Jackson.

"A year ago at this time it was (Mankato's) goaltending that I thought was really good," Jackson said.

Notre Dame's offense will try to flash the sliver early and often by taking more shots than in years past. Last year's team total of 922 shots was over 100 less than their opponents.

"We have too many guys that are not selfish and some times as a scorer you have to be a little selfish," Jackson said.

The coach hopes that a little extra pressure will allow his team to get Mankato's goalie early in the game.

Opposing Tormey in net will most likely be senior Dan Brown. The Irish goalie will be making his first start since injuring his ankle during a playoff game with Alaska-Fairbanks last March.

"Anytime you get hurt it is always there but I am putting it behind me," Brown said. "I'm just going to try to not think about it anymore."

The senior did not receive much of a test in the Windsor game, seeing only eight shots in two periods of work. Sophomore Jordan Pearce completed the shutout with four saves in the third.

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Irish center Jason Paige drives to the goal in Notre Dame's 9-0 win over Windsor Oct. 6. Paige assisted freshman Dan Velardi's goal.

LPGA

Wie returns to site of career debut

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Michelle Wie celebrated her 17th birthday Wednesday. Next up is an anniversary.

One year ago at the Samsung World Championship, the 6-foot teeanager from Hawaii steadied her nerves and ripped a 3-wood down the middle of the fairway to embark on a professional career that was loaded with expectations and perhaps more hype than any player in LPGA Tour history.

Expectations remain high. The scrutiny is still severe.

And even her troubles end to her season, the rookie of the year — who captured her first LPGA title at IBM in 1999 — was shown being loaded on a stretcher. This year, she's actually been in contention in the last round, rather than having a very good last round and finishing third or second or fourth. She should be very proud of the year she has had for someone so young.

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But as a professional on the LPGA Tour, she has looked more like an amateur. An image that captured a troublesome end to her summer came at the John Deere Classic and another victory this week would make her the first LPGA Tour player to capture the same tournament six times.

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PGA Golf

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The most recent image is her stumbling results against the men. But it is hard to reach the ceiling in three majors, along with the Fields Open in Hawaii and the Evian Masters in France.

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Dawgs, Mob face off with playoff implications

Morrissey and Keenan, both undefeated, to play for top seed in Gold League

By JAY FITZPATRICK and JOHN TIERNY
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Although the forecast calls for a wintry blast, both O'Neill and Alumni are ready to heat things up on the field tonight in a game that will determine the fates of their respective sea-
sions. Last week, Alumni suffered a disappointing 21-14 loss to its South Quad rivals from Dillon. Holes in the Alumni defensive line allowed Dillon to success-
fully execute its running game, giving it the edge it needed to come out with the victory. "We came off a disappointing loss, but with playoffs on the bubble, our team is focusing even more," Alumni junior Eddie Villa said.

With hope of a playoff berth, the Dawgs have been practicing especially hard this week. Villa said the team thinks it solved its problems on defense and is hoping it will be enough to stop the Angry Mob tonight. "O'Neill finds itself in a similar situation as Alumni, having lost its last game two weeks ago to Keenan. The Knights shut down the Mob offense in the 10-0 win. Although it lost the contest, O'Neill played tough the entire game. The defense managed to stop a lot of big Keenan drives, and the offense was able to get within scoring position multiple times — but wasn’t able to take advantage, for the playoffs.

Since the team had a bye last week, it has had a week of practice to make adjustments it hopes will help it overtake Alumni. With one loss, the Mob is likely to make the playoffs, so this week it is fighting for its seed. "We’ve got an important game ahead of this week," O’Neill junior captain Pat Conley said. "We want to get the momentum on our sides heading into the post-season.”

With playoff positions at stake, the showdown is set for 8 p.m. at the Riehle Fields.

Morrissey vs. Keenan

Both Morrissey and undefeated Keenan will play tonight to determine the top seed in the Gold League. Both teams expect to face their most formidable opponent of the year.

Each squad will look to use its running game to move the ball downfield. The Knights ran the ball well Sunday in their win over Stanford. Sophomore running back Alex Gonzalez rushed for 101 yards on 15 carries and scored two touchdowns, including rushing for 80 yards on one drive alone against the Griffins.

According to Manorite senior captain Steve Klein, Keenan’s running game will be difficult to stop. "Keenan is the best team on the ground that we’ve faced all season," Klein said. "We believe that Morrissey must get a good performance out of its defense in order to contain Gonzalez and the Knight offense. Keenan junior captain Matt Gibson agrees that winning tonight will be a challenge. "Morrissey is a very good team," he said. "We have to play our best and try to outwork them to win."

Both the Manorites and the Knights are looking forward to playing an intense game against another top-tier team to get ready for the playoffs. "This is a really big game for us," Gibson said. "We’re really excited for the challenge." Klein also recognizes the importance of the game to clinch the top seed in the Gold League. "We’re both going to the play-
offs, but this game still has big consequences," Klein said.

Gibson believes that the key to the Knights’ success will be to stay focused. "We want to prepare the same as we do every other week," he said. "It’s a big game, but we’re just going to take it one week at a time and play hard.

A potential distraction for both teams may be the quick turnaround between games, as the squads only have three off days this week.

"You don’t get to be much accomplished with the short week, but we can’t let it bother us," Gibson said.

Klein does not think that distractions will be an issue tonight from what is on the line. "We just have to play hard and play our game, and we’ll be ok," he said.

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Jackson in trouble with law yet again

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INDIANAPOLIS — Stephen Jackson's apology wasn't enough. The Indiana Pacers' guard was charged with the felony and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct Wednesday by the Marion County prosecutor. Five days after he fought with another group of men outside a strip club.

On Tuesday, Jackson apologized for the fight, saying he was "happy to be alive." His comments came after police arrested another man on several charges related to the fight. Pacers president Larry Bird said Jackson was upset by the charges.

"He knows it's a major embarrassment for the franchise," Bird said. "This is a big blow for Stephen. He didn't expect this." Teammates Jamaal Tinsley, Marcus Daniels and Jermaine Hunter were also at the club, but were not charged.

Jackson was hit by a car, and police say he fired a gun in the air at least five times. He originally told police he was parked, but later said he was not, prosecutors said.

"Firing the shots in the air at that point is criminal recklessness," Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said. "Those bullets, once they come up, have to come down, and they come down at least 90 miles per hour and they do absolutely have the ability to take someone's life." Brizzi said between 30 and 35 people were in the parking lot.

Jackson was expected to turn himself in Wednesday or Thursday, prosecutors said. He was scheduled to be in court Thursday morning to face the charges. The felony count carries a prison term of six months to three years.

Jackson's attorney was another setback for Jackson, who has struggled to shake off the effects of the 2004 brawl with Detroit Pistons fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills. September 2005, a judge in Michigan ordered Jackson to serve a year's probation for his role in the brawl, but the court ordered him to serve an extra year of probation because he did not complete the terms of his sentence. Brizzi said Jackson could be ordered to serve three months in jail if authorities there determine he has violated his probation.

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SFC VOLLEYBALL

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For Fisher head coach Ryan Bradel, the victory was significant because it showed solid play on both sides, resulting in a win against an archrival and secured the Green Wave the feels, especially against our Division and earn themselves a Forward now fourth Thursday, Zahm continued from page 18.

Zahm 22, St. Ed's 0
The comeback story for the defending champions continues.
In a must-win game, the Red Devils of Zahm (2-2) decisively beat St. Ed.'s (0-4) to clinch third place in the Blue Division and earn themselves a playoff spot.
The Red Devils came out firing on all cylinders, shutting down St. Ed's first offensive drive and responding with quite a drive of their own. Due to the wet conditions, Zahm had to pound the ball, putting the ball in the hands of junior running back Theo Oseti-Anto eight times. The drive went 52 yards and ended, predictably, with a 12-yard touchdown run from Oseti-Anto.
St. Ed's has struggled offensively this season but did not show it in its second drive of the game. The Stedsmen took the ball 44 yards to the Red Devils 1-yard-line, only to see the ball half end after an unsuccessful rushing attempt.
After the intermission, as Stuart Scott would say, the second half was lights out, literally.
At the beginning of the third quarter, the Birkie West lights went out, cloaking the field in shadow. However, Zahm was determined, and no mealy power outage was about to stop it.
"Two plays later, Wieland's 26-yard bomb cut through the darkness and into the arms of Oseti-Anto. Four plays after that, a five-flicker ended in a 20-yard touchdown reception by Stedson senior receiver - Matt Smallbone.
Two Zahm interceptions later, the Red Devils found themselves deep in Stedsmen territory. Wieland hit Smallbone for his second touchdown of the game, putting the Bats up 22 and sealing the victory over the Stedsmen.
Head coach Rich Petty was proud of his team's season turnaround.
"We finished strong, peaking at the right time," Petty said. "It's all about leadership. Our captains stepped up and led the team. We just came to play as a team tonight."
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER
Hanks nets Player of Week honor
Forward now fourth to earn award for Irish
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Soccer America named sophomore forward Kerri Hanks National Player of the Week Wednesday after Hanks' nine-point performance last weekend in wins over Rutgers and Seton Hall.
After a goal, one assist performance against Seton Hall and a first goal game against Rutgers, Hanks became the fourth Notre Dame player to receive national player of the week honors — the second in as many weeks. Soccer America gave the award to freshman forward Michele Weisenhoffer following a three goal, one assist weekend.
"Certainly everyone likes to get individual recognition," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "I think Kerri has really earned it and this is pretty much what Kerri deserved it just like the other three that did it earlier in the year."
Hanks' dominant performance gave her 10 goals and 28 points for the year, which puts her tied for fourth and fifth place, respectively, in the nation. Weisenhoffer's 31 points and 13 assists lead the country.
As a team, Notre Dame's 3.46 goals per game average ranks third in the nation, a group finishing last year as the nation's top scoring offense. Waldrum thinks awards like Hanks' only serves to help Notre Dame's reputation nationwide.

"I think the thing it really helps us is national visibility from a recruiting standpoint — kind of being at the forefront," he said. "I'm proud of [Hanks] from that standpoint. She scored nine points over the weekend. It wasn't a surprise she got it."
After learning about the honor during practice Wednesday, Hanks downplayed its individual aspect.
"It's their opportunity to earn another chance," Clark said. "If they continue to do well, then the next time, you get excited.
"Considering two of our top midfielders (Ian Eberington and Alex Yoshinaga) are injured, it's a very deep group. If we're going to do anything in the postseason, you need a deep group."
Irish coach Mike Brey was confident at Wednesday's media day that even without Chris Quinn and Torin Francis, his young squad can have a successful season.

And, in the process, it will even "steal" a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"There's no reason we can't dream big dreams," Brey said. "I don't want anyone on this team to have a chip on their shoulder because we haven't gotten a NCAA bid the last couple years."

Notre Dame finished 16-14 overall (6-10 in the Big East) last season and fell 87-84 to Michigan in overtime in the second round of the NIT — its third appearance in the postseason tournament in the last five years.

"You don't get anything for competing on an NCAA level and no one knows that better than us," Brey said.

But at the beginning of last year, Brey emphasized that reaching the Big East tournament was his team's only focus. But that's no longer the attitude. Senior guard Colin Falls and fellow senior guard Russell Carter are determined to help the Irish achieve the NCAA's in their final season.

"The reason I came to play college basketball was to play in the Tournament and we haven't done that yet," said Falls, who is Notre Dame's leading returning scorer with 18.8 points per game in 2005-06.

And of Notre Dame's 10 losses last season, he said, by less than five points. Brey made conditioning an emphasis this season in hopes that the team will be less fatigued at the end of games.

"We have to use last year as a reason to get in shape, for a teaching tool," he said. "We need to be tougher, more physical, and closer to people in and out." The Irish coaching staff took advantage of new NCAA rules allowing them to regulate summer practices by increasing the amount of daily running.

"We thought that we should have them run, get them up early, and generally make it harder, I think it paid off," Brey said. "They're all in great shape, and when you're in great shape you're more confident."

Brey said the additional conditioning helped home players' skills because they were able to spend more time working on specific parts of their game.

"The best way to get better at basketball is to repeat a skill over and over again," Brey said. "When you can repeat a skill for an hour rather than just 20 minutes and not get tired, that helps.

"The extra summer work should pay off during games," Brey said the Irish should play a more up-tempo style this season because of the talents of quick guards like Carter, sophomore Kyle McAlarney and freshman Tony Jackson.

"I love to run. I love to just roll the balls out and play," McAlarney said. "It's my game, and when you're in great shape, you're more advantaged of new opportunities this season.

"I feel like everyone's looking to me the way (the team) looked to Chris Quinn," McAlarney said.

Stepping into Francis' shoes on the court this year will be sophomores Lake Zelles, Zoller averaged 13.7 minutes per game last season, and played in Taiwan over the summer — a win for the Irish and the Athletes in Action tournament.

"Being able to play with Lake, Zoler and Ashley Hinton for nine days, I was able to learn a lot of things," he said of his experience.

"Junior forward Rob Kurz will be our leader upon being frontcourt, especially with his rebounding," Brey said. "'Kurz in our hardest worker.' Brey said. "Our guys really look to him. He's made himself a legitimate Big East Forward."

The Irish open their season on exhibition against exhibitions with exhibitions against Ball State and Murray State College this Friday in the regular season against IPFW at home Nov. 10.

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Hinton's guards are going to be more quality playing time in the starting lineup, but I'm excited about both of them," McGraw said. "I think they're a group you're going to have to be patient with. They are going to need a lot of encouragement.

Notre Dame's freshmen are reloading a squad that featured junior forward Ben-Tsvulun and senior forward Courtney Lauren.

Ashley Barlow, a 5-foot-6 prodigy will add to the list of players, but Ashley and Melissa, are going to have to grow into a role vacated by Quinn, who led the conference, good enough for us to put points on the board has continued from page 20."Brey also said the additional conditioning also helped the Irish open an exhibition tournament against the Belles, and LaCren both are adept at distributing the ball, so I know I'm going to be able to run," McGraw said.

When Wisconsin came into this building last season,.Maille was to play in the round of the NIT — its third "I'm very comfortable with the leadership role, I love it," Carter said. But at the beginning of her junior year, Hinton moved from forward to midfield and allowed her breakout season into the limelight. Ashley became an assist machine for the Belles, and Hinton took on the starring role, burying 14 goals in her rookie season.

"Lauren thrives on the fact that Ashley knows how to find her, coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "The fact that they know each other so well makes it extremely hard for the other players to come in and out," McGraw said. "We're probably going to play a four-guard lineup. We don't want to see Irish sophomore guard Breona Gray and junior Tory Lohs cut."McAlarney is also excited about the Irish freshmen who will be playing on the inside. Danielle Ben-Tsvulun of Fort Wayne (Harding High School) and Erica Williamson of Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg High School) join the Irish with hopes high expectations of McGraw on their shoulders.

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Horoscope
CELEBRITY BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Trachtenberg, 21; Luke Perry, 41; Joan Cusack, 45; Ron Leibman, 69

Happy Birthday: You will receive help if you ask for it this year, so call in all the favors required for you to reach your goals. Don't let the result of doing relationships or friendships play havoc with your programs. Sometimes it's best to just move on. So that you won't end up a has-been in a better future. Your numbers are 13, 16, 21, 35, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your partnerships in order. Surround yourself with those who share responsibilities. A love issue can arise if you try to sell yourself short. Make sure you are paid properly for your time and effort. 3 stars

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don't let petty little things distract you. Concentrate on work, saving money and finding what you want. If you let someone you are close to or in partnership with cause you grief, you will gain a new personal chance. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to get serious about what you want to accomplish. You can write your own ticket if you seek what you need to do the work. Your responsible attitude and ability to fund what you need will be what impresses people the most. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't believe everything you hear and refrain from getting involved in something just because someone you like is going to make your own show. Children may cause some grief today. Deal with family matters before they escalate. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is all about partnerships and the connections you have. A concentrated on your part will make a difference in the process you are dealing with. Don't do something now when you really need to show your stability. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone at work may throw you a curve ball. Rely on the people you can trust. Money can be made, deals struck and lessons learned. A dinner will find you to someone or something amazing. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel, communication, new philanthropies or following a creative path will all pass you. Friendships will turn into something special and love and romance will highlight your day. Take an interest in the young and fast in your family 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone who is ultra conservative may try to stop you from making an investment or spending money. If you need the money to get back into the savings department, you must to clear a passage to a better future. Your work, making money and finishing what you started. If you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your love life is looking quite good and a partnership with someone you are dealing with can be an important chance. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Caution must be taken when traveling or communicating with others. Don't let arguments wear you down or ruin what you have learned. Prepare, promote and present what you best and you will be able to progress somewhat 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A legal matter has to be dealt with. Once you get your issues behind you, it will be easier to move forward. Tie up loose ends, pay off old debts and collect what's owed to you in peace.

FINES (Feb. 19-March 23): Money may be on the line. Someone you are close to may not be to your taste. Be willing to let go of things as long as you're not in order to go what you want. 2 stars

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

**Record rests**

Lapira's spartan one-goal performance snaps multi-goal streak, leads Irish over Mich. St.

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira had a slow game Wednesday night — slow, for Joseph Lapira.

The Irish senior scored one goal and added one assist as he helped No. 8 Notre Dame (10-3-2) win 3-0 over Michigan State (6-5-2), ending his record streak of five straight games with at least two goals.

Irish head coach Bobby Clark was proud of his striker after the match.

"Joe Lapira actually had several opportunities when he could have shot the (ball) himself and he squared to other people," Clark said. "There he is, possibly leading scorer in the country, but he's still prepared to pass up chances. That says a lot for him."

Lapira maintained his lead atop the national scoring list and increased his NCAA-best total to 18. Lapira also increased his total points tally — which also leads the nation — to 39.

He did all of his scoring in the second half, as he left the game in the seventh minute with a hamstring injury and didn't play the remainder of the first half.

Clark doesn't expect the injury to linger.

"Hopefully, (he's) fine," Clark said. "Taking him off was really more precautionary than anything else."

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**INTERHALL**

Fisher wins wood; stays undefeated; Zahm blanks St. Ed's

By MATT HOPKE
Sports Writer

Fisher fought through cold, rainy weather Wednesday to give archival Carroll its first loss of the year in a battle of the best the Blue Division has to offer.

While both teams will make the postseason, the win vaults Fisher into the No. 1 seed in the playoffs and allows the Green Wave to take back the rivalry trophy, the Crooked Stick.

Fisher (4-0) came out very strong on its opening drive, marching 63 yards down the field on 11 plays and finishing with a 9-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Jamie Ellis. After an injury sidelined Fisher starting running back Tom Sullivan, Ellis stepped up and played like a veteran, ripping off runs of 12, 9 and 8 yards on the drive. A missed two-point conversion kept the Green Wave lead to 6-0.

But Carroll (3-1) had seen too much success this season to let one drive get in the way. The Vermin came right back with a lengthy drive of their own.

Senior running back Mike Johnson, senior quarterback Cory Wilmont and senior wide receiver Paul Tassinari proved to be a formidable threesome, taking the Vermin 45 yards down the field on seven plays. Carroll scored on a 20-yard touchpass from Wilmont to Tassinari, but a missed two-point conversion sent the game to halftime tied 6-6.

The third quarter was all defense with both the Vermin and the Green Wave making big stands. Perhaps the most important defensive play was a third down sack of Fisher junior quarterback Kevin Rahil, who left in an ambulance due to an apparent leg injury.

Rahil's backup, junior Pat Gotebski, was clutch in the fourth quarter, helping the Green Wave mount a six-play, 49-yard drive that ended in another Ellis touchdown. That score was the last, giving Fisher its win over Carroll in three years.

"Tonight's performance was pretty big for our team," Fisher junior captain Tom Bufalino said. "We don't deserve to win."

"I think the pressure will be off them," Clark said.

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

McGraw ready to start season as underdogs

By ERIC RETTER and KEN FOWLER
Sports Writers

The gym is open, and Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw is confident her young, new team is ready to fill it with victories.

Unlike years past, the Irish will enter these contests as underdogs, as they are set to tackle one of the tougher schedules in the country. According to McGraw, the schedule is an opportunity for the Irish to prove how good they are.

"We don't deserve to be ranked," McGraw said during Notre Dame's media day Wednesday. "I think we've got to earn it this year. That'll be better for the team to come as the underdog. I think the pressure will be off them."

Six of Notre Dame's opponents finished the 2005-06 season in the top-25, and 10 finished with 20 or more wins. And the big games in which the Irish can creep up the rankings start early.

The Irish travel to University Park, Pa., to take on Penn State Nov. 16. Eight days later, they travel to Los Angeles for a showdown with Southern California.

"I think we have some major challenges, and really everybody's