Play, groups examine sexual assault

Post-performance panel searches for solutions

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

In the second of three post-performance panels, the student-organized production “Loyal Daughters” sparked a discussion about sexuality and assault at Notre Dame Tuesday. History professor Gill Bederman moderated the discussion between anthropology professor James Bellis, Annie Envall from the S-O-S Rape Crisis Center, theology professor Robin Young and “Loyal Daughters” author Emily Wetsch. About 30 remained after the performance to hear and participate in the talk, which lasted for a little over an hour.

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Sexual Assault Advisory Committee aims to increase resources, awareness

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Amidst the flurry of conversation about the student-organized play “Loyal Daughters,” the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee has steadily worked off the stage and out of the spotlight to increase awareness and education about similar issues of assault and rape at the University.

“Sexual assault is a pressing issue on all college campuses,” said Notre Dame included, student body president Lizzi Shappell said. “We must give more attention to this issue.”

For the past six years, the committee has met to discuss ways to do just that.

formed in the fall of 2000 by Associate Vice President for Residence Life and current co-chair Bill Kirk, the committee’s goal is clear — to increase students’ awareness of campus and community resources for victims of sexual assault.

The committee advises the Office of Student Affairs about sexual assault, rape, education and prevention and “spearheads a variety of educational initiatives and programs,” Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and co-chair Ann Firth said.

“It also assists Student Affairs in ensuring that University resources are in place for those who have been victimized,” she said, adding that the facilitation of “collaboration and communication” among those working to address sexual violence on this campus is a central goal.

And, following their Nov. 3 meeting—their first of the year—it became clear that much of this communication will now be done with the help of the newly-launched “Resources for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault” Web site.

The committee hopes that this site, which can be accessed through the Student Affairs Web site, will be one of the biggest transmitters of information about sexual assault to the wider campus community.

The group is now focusing on critiquing and evaluating the Web site to make it as accessible and informative as possible, Firth said.

Six months later, the administrators, professors and students involved say they’ve continued to promote that dialogue, but they hope to do more.

“We’ve had a very good conversation among the whole campus,” said Jim Lyphout, Vice President of Business Operations, said last week that construction will begin on the first dorm in March 2007, and it will be ready to house students by August of the following year.

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Bengal Bouts presents donation

Former organizer gives check, supports upcoming Baraka Bouts

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

The $52,000 check was the most valuable piece of paper that made the rounds at the 2007 Bengals boxing tournament, and brought the annual charity event to full circle.

“We are really happy with the total that we got last year,” Schroeder, 2006 Notre Dame graduate and last year’s presi-

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‘Tradition’ shirt sales break all-time record

More than $500,000 have been raised for charity

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

As the Irish ascend in the BCS rankings, Notre Dame’s tradition of giving back through the ‘Tradition’ shirt is finding success as well. As of Tuesday, more than $135,000 units of The Shirt that had been purchased — its highest total ever.

The historic 2002 “Return to Glory” shirt sold nearly 135,000 units.

Well over $500,000 has been earned for The Shirt Charity Fund, putting the total earned since it was founded in 1990 more than $4 million.

“The popularity of the shirt is reflective of the excitement surrounding both our football program and their success,” Sally Wiernikowski, director of retail sales at the Hames Bookstore, said. “This is the best-selling shirt since its inception.”

Rich Fox, president of The Shirt Project 2006, said he was “extremely happy about the nearly 50 percent increase over the last year,” and was pleased to be able to play a role in making

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University confirms dorm plans

Construction set to begin in March ’07

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

University officials announced earlier this year that planning is underway for the construction of four new residence halls, the first of which will be finished in time for the 2008-09 school year.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Gone before I get going

- I had it all planned. I was going to be Toby Ziegler, President Bartlet’s Communications Director on “The West Wing.” I was so certain, I would go to Notre Dame for undergrad, law school, gain entry into working in D.C. and then work my way up until I was the main speechwriter for the President, and then call it a career. The next 40 years of my life was all set.

1. I guess in previous years of my life I was too casual and uncritical nature of politics portrayed in “The West Wing” to really grasp what was going on in real-life. The show showed government as a noble calling. Sure, there are people who are greedy and out to crush anybody who stands in their way, but you get that in every career. At the end of the day, principle trumped ambition and the good guys usually won.

Then along came this year’s midterm elections.

I realize now that creator Aaron Sorkin was not reflecting the reality of government life; rather, he was showing what it could and should be like.

Since the show is now off the air, I have had to get my political dramas from real life, and what I have seen has changed what I want to do with the rest of my life.

In the Congressional race between Joe Donnelly and Chris Chocola, both sides were slamming the mud back and forth in a campaign that focused more on tax filings than issues. When the ads actually focused on the issues, attacks were blown out of proportion.

Then, a few days before the election, John Kerry botched a joke in an attempt to insult President Bush’s intelligence. Many accused Kerry of insulting American troops with his miinterpreted remarks. It was had enough that you had a former presidential candidate reducing himself to taking pot shots at the President, but what made it worse was the Bush administration’s reaction to Kerry’s remarks. Instead of accepting the fact that Kerry’s words came out wrong and taking the high road in the process, Press Secretary Tony Snow and the President himself played into the perception that Kerry was insulting the troops. Their remarks in response to Kerry’s comments deliberately tried to skew the truth in an attempt to score a few political points.

The whole snafu reminded me of a conversation between two characters on “The West Wing” over an issue of the President dismissing green issues. The staff was considering issuing an apology to Oregon, the nation’s leading green bean producer.

“C.J. is because everybody’s dumb in an election year, Charlie. Charlie No, everyone just gets treated dumb in an election year in conservation." paraphrased.

Everyone from the President on down, in both parties, insulted our intelligence this past election cycle, and they should be smarter than that. As for me, who knows? I still like studying the history of government, despite daily denigration of it with today’s politics. Maybe I’ll teach. Yeah, I know the saying, “Those who can’t do, teach,” but the question is whether I can “do” politics, rather, it is, why would I want to?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS THE HOTTEST STUDENTS?

Bright Dike sophomore O’Neill
Evelyn Hyde senior Farley
Jarett DeAngelis grad student off campus
Jesse Gollath senior Mc Gill
Kate Moder sophomore Howard
Katie Rooney junior Howard

“Maybe not Engineering, but definitely Arts and Letters.”
“Arts and Letters, because of the Music Theory people alone.”
“I wish they could all be Architecture girls.”
“First Year of Studies, because it’s a change of scenery.”
“Business, because that’s where the athletes are.”
“Arts and Letters. I mean, is there really any contest?”

IN BRIEF

There is an Armed Forces Blood Drive today from 1 to 6 p.m. in the TV Studio Room in Pasquerella Center. All blood collected supports military servicemen and women. The drive is sponsored by the Tri-Military ROTC Command at Notre Dame.

As part of the University’s celebration of International Education Week, a Fairly-Traded Gifts Event will run today through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center’s Bundy Room. It features handcrafts, available for purchase, from developing countries and offers an opportunity to learn more about Fair Trade practices and the artisans who produce these goods.

The film “Nuremberg, its Lessons for Today” will be shown tonight at 7 in the Browning Cinema at the DPAC. After the screening, Sandra Schulberg, film producer and daughter of “Nuremberg’s” director, Stuart Schulberg, will discuss the controversies surrounding the film. This is a free but ticketed event.

Diego Abente Brue, former senator of Paraguay and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, will give the lecture “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Dilemmas of Democracy in a Small South American Country” Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in C-103 Heaslurch Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed info to obnews@nd.edu.
Steves expresses value of international experience

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

Rick Steves, PBS personality and syndicated columnists, has literally made the world his classroom, playing the roles of both student and teacher. He assumed the latter Tuesday in front of a large group of students and community members in the Jordan Auditorium.

University President Father John Jenkins introduced Steves, his brother-in-law, as a man who made his passion and joy his work, and does so in a morally responsible way. "The Value of Travel in Shaping a Global Perspective" was Steves' second lecture of the work, the first held on Monday in McKenna Hall.

Before describing his travel experiences, Steves explained his own global perspective, especially with regard to politics.

"It does take courage to speak out on something, that's all the more reason to speak out -- it," he said. "As a society, we face some major challenges."

Steves said he believes the greatest risks to America are from the inside. As individuals, he said, we have a responsibility to try and do what's right.

"I don't believe there are innocent civilians," he said.

Steves spoke his mind on issues that otherwise might be swept away by "the loose talk of a few," he said.

Traveling, he said, has let him see the vast divisions between rich and poor: how other people view America and how we view government in general.

Some people, he said, feel steamrolled by McDonald's and Western values, but that does not mean they dislike Americans.

Steves said he supports Notre Dame's foreign study programs and the valuable, spontaneous experiences they can provide.

"This world is so surprising," he said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses budget, voting

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the upcoming budget reallocation and the plans to increase participation in student body elections during the group's Tuesday night meeting in LaFortune.

With student groups requesting over $750,000 for last spring's annual budget allocation hearing despite $491,243.06 available in "total funds," "pretty much everyone is unhappy with the allocation," Student Union treasurer Steve Friend said.

Every year student groups have a chance to request additional funds, and the Financial Management Board (FMB) reviews each group's spending and allot any left over money in January as it sees fit.

"As a result of conservative estimation for the number of students paying student activities fees," Friend said, "$41,037.80 is available for the January hearing.

"We'd obviously like to reallocate the full amount, but because we understand groups have made concessions in that regard," Friend said.

After Student Union Board (SUB) manager Pat Vassallo's attempts to replenish the nearly wiped out SUB's funds, "This year we had unforeseen needs, now it's basically tapped out," he explained. "Personally I think it would be a wise decision to put some funds in there."

Also following the budget discussion, Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow outlined her plans to increase voter participation this year. One new initiative includes holding an election committee to help assist with publicity as a means to increase involvement.

According to Kozlow, voter incentives are crucial to increasing participation.

"We've learned that if you give people free food, they'll tell you what they say, she noted.

With that in mind, the Council has plans to offer Krispy Kreme donuts and, possibly, charitable activities to voters. Kozlow also said the Council is working with Anthony Travel to put together a free spring break trip for a few lucky participants.

Publicity and easy access are the other two important components to increasing voter participation, Kozlow explained.

Kozlow also is working to have computers available in Mendoza, DeBartolo and possibly LaFortune for students voting.

In other COR news

Continuing with Shappell's organization spotlight initiative, Friend gave a brief presentation on the composition of the FBI, calling it "a gathering of the CFO's (Chief Financial Officers) from all the big groups on campus."

He gave a rundown on FBI approvals, sources of funds, the annual allocation hearing and the aforementioned spending review process each January.

One council confirmed junior Anthony Dayrit as Vice President of Finance, part of the Judicial Council.

Off-campus President Spencer Feren is looking into non-students often filling the designated off-campus parking lot.

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Alumna raises dogs to guide the blind

By LAURA WILCZEK

Notre Dame law student Shanin Leeming’s love for animals went to the perfect — and unique — job: She trains dogs for the blind.

Leeming has raised future guide dogs since the age of 12, seeing it as a fun mix of caring for an animal and serving the community.

Her job consists of caring for a seven-to-eight-week-old puppy while she lived on campus. After Shanin Leeming’s love for animals led her to a perfect — job: she had been in service animal in training would stress socialization, house manners and basic commands,” Leeming said.

Out of all the tasks, Leeming stressed socialization as the most important.

“A guide dog has to be comfortable in any place that a blind person would want to go. That is why I have to take them to class, on buses, boats, grocery stores and any other place I can think of,” she said.

Leeming said she had been anticipating continuing her work with guide dogs as a sophomore at Notre Dame, and even garnered the interest of her future employer. Dorm rules, however, stood in the way, and the Office of Residence Life and Housing denied her request to raise a dog on campus on the grounds that dorm life, and the Office of Residence Life and Housing denied her request to raise a dog on campus. According to Leeming, the raising of guide dogs and who are currently living off-campus who visit the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind Web site.

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Women engineers receive award

By BECKY HOGAN

The Notre Dame College Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE-ND) has a clear mission — to reverse the trend of women being exceedingly under-represented in the engineering profession — and a recent prestigious national award is proof that its hard work toward that goal has paid off.

SWE-ND recently received the Outstanding Collegiate Section Award for its work in encouraging young women to pursue professions in the field of engineering.

The award honors Notre Dame’s Society of Women Engineers as the best section of its size in the country. More than 100 sections were present from Oct. 10 to 14 at the National Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Senior Katie Murphy, president of SWE-ND, wrote a report detailing the strides the club has made in recent years to recruit female engineering majors.

While the national average of female engineering majors hovers around 19 percent, Notre Dame’s current average nears 24 percent.

The report emphasized the various activities and events that the club has held to support current students within the College of Engineering and to encourage young girls to begin thinking about pursuing an engineering career.

Murphy and the core committee members of SWE-ND submitted this winning report at the National Conference.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nuclear traces detected inside Iran

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President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in a two-hour news conference in Tehran, asserted the world has no choice but to "face a nuclear Iran," although he conceded his country was "still in the first stages" of its uranium enrichment program.

So far, Tehran has been able to activate only two nuclear reactor units, or 8 percent of its nuclear program.

Gay marriage legislation criticized

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — South African lawmakers passed legislation recognizing gay marriage Tuesday despite criticism from both traditionalists and gay activists.

The bill, which passed on a 250-250 vote, is a top priority is getting a new secretary of state. It requires a certain legal document and the sending of a child to a country.

Jury interviews start for cage case

NORWALK, Ohio — Authorities are preparing to question several of their 11 adopted special needs children by making them sleep in cages.

The trial of a couple accused of abusing children by making them sleep in cages.

Local News

Farmland scoured after plane crash

ROLLING PRAIRIE, Ind. — Authorities searched a cornfield Tuesday for the remains of the two people it was trying to reach. Witnesses and authorities said the gunman raced through all four stories of the building, forced men and women into separate rooms, handcuffed the men and loaded them aboard about 20 pickup trucks.

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New majority party posts assigned

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats picked two new majority party posts Tuesday and appointed former U.S. Capitol police chief Terrance Gainer as sergeant at arms. His choice was a priority is getting a new secretary of defense.

Reid told The Associated Press that he supports replacing Donald Rumsfeld with former CIA Director George Tenet by year's end, as President Bush has urged.

"I hope we can move it forward quickly," Reid, of Nevada, told the Associated Press after the Democratic caucus in the Old Senate Chamber. He said, "I want to see it happen before the sooner we can get rid of Rumsfeld," he said.

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Iraq

50 abducted from research office

Kidnappers disguised themselves as government soldiers; Madhi Army suspected

IRAQ

Iraqi university students leave their building after an order from the education minister. Gunmen kidnapped at least 50 people from a Baghdad research institute on Tuesday.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite militia members dressed as Interior Ministry commandos stormed a Higher Education Ministry office Tuesday and kidnapped dozens of people after clearing the area under the guise of providing security for what they said would be a visit by the U.S. ambassador.

Witnesses and authorities said the gunmen raced through at least four stories of the building, forced men and women into separate rooms, handcuffed the men and loaded them aboard about 20 pickup trucks.

Shortly afterward, authorities arrested three for police officers in connection with the abduction — the police chief and five top subordinates in the Karrada district, the central Baghdad region where the kidnappers struck. Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Jalil Khafid said.

There were varying estimates of the number of people kidnapped, but it appeared that at least 50 were seized — one of the largest mass abductions in Iraq. Authorities said as many as 20 were later released, but a Baghdad court report that most hostages were false appeared to be false. The assault came on a day that saw at least 117 people die in the mounting disorder and violence gripping the country.

The abductions in broad daylight raised further questions about Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's commitment to win over the heavily armed Shiite militia of his prime time backers: the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq or SCIRI; and the Sadrists, a major political party in the Karrada district.

"What is happening is not terrorism," al-Maliki said in televised remarks during a meeting with President Jalal Talabani.

That response was likely to prompt deeper concerns among the U.S. military and the Bush administration. The Americans have struggled for months to put in place a democratic and multi-sectarian and multi-ethnic government that would embrace the Sunni and Kurdish minorities, even if dominated by the Shiite majority.

Since taking office in May, al-Maliki has essentially refused to reach out to the Sunni, who ran the country for decades under Saddam Hussein. The former Iraqi leader, toppled in the 2003 U.S. invasion, ordered the killing of hundreds of thousands of Shiites.

Bishops reinforce position on gays

Baltimore — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops adopted new guidelines for gay outreach Tuesday that attempts to educate the faithful, and also telling gays to be celibate since the church considers their sexuality "disordered."

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"I think there was disagree­ment on whether, was the com­mittee going to sponsor this, (and what does sponsorship mean)," she said.

That question of sponsorship versus endorsement plagued those on both sides of the "Monologue" debate last spring, and it's re­surfaced now, although to a lesser extent.

While the committee's e­mail was "a pro­gress report," on its attempt to meet its goals, Kaveny said, it was not, how­ever, an endorsement of the events. "I ne­b o d y knows what endorsement means. The word is too compli­cated," she said. "All these events are in University space, all are being called to the attention of the student body... that makes that every jolt and tiddle is approved by both member of the com­mittee? No. But it needs to have a voice in this conversation needs to take place."

And the conversa­tion won't be ending anytime soon. The committee's goal, Kaveny said, hasn't changed.

"Finding ways to promote dialogue... I think that's precisely what it is," she said. "I think we're not entirely sure what the committee is going to do next, but I think everybody currently on the committee is absolutely committed to ongoing discussions."

The idea behind the "Loval Daughters," said Sister Julie Jenkins last week, was to have a Catholic university, as the reality of sexual assault, as well as making sure that stu­dents, faculty and staff all know and understand the University's policy on sexual assault. "The University should also make sure that the Notre Dame community knows of the many resources available to help vic­tims," she said.

But an ad hoc committee has its limits, Bederman said, and dialogue can only be so useful when the topic is as difficult as sexual violence. "Is it going to stop sexual assault? I doubt it, I said, "it's going to help people understand the conversation and what we can do to help victims."

But even if the ad hoc committee looks at the issue from a different angle, that doesn't mean the problem has been solved. "We're not going to be overnight solutions. We're not going to do this in a day. But we're making progress," she said.

Mary Kate Malone and Katie Stein, co-chairpersons of Bengal Bouts, said, "it's going to help people understand the conversation.""
Bush meets with automakers

Congress raises concerns about workers' health care, alternative fuel, fair trade

WASHINGTON—President Bush told Detroit's auto industry leaders on Tuesday that they are making "tough choices" to shore up their financially troubled companies in foreign competition and promised continued dialogue as they seek help on trade and health care issues.

"The president clearly understands the importance of the business to the United States and the global economy," Ford Motor Co. Chief Executive Alan Mulally said later.

Bush said, "We found a lot in common."

Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other administration officials met in the Oval Office for just an hour with top executives of Ford, General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler Group.

The automakers later told reporters the meeting was productive, hopeful that it would lead to more discussions with the administration.

"That's a door that we've been waiting to open," said Tom LaSorda, president and chief executive officer of DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers representing large banks warned that thousands of auto workers could lose their jobs and called Congress would address reducing the cost of the health care on manufacturers, foster the research and development of alternative fuel vehicles and promote fair trade practices.

"The industry's ability to compete in the global markektplace will determine its future. Rising health care and retirement costs, as America's dependence on foreign sources of energy are negatively affecting industry strength," said Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., who criticized Bush during her re-election campaign for not meeting with the executives earlier, said she hoped the meeting would be "an important first step toward a comprehensive American manufacturing strategy."

The auto executives said they pressed Bush about their concerns on health care, energy and trade issues, while making clear that the troubled industry does not want a federal bailout. The meeting had been delayed since last spring and had been widely anticipated in the auto industry.

Bush met with the leaders just hours before he was traveling to Asia to meet in Vietnam with Asia-Pacific economic partners. He said he would tell those partners, "Just treat us like we treat you. ... Our markets are open for your products and we expect your markets to be open for ours, including our automobiles."

He said of the U.S. executives, "These leaders are making difficult decisions, tough choices to make sure that their companies are competitive in a global economy. And I'm confident that they're making the right decisions."

General Motors Corp. and Ford are both undergoing significant turnaround plans after posting large losses last year. GM has promised about 35,000 hourly workers to leave the company under early retirement or buyout plans while Ford has offered buyouts and early retirement packages to all 75,000 U.S. production workers in hopes of reducing its hourly work force by up to 30,000.

The companies have faced barbriehips while Japan-based Toyota Motor Corp. is enjoying soaring profits and outling plans to unseat GM as the world's largest automaker.

GM chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said the automakers made the case that Japan's weakened yen makes imported goods from Japan cheaper and enhances profits Japanese automakers make in the U.S. He said they discussed automakers' "strong conviction that the Japanese yen is systematically undervalued, which helps them to maintain significant trade balance surpluses in our industry."

Stocks surge on interest rate news


Widnesday, November 15, 2006

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EXCHANGE RATES

New York Journal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street barreled higher Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrials surging further into record territory after a Federal Reserve official indicated the Fed will maintain its policy of stable interest rates.

Analysts who were heartened by an earlier report of slowing producer prices have been looking in earnest after Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President William Poole described the Fed's interest rate policy as "about right." Poole, who is acting as a voting member on the Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee, had reassuring words for a market that has been counting on a steady rate policy for the near future.

Earlier, the Labor Department said inflation at the wholesale level as measured by the Producer Price Index dropped by 1.6 percent last month following a 1.3 percent slide in September. Falling energy prices were behind the declines, which gave Wall Street some relief from concerns that rising inflation might prompt the Fed to raise rates after three straight meetings where they were left unchanged.

"With the PPI down and with the Fed cautiously optimistic about the economy, not signaling any rate hikes, it confirmed what the market was hoping to hear," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co.

"The Dow rose 86.13, or 0.71 percent, to close at 12,218.01, above the previous record close of 12,176.54 reached last Wednesday. The blue chips also reached a new trading high of 12,228.01.

Broader stock indicators also closed sharply higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.80, or 0.64 percent, to 1,393.22. It hit a trading high of 1,394.49 which was the first time the S&P 500 surpassed 1,394 since November 2000.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 24.28, or 1.01 percent, to 2,430.66.

MARKET RECAP

In Brief

Vietnam trade bill tanks in the House

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, after suffering a surprising defeat on legislation to normalize trade relations with Vietnam, put off until December any effort to make another attempt to pass the bill.

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to victim's resource person Ava Preacher, the Saint Joseph Medical Center ER and 50-S, St. Joseph County's rape crisis center.
The Web site also features an extensive "frequently asked questions" section, answering questions about the definition of rape, Notre Dame's stance on rape and what to do if rape occurs.

Brown said governments will be involved in the initiatives aimed at better educating students.
The work of the committee is a "vitally important" part of Notre Dame's efforts to address issues of sexual assault and violence on campus, and has been for the last few years.

In 2001, shortly after the University formed the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, student feedback was supplied to the group about how sex assault cases are handled on campus. After discovering that the system had not worked to the satisfaction of many students, the committee appointed Preacher as the University's sexual assault resource person.

In this role, Preacher is a resource for students, who can come to her without facing repercussions, she said in a Feb. 17, 2005 article in The Observer.

Preacher's position as assistant director makes her ideal for victims to talk to and remain anonymous, as nearly all undergraduates have access to her.
To increase awareness on a grander, campus-wide level, the Student Government and the Gender Relations Center have also launched a campaign about assault, Firth said.

Shappell and Chief Executive Assistant Liz Brown have worked with members of Student Senate to figure out how to best distribute information about sexual assault resources.

Among the senators' suggestions have been new sexual assault awareness posters in dorms and popular buildings on campus, the distribution of information at the mandatory freshman PILARS meeting and a sexual assault awareness lesson in freshman course, Corker said.

The sexual assault awareness posters, Shappell said in a Sept. 20 meeting, are meant to be a constant and permanent source of information — not just one of many posters covering bathroom walls.

Senators proposed changes to the color of the posters and the condensing of information into wallet-size cards as changes that would be effective.

"Related to this goal, one of our primary objectives is ensuring that resource information is readily available to students through various means," Brown said, mentioning the wallet-sized information cards for students, re-formatted posters in dorms and magnets with important resource information in addition to the new Web site.

Discussions about sexual assault are not new to Student Senate. The Gender Issues Committee of the Student Senate organized a Sexual Assault Awareness Week last March. A new group — Men Against Violence (MAV) — was also launched last spring by a group of men committed to ending sexual violence and domestic abuse.

Brown said the committee is appointed by the faculty advisor — is another such group working to keep the issues of sexual assault fresh in people's minds.

And it is the goal of the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee to unite such groups and not just work from one perspective.

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The committee is appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Father Mark Power, Firth said, for the 2005-06 academic year, the committee is comprised of: Bill Kirk, Associate Vice President for Residence Life, Co-chair; Ann Firth, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Co-chair; Ava Preacher, Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Letters; Jeff Shoup, Director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing; Heather Rakoczky, Director of the Gender Relations Center; Michelle Russell, Director of Residence Life at Saint Mary's College; Lynn Bradford, Director of S·O·S; Alex Chapeaux, student; Cathy Steinmetz, student; Sarah Raymond, Staff Psychologist at University Counseling Center; John Duman, Professor of Biological Sciences; John Corker, student; Emily Weisbecker, student; Lizzie Shappell, student; Liz Brown, student.

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The tape shows Guiterman take pepper spray out of a holster, then raise it toward Barker's face, but the actual video evidence shows Barker's attorney, John Guiterman, has since pleaded guilty to misdemeanor battery.

*The district attorney's office also concluded that two officers said that the pepper spray was intended for use in the car and not to be used on foot.
Letters to the Editor

Jenkins must promote rape counseling

Father Jenkins claims to support the goal of preventing sexual assault. However, he apparently does not support the goal of providing post-assault counseling services for victims of sexual violence. He apparently also does not support the goal of providing safe shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. If he did, he would not forbid "Loyal Daughters" and similar plays (such as "The Vagina Monologues") from selling tickets or engaging in other fundraising to support S.O.S. of Madison Center, the only rape crisis center serving the South Bend metro area, or the YWCA of St. Joseph County, a Christian organization providing shelter for abused women and children.

As a rape survivor, I am grateful to see Father Jenkins supporting sexual assault prevention. However, Jenkins and other leaders must not forget that counseling and aftercare are every bit as essential as prevention. Rape is a crime that doesn't end with the act of sex; it can continue for years as the victim's life is literally taken over by fear, regret, self-loathing and pain. Rape crisis centers like S.O.S. help to prevent this continuing violence. Father Jenkins, I implore you to put your words into action. If you really care about helping victims of sexual violence, support the organizations that provide for the needs of victims in our community. Perhaps if someone from the Catholic Church had been there for me when I was 15, alone, in pain and afraid, I would still be a member of the Church today.

Jessica Tannenbaum
alumnus
Nov. 13

Attracting diverse students to Notre Dame

Why did you choose Notre Dame? It is not uncommon for freshmen to be asked this question by peers and professors. Many students reference the institution's Catholic heritage and academic excellence. However, when people learn that I am Muslim, they ask why did you choose Notre Dame if you're a Muslim? As a practicing Muslim, I explain that many of the values advocated at Notre Dame are not necessarily Catholic; they are secular values that enhance oneself regardless of his/her respective faith. After explaining the basic tenets of Islam, many of my peers respond by recognizing the vast similarities between Islam and Christianity.

In order for Notre Dame to become a more diverse community and attract people of other religious beliefs, I believe that it should make it known that while Catholicism remains integral to its identity, the values and morals emphasized at the University embrace people of all faiths. Many of my Muslim friends chose to attend Georgetown University for that very reason; it emphasizes values as well as diversity. While Notre Dame can significantly improve its image as a multi-cultural university, the University has been supportive of interfaith councils such as the Muslim Student Association. In order to attract people of other religious beliefs, the University should make it known that Notre Dame is not simply for Catholics. As a result of expressed interest in other faiths, Notre Dame can attract even more diverse and talented students to attend the University. I recognize this as a necessary step in order for Notre Dame to compete with other prestigious universities and establish itself as the ideal institution for people of all faiths.

Ammar Tahir
freshman
Nov. 13
A number of individuals have inquired as to why I did not support the Ad Hoc committee’s recent announcement promoting three upcoming events at Notre Dame and why I have resigned from the committee. Certainly, my decision to resign rather than join the committee in its support of the play “Loyal Daughters” is not nearly as noteworthy as Father Jenkins’ decision to withhold his endorsement of “Loyal Daughters.” However, some may nonetheless be interested in my rationale. A full explanation of my decision would require an extensive recounting of the history of the formation of the committee, a chronology of the committee meeting discussions, a critique of “Loyal Daughters,” and an analysis explaining the difference between an individual’s right to academic freedom and the University’s institutional right to academic freedom. It would also require an explanation of the related distinction between creating a forum for speech as opposed to institutional speech. Neither time, nor space, permit such an explanation of the related distinction here.

Initially, though, please allow me to clearly state my conviction that Notre Dame must do all it can — appropriately and morally — to prevent sexual assault and violence against women. The horror of sexual assault and violence suffered by our students — some of whom are victims of sexual assault and violence, suffer unspeakable wounds and deserve compassionate support. They will be in my continued prayers as they seek healing. At the same time, public condemnation of such violence is critically important so that all will know that Notre Dame does not tolerate violence against women.

To the extent, therefore, that “Loyal Daughters” is intended to focus our attention on the issue of sexual assault, its goal is worthy. However, after claiming this stage for this laudable purpose, “Loyal Daughters” takes advantage of the spotlight to present in a morally neutral way illicit sexual activity, including homosexual and bissexual sexual relations, fornication, masturbation and contraceptive sex — at times in a celebratory tone. Although the vignettes are based on actual experiences, which deserve our attention and concern, the manner in which those experiences are related to the community is problematic. In relating such experiences without comment or context, and in a morally neutral manner, “Loyal Daughters” presents a one-sided and false view of God’s beautiful gift of human sexuality as taught so eloquently by the Church. The play mischaracterizes Notre Dame’s policies on sexual assault and sexuality and fuels common misperceptions of the University’s apathy and compassionate response in these cases. The play ridicules virginity and treats all views of sexuality and consensual sexual activity as equally valid, and promotes harmful stereotypes of classes of students, particularly football players and those considering the priesthood. Moreover, as Father Jenkins explained in his address to the faculty in January of 2006, the offense from the proposed production of “Loyal Daughters” to Catholics who revere Mary — the model of chastity — appears intentional. Merely removing “lur” from the production’s title does nothing to remove the offense. The meaning of “Loyal Daughters” remains clear to all who know and love Notre Dame, and it is hard to believe that those responsible for this inconsequential editorial thought otherwise.

Finally, “Loyal Daughters” has been the focus of media attention, and this attendant publicity threatens to bring further scandal to our Faith. Although “Loyal Daughters” is not explicit or exceedingly crude, as the Monologues were, removing the crassness and vulgarity does not alter the fundamental infirmity — gravely illicit sexual behavior is still presented in a morally neutral way. In fact, the relative subtlety of “Loyal Daughters” really magnifies the problem because the transparent message is masked for the unwary by the guarded prose and not highlighted by the glaring profanity.

The fact that “Loyal Daughters” is not explicit makes it easier to overlook the underlying objectionable message which nonetheless permeates the script: that there is no one true view of sexuality and that there is nothing wrong with consensual sexual activity, whether it be homosexual, bisexual, fornication, masturbation or contraceptive. In light of these objectionable features of the play, I do not want to lend it my personal support, and, given the special status of the committee, I do not believe that the committee should lend “Loyal Daughters” its institutional support. Regarding this institutional support: the committee’s promotion of “Loyal Daughters” elevates the play from something tolerated in the name of academic freedom, to an event commended as a proper way for Notre Dame, as a Catholic institution, to address illicit sexual activity and sexual violence. It is one thing for an academic unit or a professor to present, as true, viewpoints in conflict with Church teaching, but it is quite another for the University itself, through an Ad Hoc committee created specifically to address issues of sexual assault and gender roles, to promote a play that presents illicit sexual behavior in a morally neutral way. And this vice surely is not cured by the scheduling of later events as moral antidotes, as if telling the truth months later to a different audience offsets the harm.

Finally, let me make clear that this is not a question of silencing the students. The voices and viewpoints found in “Loyal Daughters” would be heard without the committee promoting the play, as “Loyal Daughters” is sponsored by the Gender Studies Program, as well as the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. Under these circumstances, I believe the committee should not have promoted “Loyal Daughters” and that the committee’s action bore so importantly on its mission that I felt I could no longer serve. I accept the contrary judgment of my colleagues, but for my part, conscience and what I perceive to be the best interests of Our Lady’s University counsel otherwise.

Margot O’Brien
Professional Specialist
Nov 14

Editorial Cartoon

I'm driving this thing now, so just sit back, there and shut up!

How come there's no left-turn signal?

This thing still use gas?

Little help here... How do I get out of reverse?

I forgot... How do you start this thing?
ONE GIANT

NBC'S 'HEROES' ECLIPSES THE ORDINARY WITH SPRAWLING SUPERHERO
It begins the way any good superhero tale does. Nature is perched on the ledge of a skyscraper. It's a dreamer, unsure of his place in the world, but inspired by the growing thought that he might be far from ordinary. This is how the man steps off the ledge in a literal and figurative leap of faith. 

Set amongst sweeping, cinematic imagery, the prologue to the pilot episode of NBC's drama "Heroes" introduces us to Peter Petrelli (Clark Gregg). He is the first truly likable protagonist in the show's ensemble cast. With nearly a dozen characters introduced in the premiere episode, "Heroes" revolves around ordinary individuals who slowly discover they have uncanny abilities.

Fighting their own confictions to either embrace or reject these gifts, they find themselves colliding in the real world, drawn together in an attempt to stop an impending global catastrophe. For most of the show's characters, "Heroes" is the inspiration behind their first mainstream hit. But the most basic tenet of a good story is that it must adhere to the laws of physics. The show's thrilling forays into the world of superhumanity are grounded in the same physical laws of reality that govern the rest of the show's first season.

**Origin stories**

After all, the premise is nothing new. At first glance, it's hard not to notice the glaring similarities "Heroes" shares in theme and tone to N. Michael Shyamalan's "Unbreakable," a quiet, character-driven drama centered around the discovery of one man's extraordinary abilities. Or cry wolf on the show's ensemble cast and sprawling scope, both hallmarks of ABC's "Lost," the current standard by which all serialized dramas are judged, and how about those 40 years of X-Men comics?

"Heroes" origins for superheroes—the heart of what makes "Heroes" appealing—have been popular yarns for decades in comic books, one of America's most treasured storytelling mediums. Whether it was Superman up in the sky or Spider-Man's first brush with great responsibility in 1962, comic books have become our culture's familiar and distinct in the same breath.

But because the show navigates the lives of characters who are human first and saviors second, "Heroes" feels familiar and distinct in the same breath.

"Heroes" is a much larger universe than most, even if he won't admit to it. The heroes' abilities belong to themselves or to Kring and the show's writers have built a unique mythos.

**The choselens**

Viewers can take their pick from 11 such characters to inhabit, idolize and applaud—with more role players waiting in the wings for their chance to shine. Supported by relative unknowns eager to make the most of their first hit, the show's casting choices have all been spot-on, with a few characters already stepping into the forefront.

The show's lead is Peter, a compassionate everyman living in New York City. Pugilist by virtue of his background, Peter's powers allow him to temporarily mimic the powers of other heroes—sometimes better than they can.

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**Friends and foes**

"Heroes" immortality lies in its ability to be "different," to be the quick-healing high school cheerleader in need of saving. Whether HBG becomes an important ally or a dangerous foe remains to be seen.

Similarly, every great hero needs a sidekick to pick up his cape and help guide his difficult journey. Frodo had Samwise, and Hiro has Ando (James Kyson Lee), a co-worker and friend who takes along for the ride. Ando's friendship with Hiro, despite some rough patches, has been the inspiration behind their early episodes. Though the series has gotten progressively weaker as the stakes have risen, every quirky scene with the dynamic duo is a treat, filled with laughter and genuine goodwill.

**The future**

Kring has hinted that characters will lose their powers, lose their lives and sacrifice themselves for the greater good—a common theme in superhero lore. But how will "Heroes" end? As of this writing, "Heroes" remains ambiguous. Does the show have a life of its own, or is it a series that will end with the last episode of the season? Whatever the outcome, it's clear that "Heroes" will remain a staple of American television for many years to come.
Superhero stories stay relevant despite age

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Ferrell, cast shine in 'Stranger Than Fiction'

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

The phrase "Holy cow, Batman!" may mean little to most television audiences today. But to fans of the 1960s television series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward, the groundwork for what has become a thriving and successful genre.

The show was a huge hit during its run from 1966 to 1968, winning numerous Emmy awards, and has become an iconic piece of pop culture. West, who played the Caped Crusader, has since become a beloved figure in Hollywood, starring in films such as "The Big Lebowski" and "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." Ward, who played Robin, has also had a successful career, appearing in films such as "The Muppets" and "The Hobbit."

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NBA

Mavs bury Bulls; Nuggets cool heat; Hornets tame 'Cats

Anthony nets 33 as Denver edges Miami

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points and Erick Dampier had season highs of 14 points and 13 rebounds, helping the Dallas Mavericks beat the Chicago Bulls 111-99 Tuesday night for their first home victory of the season.

Dallas won its third straight following an 0-4 start. Two of those early losses were at home and the Mavericks came out intent on avoiding a rare three-game home losing streak.

With Dampier setting an energetic tone, Dallas led by 10 within a few minutes. Chicago briefly went ahead in the second quarter, but never got closer than 70-67 in the second half. A nearly 4-minute scoring drought early in the fourth quarter doomed the Bulls.

Kirk Hinrich scored 25 points and Luol Deng added 24 for Chicago, which was opening a seven-game road trip and breaking in a new starting lineup. Chris Duhon and Andrei Nocioni joined the first five, with Ben Gordon and P.J. Brown going to the bench.

Gordon, who had been 2-of-18 his last two games, was 6-of-13 for 17 points.

Jerry Stackhouse added 21 for Dallas, which has beaten Chicago in 16 of the last 17 meetings.

Dampier usually takes over a handful of games every season, and this was certainly one for his 2006-07 collection. He was 7-of-8, with five dunks, and blocked three shots in 36 minutes, with highlight-worthy plays nearly every time he touched the ball.

Perhaps fired up by the challenge of going against Ben Wallace or his recent return to the starting lineup, Dampier got the game’s first rebound and turned it into a layup. He got the next rebound, too, then helped force Nocioni to miss a layup. Soon after, he grabbed the rebound of Nowitzki’s miss and tossed it back to Nowitzki for an assist, just second of the season.

His first dunk made it 15-5. He later threw one down so hard the basket frame shook for several seconds, then early in the second half dunked off an acrobatic pass from Devin Harris.

Nowitzki was 10-of-19 and made all 10 of his foul shots. He also had 10 rebounds, and seemed to have extra vigor after an early stuff by Deng that knocked Nowitzki to the ground.

He came back with a jumper for 15 in the first quarter, then was accompanied by a Michael Jordan-esque esque swat, then a dunk with an emphatic swivel. Nowitzki also went down hard in an early third-quarter collision with Wallace, but seemed too seemed too shaken up by it. Nowitzki also was hit with a technical foul with 3:37 to play after disagreeing with consecutive calls.

Wallace, coming off an 18-rebound game, had only eight and six points. Nocioni scored 11, while Duhon had only two on 1-of-6 shooting.

Denver 112, Miami 105

The Miami Heat tried failing from beyond the 3-point line, and even then they failed to stop the Denver Nuggets.

Carmelo Anthony scored 33 points and Denver twice converted four-point plays to beat the Heat Tuesday night.

“I get up for every game — some games even a little more than others,” Anthony said with a smile. “It’s always fun playing against Dwyane and Miami, the champions.”

An 11-0 run beginning late in the third quarter put the Nuggets ahead to stay. Dwyane Wade, the MVP of the first half after eight misses — for an 89-83 lead.

Soon the margin was 95-85.

“It’s that one dead spot for us,” Wade said. “We had one bad stretch, and they went up 10 points on us.

Miami cut a 12-point deficit in half in the final minutes with consecutive 3-pointers by Wade and Antoine Walker. But the Nuggets sank six successive free throws down the stretch.

“We played our best offense and best defense in the fourth quarter,” Karl said.

New Orleans 94, Charlotte 85

From start to finish, Peja Stojakovic kept showing why the New Orleans Hornets wanted him this offseason.

Stojakovic scored a career-high 42 points and directed a decisive fourth-quarter run as the Hornets beat the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night, breaking a three-game losing streak.

“I just came out aggressive, playing like every other game. I got going, so guys kept looking for me,” Stojakovic said. “I kept playing, I kept shooting the ball.

“I don’t know how to describe it,” said Stojakovic, who scored New Orleans’ first 20 points of the game. “When you’re a shooter, you just shoot it even when you’re missing — just trying to get yourself involved in the game, and when you make a couple in a row your teammates start looking to you.”

Stojakovic scored 22 points in the first quarter — a franchise record — and added 11 more during a 13-4 fourth-quarter surge.

“To me, Peja’s always hot. I don’t care if he’s missed 10 shots in a row, he’s still hot if you ask me,” said Hornet guard Chris Paul, who had seven of his 10 assists on baskets by Stojakovic.

“That’s just the kind of player he is.”

New Orleans picked up Stojakovic in a sign-and-trade deal with Indiana in the offseason and gave him a contract worth about $64 million over five years. A three-time All-Star, Stojakovic entered the season as a 40 percent shooter from 3-point range.

“Hopefully we miss, I usually say something to him because I don’t think he’s supposed to make them,” coach Mike Dunleavy said.

Emeka Okafor had 25 points, 16 rebounds and a career-high seven blocks to lead Charlotte. Adam Morrison, the No. 3 overall pick in the NBA draft, matched his career high with 21 points, and reserve Sean May scored 18.

The loss was the fourth straight for Charlotte.

“We’re hurting ourselves,” Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff

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MLB

Arizona pitcher Brandon Webb won a competitive race for the NL Cy Young Award Tuesday. Webb is just the second Diamondbacks pitcher to win the award, the other being Randy Johnson.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brandon Webb of the Arizona Diamondbacks won a wide-open race for the NL Cy Young Award, beating out San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman on Tuesday.

One of six pitchers who tied for the league lead with a pedestrian total of 16 wins, Webb received 15 of 32 first-place votes and 103 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Hoffman, who broke the career saves record this season, got 12 first-place votes and 77 points.

"All three of us probably were deserving of it and probably a couple more guys, too," Webb said. "I knew that I had a pretty good chance."

Webb's victory total was the lowest for a starting pitcher who won the Cy Young Award in a full season. The previous low was 17 wins, by Pedro Martinez of the Montreal Expos in 1997 and Randy Johnson for Arizona in '99.

Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers was honored with a 13-7 record in 1981 and Atlanta's Greg Maddux went 16-6 in '94 — but those seasons were cut short by players' strikes.

"A lot of the wins pitchers can't control," Webb said. "You can give up one hit and still lose the ballgame.

Webb also is the first NL winner to have an ERA above 3.00 since Philadelphia's Steve Carlton had a 3.10 mark in 1982. Rick Sutcliffe split the 1984 season between Cleveland and the Chicago Cubs, finishing with a 3.64 ERA overall but a 2.69 mark in the NL.

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New ballpark in the works for Oakland Athletics

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics unveiled grand plans Tuesday to move south and build a long-awaited, state-of-the-art stadium they hope will soon transform the small-market club into a big spender.

Not to mention elevate the A's to a new status level comparable to the rival Giants across San Francisco Bay — and perhaps even tap into a Silicon Valley fan base that has largely belonged to San Francisco.

"This is, I say a dream because those who have followed sports for a long time know that there has always been an issue," said AS general manager Billy Beane, whose team was swept in the AL championship series last month by Detroit. "It never seemed like a reality.

The A's, in partnership with Cisco Systems, Inc., agreed to purchase 143 acres of land from Cien in suburban Fremont, about 30 miles south of the current stadium.

Roddick comes up short against Federer in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, China — Andy Roddick was one serve from finally ending his losing streak against Roger Federer.

Not close enough. This, after all, is Federer.

The top-ranked Swiss saved three match points and beat Roddick 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4 in the Masters Cup. Roddick had been serving in the second-set tiebreaker before his biggest weapon misfired once.

"It's just frustrating," Roddick said. "I was real close. I think that makes it a little bit harder, knowing you're one of your best shots away — one serve away.

"It's not easy," he added. "I'm sure it won't be the last time I think of it tonight.

Federer extended his unbroken sequence in round-robin matches at the season-ending championship, to 14. He also won his 26th consecutive match and became the first player to surpass $7 million in prize money in a season.
Washington hires Acta as manager

**Former Mets bench coach takes over for Frank Robinson**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Manny Acta began preparing to be major league manager when he was the only kid with a catcher's mitt in his neighborhood back in the Dominican Republic.

"So I was like, 'I'm running the game, or I'm taking the glove away,'" Acta recalled Tuesday. "I've run games all my life."

Now he'll run them for real from big league dugouts after being hired by the Washington Nationals, who made him the youngest manager in the majors.

The 37-year-old Acta, the New York Mets' third-base coach the past two years, replaces 71-year-old Frank Robinson, who was the oldest manager in baseball and was told during the final week of a 71-91 season that he wouldn't be back.

Robinson was a Hall of Fame player who managed in the majors for 16 seasons. Acta's days as an infielder ended in the minors — when he was 20, he said, "they told me to my face I couldn't play" — and this is his first major league managing job.

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"We're going to be patient, and we're going to bring in a winner here."

Set to lead what's expected to be an inexperienced roster next season, Acta noted that Washington's most pressing problem is starting pitching, where Patterson is the only given. Acta said the defense needs to improve and that he will stress fundamentals.

"Everyone who's been with him has raved about him," Kasten said. "He came in here probably more prepared than any candidate we had, knowing our roster, knowing the holes in our roster."

Washington interviewed several people for the job with varying degrees of experience: Los Pinilla and Joe Girardi both withdrew from consideration. Bowden acknowledged it was a "very long process" with "a lot of candidates," and said Acta was part of a group of five up-and-comers under consideration.

Acta agreed to a two-year contract with two one-year club options.

He managed eight seasons in the minors and five in the Dominican Winter League, and he led the Dominican Republic to the semifinals at the World Baseball Classic this year. During that tournament, Acta barked a struggling Alfonso Soriano, the All-Star who hit 46 home runs and stole 41 bases for the Nationals last season.

Acta said Soriano was the first player who called to congratulate him on his new job — although Acta, Kasten and Bowden all cautioned they figure the size of a contract will have more to do with Soriano winds up than who the manager is.

Still, Kasten and Acta spoke about how having the only Dominican manager in the majors would help attract Latin players and help expand marketing to Hispanic fans.

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Manny Acta
Washington manager
Paterno back with team after surgery

JoePa will likely be in press box Saturday

Tuesday's practice and spoke to the Nittany Lions (7-4, 4-3) as they readied for Saturday's contest against Michigan State (4-7, 1-6 Big Ten). Because Paterno must stay off his feet for at least another five weeks, team officials rigged a golf cart that allowed the coach to watch practice while keeping his jogged popped up.

JoePa had surgery last week to repair a broken shinbone and to remove knee ligaments in his left foot, injuries sustained after getting hit along the sideline by two players on Nov. 4 at Wisconsin.

Adhering to doctors' orders, Paterno sat out last week's 47-0 win against Temple, missing just his second contest in 41 years as head coach. The only other Paterno-less contest was in 1977, after Paterno sat out following an accident involving his son, Paul.

Instead, Paterno watched his team from home on Saturday, forced to play armchair quarterback.

On Sunday afternoon, team captains Levi Brown and Paul Posluszny showed up at Paterno's doorstep to present their coach a home game. It was the first time Paterno had seen Penn State since the Wisconsin game.

The president of the Student Government, his assistant and successor-to-be at Texas Tech, was sitting in it. When fans behind the bench were thrown, referee baiting and abuse or violence, Knight did not slap Prince, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal after Monday's game that what happened with the coach "was nothing.

It all started Monday night when the coach went after Michael Prince, forcefully pushing his chin upward and telling him to look in the eye, during a timeout late in the third quarter. Knight's career has featured five victories to surpass Dean Smith for the most victories in men's Division I history.

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Coach Knight did not slap Michael," Myers said in a statement. "Michael came off the court with his head down, and coach Knight quickly lifted Michael's chin and said, 'Hold your head up and don't worry about your mistakes. Just play the game.'

Knight gave a brief statement at the post-game news conference Monday, then answered one question before exiting the room. He did not address what happened with Prince.

It was win No. 871 for Knight, who is five shy of tying Adolph Rupp for second place on the men's career list. He needs nine more victories to surpass Dean Smith for the most victories in men's Division I history.

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MLB

Boston wins bidding war for prized pitcher

Red Sox offer of $51.1 million is highest from any team in majors

Associated Press

NAPLES — The Boston Red Sox emerged Tuesday night as winners of the bidding for Daisuke Matsuzaka with a $51.1 million offer and have 30 days to sign the Japanese pitcher to a contract.

The Seibu Lions of Japan's Pacific League announced they had accepted the high bid for their prized pitcher, and the major league commissioner's office simultaneously confirmed at the general managers' meetings that the Red Sox had made the offer.

"We're very pleased and excited. We've long admired Mr. Matsuzaka," Boston general manager Theo Epstein said. "Matsuzaka has a real talent. He would be a great fit with the Red Sox organization."

"We're excited to have won this part of the process. We're hopeful we can reach an agreement," Epstein said.

Even before the announcement, general managers had assumed Boston would be the highest bidder in the blind process.

"We'll congratulate the winner and move on," New York Yankees GM Brian Cashman said Tuesday afternoon.

Matsuzaka is represented by Scott Boras, who last year negotiated the deal that moved center fielder Johnny Damon from the Red Sox to the Yankees.

"Pitching, as usual, is at a premium," Boras said.

Agents roam the lobby at the hotel where GMs are meeting, discussing their free-agent clients. Some agents think the market will move more quickly this offseason because of the decision by management and the players' association to eliminate the Dec. 7 deadline for free agents to re-sign with their former teams unless they were offered salary arbitration.

Second baseman Mark DeRosa became the first major league free agent to which teams, leaving Texas for a $13 million, three-year contract with the Chicago Cubs. The Mets re-signed two players, agreeing to a $12 million, two-year contract with 31-year-old pitcher Orlando Hernandez and a $3.8 million, one-year deal with second baseman Jose Valentin.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya said some teams are unsure of where the marketplace is going, "so if they could do something quick, they're going to try to do it."

Mike Mussina's agent, Arn Tellem, kept up talks with the Yankees on a new contract for the pitcher that likely will be worth $25 million to $25 million over two years.

"We're in the red zone," Tellem said.

With Barry Zito and Jason Schmidt heading a weak free-agent class, pitchers will get top prices.

"There are 30 clubs and probably three-quarters are looking for pitching," new Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "There's a lot of interesting pitchers out there. At the end of the year, the teams that have pitching, and healthy pitching, are usually the ones that are around."

GMs, as usual, will hold their annual discussion Wednesday of whether to have instant replay available to umpires, a concept commissioner Bud Selig opposes. In the past, the idea hasn't garnered enough support.

"I guess we'll get a sense of that tomorrow," said Joe Garagiola Jr., a senior vice president in the commissioner's office.

There will also be talk Wednesday of whether to eliminate tie games, having them instead become suspended games. On Thursday, the GMs will discuss whether to have uniform standards for storing baseballs, a task prompted by a case of a humidifier by the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field.

As for the postseason schedule, nothing seems to have come of the idea floated by Selig to give wild-card teams fewer home games in the playoffs.

"That is not officially on the agenda, so I suspect that will be some good hobby talk," Garagiola said.

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Irish freshman Tory Jackson guards an IPFW player during Notre Dame's 92-43 win at the Joyce Center Nov. 10.

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always take," he said. "I got a couple of steals and a bunch of open looks and my shots just fell." Several of Carter's opportuni­ties came off passes from point guard Kyle McAlarney, who only scored three points but dished out 12 assists.

"He's our point guard," Carter said. "That's what he did. Carter said improved team­work led to the better result Tuesday. "Everyone was really unselfish offensively and defen­sively," he said. "When we do that we're a tough team to beat."
The senior also added that Notre Dame's summer condi­tioning paid off, allowing the Irish to bounce back just 24 hours after their first loss of the season.

"Playing on back-to-back days wasn't a problem," he said. "I'm happy that we had another game after last night's loss."
The Irish led for most of the contest, taking a 46-30 lead into the locker room, but they pulled away in the second half. Notre Dame opened up a 60-38 lead in the first few minutes after the break and led by as much as 36 before Irish coach Mike Brey pulled his starters. The Leopards did not get an offensive rebound or score any points off turnovers until the closing minutes of the game. Guard Matt Beatty, who scored 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting, led them offensively.

Notre Dame freshman forward Luke Harangody scored in double figures for the third straight contest, pouring in 18 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the field. Junior forward Rob Kurz had one of his best nights on back-to-back days, with 16 points in relief of Scott Martin. The Irish forward had eight points and grabbing eight rebounds.

"It's the second round of the playoffs. If I can't get guys up for a playoff game, I'm doing something wrong, and I should be judged accordingly," Charlie Weis Irish coach
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Irish coach Bobby Clark says his team is ready to play again after the break. "I think [the team] is very excited to play a game of soccer, and I hope that they play a lot of games over the couple of weeks," Clark said.

In 2005, Notre Dame faced an Irish who topped the Flames comfortably defeating them 3-0 in Bloomington before falling to Clemson 1-0 in the next game. Clark, however, feels that his team is capable of greater things this year. "We know we’re one of the top teams, but we want to prove that we’re one of the top teams," Clark said. "I think we can do that if we go deep into the tournament. This is an opportunity for us."

A formidable test awaits the Irish when they take the field Wednesday night. Illinois-Chicago boasts an impressive record of 13-2-5 that includes wins over NCAA Tournament participants No. 9 Saint Louis and California-Santa Barbara. Playing in their first postseason match since 2000, the Flames comfortably defeated Western Illinois 3-0 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"Any team that can go and win at Saint Louis and at Santa Barbara [is a good team]," Clark said. "They’re a very senior laden team with a lot of foreign talent. They’re a bit older than usual. They’re a very good team."

The Illinois-Chicago offense has been led this year by playmaker Roman forward Tomic Skroce who tops the Flames in both assists (7) and points (12). It has been Illinois-Chicago’s defense, however, that has gotten the team to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Illinois-Chicago has given up 33 goals per games this season posting shutouts in 13 of their 20 games.

The Notre Dame offense, led by junior forward Joseph Lapira, will try to break down the Flames defense. The Irish average 1.97 goals per game, and they averaged three scores per game during a seven game mid-season winning streak.

By receiving one of the 16 available seeds among the 48 available teams, Notre Dame is an experienced, senior-laden team that has attacked each game as a mature, focused unit. At times, it has played with almost mechanical efficiency.

The long break between the conference tournament finale and the NCAA Championship opening — which all teams experience to some degree, especially the ones like the Irish who received a first-round bye — could even be what the Irish need.

Senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill, who the Notre Dame defense often leaves as a spectator, has said he gets more work and sees better shots in practice. He’s certainly had a lot of that lately. The Irish have had a chance to rest and recover from the season, and Clark has noticed a spark developing in the hull. "We’re hungry to play, which is exciting," he said. "Once we get into a game, we could be in very good shape."

Notre Dame has all the pieces to make a deep run through the NCAA bracket. Led by Lapira’s 20 scores, the Irish are tied for 13th in the country in goals per game. The Irish have consistently controlled midfield, and Cahill — who has 10 shutouts — has stopped the shots that trickle through the Notre Dame defense.

Still, one can’t help but wonder how the Irish will start off, especially against Illinois-Chicago, a team that already has a tournament game under its belt and a shut out against Western Illinois (a team that scored the third most goals in the nation this year). Tonight, look for the first 15 minutes — where the Irish have thrived all season — to be an indication of how the last two-and-a-half weeks have gone and how the next two-and-a-half will go.

If the Irish come out shaky, UIC might just be able to steal a game. If they come out strong, the sky’s the limit.

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**JOCULAR**

As my girlfriend is awesome she dropped me off at roadside, the off with

**ALEC WHITE**

There's one more spot left for leader, send your entry.

**CROISSANT WORLD**

AYE! LOOK AT ME! I'M IN! - poet

**ADAM FAIRHOLM**

poet

**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four zombies, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGIRION**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

**THE MOVIE DIRECTOR ENDED UP TRYING FLY-FISHING.**

ANALYZE THE ANSWER TO EACH PUZZLE BY LOOKING AT THE LETTERS

WHAT YOU NEED TO FORM THE SURPRISE ANSWER, AS SUGGESTED BY THE ABOVE CARTOON.

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**HOROSCOPE**

EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Travis Barker, 30; Yanni, 51; Prince Charles, 57; Elena Gomez, 20**

Happy Birthday! Let's get things straight this year. No more confusion about what you should or shouldn't do. Make your choice and just do it. You may bring other people or ideas into the equation along the way, but the main issue here is to stop being afraid of failure and focus on being productive. Your numbers are 4, 12, 22, 31, 40.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Make this a day that counts. Do something that will help you gain respect or increase your earning power. You will have a chance to show your skills, ideas, and potential to your own satisfaction. Your creative thinking is quite sharp.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You won't find it easy to deal with emotional concerns about kids, others or your partner. Disagreement will not resolve anything; take a direct approach and offer something in exchange.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Someone from your past may grab your interest again. Be sure this person isn't carrying a lot of baggage or still involved with someone else who makes you feel disappointed. Be sure this person doesn't have any confidence in your ability to carry on.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You will get a big surprise today. Your chance to do something really exciting depends on your ability to give in and let yourself go. Now is the time to make up your mind once and for all about what you really want and go for it.**

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be temporarily to keypad. Back up and consider the bills you have to pay. Someone is likely to bug you or stretch your patience. Don't let anger get the better of you.**

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make this a very special day if you do things a little bit differently. Change should be high on your list. Consider what you can do to change your day in a small yet significant way, like eating a healthy meal or exercising.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pay close attention to your investments and personal money issues. Someone may try to take advantage of you, so you must be on the alert. Be prepared to stand up for yourself or set clear boundaries.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put yourself in the spotlight and be confident that you have done your research and will outline anyone who questions your thoughts. An opportunity to make a career move is apparent. Dish with follow through with confidence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will stand out. Pay close attention to your relationships with others. Someone is likely to bug you or stretch your patience. Don't let anger get the better of you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be indecisive, and will be productive. A trend that is brought to your attention will be a wise bet. A decision that is brought to your attention will be a wise bet. A decision that is brought to your attention will be a wise bet.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may bring someone close to your heart under this sign. Someone may bring you closer to your heart under this sign. Someone may bring you closer to your heart under this sign.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful how you treat the ones you love. There is a good chance you may be disappointed with someone close to your heart. Someone may bring you closer to your heart under this sign.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Wait's end

Irish fired up to play Flames in first game of NCAA Tourney

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After almost three weeks of preparation, No. 12 Notre Dame will finally play a game again — its most meaningful match of the season.

The Irish will take on No. 23 Illinois-Chicago in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Wednesday night at Alumni Field. It will be the first game of the tournament for Notre Dame, which enters Wednesday's match with a record of 13-5-2.

The Irish received the No. 12 seed, entitling them to a first-round bye. It has been 18 days since Notre Dame's last game — a 2-1 overtime loss to Rutgers in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, but there isn't a question of us and helped magnify the frustration on a helpless Irish forward Joseph Lapira tracks down a serve in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over DePaul Sept. 10. The Irish take on Illinois-Chicago tonight at 7:30 at Alumni Field in their first NCAA Tournament game.

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FOOTBALL

Weis focuses on 2nd round of 'playoffs'

Coach says kicking job open for competition after poor performance

By KATE GALE
Associate Sports Editor

There isn't a question of keeping the team motivated for Army, according to Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

"It's the second round of the playoffs," he said Tuesday. "If I can't get guys up for a playoff game, I'm doing something wrong, and I should be judged accordingly." Despite Notre Dame's trip to USC looming on Nov. 25, Weis is confident that his players are grounded and focused for their final game at Notre Dame Stadium this season.

"Especially with us at home in Alumni Field, there's a lot of motivation for our fans," Weis said. "I know that's important to make the next week more important. So I think that all those things happen and certainly helped us and helped magnify the importance of the game."


Weis hasn't discounted the Black Knights despite their record, noting that the team is preparing to see two quarterbacks and two running backs Saturday. At the quarterback position, Carson Williams, a true freshman, and Dave Pevoto have started this season, although Pevoto is the more experienced with eight starts in 10 games. In the backfield, Wesley McNamara leads the team in rushing, and Tony Moore, another true freshman who has seen increased playing time as the season progressed. Weis also expects most of the offensive line to rotate.

On defense, Weis points to the Black Knights' low third-down conversion allowance.

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Army is 3-7, including a 43-7 blowout loss in its last game, at home against Air Force Nov. 2.

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"We're 4-9 after Carter missed a desperation 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left. Tuesday, the senior vindicated himself, leading the Irish with 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting. He credited his high shooting percentage to the number of open looks he had at the basket."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

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