Ugandan initiative to provide aid, research

The Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NMDI), partners the University with a Ugandan village in an initial five-year venture that will attempt to build up every institution in the region—from the healthcare and education systems to the HIV/AIDS prevention programs, to the water supply systems and the village’s infrastructure. The effort, say those involved, will require the work of the entire Notre Dame community. 

Tim Lyden, assistant director of the NMDI, stands with a group of secondary school children in Ruhiira, Uganda.

Vigilance advised off campus

Students warned of potential for break-ins

By EVA BINDA

As students prepare for finals and look forward to a month away from school, many are also taking preventive security measures to keep their property safe over break.

This year, several break-ins of off-campus houses and dorms during the fall and Thanksgiving breaks have already been reported—and the Christmas holiday is usually the time when most break-ins occur, according to the South Bend Police Department.

On Dec. 4, Notre Dame Security/Police sent an e-mail to the Notre Dame student body with advice about security before and during break.

“We often experience an increase in thefts just before breaks, especially from Library study areas and the dining halls,” the e-mail read.

Students were encouraged to participate in bike storage, follow the guidelines for keeping cars in D2 South “Lock-Up” and take advantage of Christmas Break storage.

“The first thing is the storage program. [Students.] bring over [to NISP] anything valuable that could be stolen that you’re not bringing home,” said Cappy Gagnon, manager of event security and student employment at NISP.

Students who reside off campus face increased security problems, and are most often the victims of theft.

Safeguarding your property: tips from the Security/Police

Remember to:

1. Keep your keys, your lock and your identity safe and secure.

2. Take your car registration and insurance information with you when you leave your car. Do not keep it in your car. 

3. Do not leave anything valuable or anything that could be stolen in your dorm or off-campus housing.

4. Do not leave any important papers, whatever they are, in off-campus housing.

5. Do not leave any lawn mowers, garden tools, bicycles or other valuables in your car if you leave it overnight.

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A final word. Or two.

Self-righteous rant begins ... now. I first realized I was talented in high school, when I was already using college-ruled paper. Since that day, I calmly bided my time to step into the limelight of the only independent news source for the Notre Dame community — and in my freshman year I met a person who would irrevocably change my next four years. After I dumped her, I met Erik Powers.

My first conversation with Erik was a joke that started with the punch line "a skunk killed with an axe." A bit of wit and frivolity inappropriate last names propelled us into candidacy for the presidency of Our Lady's student body. Five hundred votes and several children's drawing books later, Erik and I became cartoonists with a knack for the unnecessary. Causing controversy was never our main goal, but it sure found us.

Editors, Coach Wood, some girl Annie, maybe Jesus and of course Saint Mary's all let us know that we were doing something right. I understand that each complaint may have contained some validity, and I have learned from them some valuable lessons. After all, stereotypes are not representative of individuals, but they are, quite often, hilarious.

This past semester I have enjoyed the opportunity to skewer my own Notre Dame experience. I thank everyone that has taken time to read Jocular, even if they were really just stumped by the Jumble or Crossword, and I thank Erik Powers for unknowingly taking the blame for my bad work.

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Service group discontinued
Indiana chapter of Holy Cross Associates program ends after 27 years

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

At its triennial meeting in June of 2006, the Indiana chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross decided to discontinue its lay service organization — the Holy Cross Associates (HCA) — after 27 years of existence.

Father Gary Chamberland, Holy Cross task force director and a visiting professor of theology at Notre Dame, says the HCA was discontinued for practical reasons.

“We have concerns over the program’s financial balance and its appeal,” he said.

Chamberland cited the program’s limited number of applicants — only 12 to the domestic program by the March deadline for the HCA’s report to the chapter — as a sign that it possibly has run its course.

HCA Acting Director Steve Holte — who made it clear that it was the Congregation’s decision to suspend the HCA, not his — disagreed.

“What Father Chamberland said might be true about the Chile program, but it’s not true about the domestic program,” Holte said.

Holte acknowledged that financial balance is always hard to achieve in a volunteer program, but he disputed Chamberland’s claim that the HCA has limited appeal.

“We can always take more associates,” he said. Currently, Holte said, there are 14 domestic associates in the HCA.

According to Holte, the primary reason for the discontinuation — which he called temporary — by the HCA was a need for “closer ties with the ministry and mission of the Holy Cross.”

“I can’t speak for the Holy Cross, but we’re under the assumption that they want to renew ties with us and reenergize their interactions with the associates,” Holte said.

Holte insisted, however, that “everything is tied to the Holy Cross community.”

The HCA is primarily connected to the greater Congregation of Holy Cross through its “co-facilitators” — a Holy Cross priest and a lay alumnus of the program.

These co-facilitators attend one dinner each week at the associate house and help associates “draw personal meaning from their daily activities,” according to Holte.

Associate houses are located in local communities that have a strong Holy Cross presence, and Associates are encouraged to get involved in the local Holy Cross parish as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and cantors.

Despite the decision, Chamberland believes there is a future for lay service at the Congregation of Holy Cross.

“We’re viewing the HCA as going on a one-year hiatus after this year. We’ve discontinued the program with the hope that something that encourages lay service will get resurrected.”

Father Gary Chamberland director Holy Cross task force

Both Holte and Chamberland agreed that the pending discontinuation of the HCA does not invalidate the past 27 years of work that the program has done.

“We praise the efforts of the HCA and we believe there are good things in place, but it’s time to assess the program’s direction,” Chamberland said.

The Associate program, which attracts participants in their first few years out of college, focuses on four basic “pillars” of community, service, spirituality and simple living. These pillars shape the daily experience of the associates during their year-long commitment as active members of the program.

Despite the arrest of long-term commitment from the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Holte expects current commitment to remain.

“Our level of support to associates in the field won’t change, and I hope that the Holy Cross level of support to us won’t change either,” he said.

The associate community is still unsure of exactly what it means to be a Holy Cross associate, but Holte said the program is dedicated to continue its commitment to community.

“We’re still just trying to figure out what exactly the chapter wants from us,” he said.

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Campus Ministry plans ND Prayercast project

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Religious organizations across the nation continue to integrate communications technology with faith to reach increasingly savvy congregations — and Notre Dame’s Campus Ministry is no exception to the trend.

Following the spread of worship into television, radio and the Internet, Campus Ministry offers several opportunities for spirituality outside of traditional settings.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart continues to broadcast a weekly mass on the Hallmark channel, and next semester, Campus Ministry hopes to kick off a new project called ND Prayercast — the University’s answer to the growing popularity of what some call “Godcasting.”

“Godcasting,” a term coined by the San Diego-based Godcast Network, describes the use of video and audio technology to share sermons, scriptures and other forms of worship in both private and public settings. Its name comes from the type of Internet broadcast known as a “podcast,” through which users can make a digital recording available for public downloading.

Steven Warner, director of the Notre Dame Folk Choir and Liturgical Resources for Campus Ministry, said the ND Prayercast project has been in the “seedling stage,” according to Warner, with the launch date anticipated as this coming March 4.

Warner, said the project will consist of 20-minute weekly podcasts featuring song, scripture, reflections, intentions, prayers and more.

Anyone with a computer will have access to the podcast and those with mp3 players or iPods will be able to download the material from ndprayercast.org, according to Warner.

He suggested the commute to work, a walk around campus or a workout in the as great opportunities to listen to the podcast and be inspired.

While Warner and Basilea rector Father Peter Rocca agreed that both the Basilica’s broadcast and the upcoming ND Prayercast project have benefits, they also warned of some dangers.

“It would be a bad thing if people substituted gathering to worship with (a) computer broadcast or Prayercast,” Rocca said. “The danger ... is that it could become a privatized affair.”

Liturgy has always implied involvement,” Warner said, explaining that the Prayercast should be used to supplement traditional worship.

Warner said he saw the Prayercast as an opportunity to spread the faith in a world that is dependent on technology.

“This is a medium we’d better be using,” Warner said, “and learn to cultivate a spiritual life so that any person listening decides to go deeper.”

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Referring to a study done by the University of Minnesota, Meyer-Lee said the primary reasons students opt not to study abroad are the four F's: family, fear, finances and faculty (or curricular challenges). After surveying students at Saint Mary's, the most prevalent obstacle for students nationally — fear — does not seem to be an issue.

"Although there are very occasional questions after highly publicized security concerns, our participation does not seem to have been dampened at all by general fear," Meyer-Lee said.

CWIL also makes a conscious effort to give financial support, as not to hinder students from their potential experience.

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CWIL, along with other administrative leaders at the College, encourages the growth of the international studies program.

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She said she attributes the growth of the program to the long and strong commitment to maintain and expand them, beginning with the Rome Program founded 37 years ago. This program attracts nearly 100 students annually and is the most popular location to study.

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Karen Chambers, psychology professor and director of the Ireland Program, sees steady numbers heading into the program's 30th year at the college.

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"In a recent meeting for those interested in studying in Seville next year, there were over 30 attendees," she said. "As more and more students see the importance of doing cultural and language immersions and the value of having language skills, many more and more students elect to study abroad.

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"Students will learn academic content in the very best context, gain competence in intercultural relating, become a global citizen, grow as an individual, acquire lifelong career skills and experience their own adventures," Meyer-Lee said.

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Poisoning suspects safe in Russia

The chief prosecutor said Tuesday Russia would not allow the extradition of possible suspects in the poisoning of a former KGB agent in Britain and he dismissed the possibility of suspects in the poisoning case, another former agent who met with Alexander Litvinenko in London on Nov. 1, the day Litvinenko believed he was poisoned, had been hospitalized.

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The Kremlin has vehemently denied the accusations.

Gates seeks new Iraq approach

New defense secretary says military winning, but stabilization a major challenge

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robert Gates, the White House choice to be the next defense secretary, conceded Tuesday that the United States is not winning the war in Iraq and warned that if it is not, it could lead to a "regional conflagration."

At a Senate confirmation hearing that was long on praise for Gates and short on criticism, the man President Bush chose to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld said he was open to new ideas about correcting the U.S. course in Iraq. He said the war "could begin" with his priority if confirmed as expected.

Gates, 63, said he believed Bush wants to see Iraq improve to the point where it can govern and defend itself, while seeking a "new approach. "What we are now doing is not satisfac­tory," Gates said.

"In my view, all options are on the table, in terms of how we address this problem in Iraq," he added. He did not commit to favoring any specific new course, saying he would consult first with commanders and others.

Asked point-blank by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., whether the U.S. is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No sir." He later said he believes the United States is neither winning nor losing, "at this point."

At the end of an after­noon session of questions about Iraq and other sub­jects, Gates began telling the committee he wanted to amplify his viewpoint that the U.S. is not winning in Iraq. He did not withdraw the remark but said he was clear that "what pertains to the situation in Iraq as a whole."

He said he did not want U.S. troops to think he believes they are being unsuccessful in their assigned mission.

"Our military wins the battles that we fight," Gates said. "Where we're having our challenges, frankly, are in the areas of stabilization and political developments and so on."

At the White House, press secretary Tony Snow was pressed by reporters about Gates' answer that the U.S. is not winning in Iraq — one that seemed to be in conflict with the president's own position.

Snow said that Gates' "stance, taken in its entirety, shows he shares Bush's view that the U.S. must help Iraq govern and defend itself."

"I know you want to pit a fight between Bob Gates and the president, it doesn't exist," Snow told reporters.

"If you want to try get a nuanced and full understand­ing of where Bob Gates stands on these issues with regard to the president and his policies and the defi­nition of what it is to win and Iraq and what it takes, then I think you're going to find he agrees with Bush," Snow said.

The spokesman rejected any notion that Gates' assessment of the war would be demoralizing to U.S. troops. "What I think is demoralizing is a constant effort to try to portray this as a losing mission," Snow said.

Gates was noncommittal on questions about whether and when to begin a U.S. troop withdrawal, saying it depends on the conditions on the ground. He also said that if confirmed he would go to Iraq soon to consult with U.S. commanders.

 Asked later whether announcing a specific troop withdrawal timetable would send a signal of U.S. weak­ness, Gates said it "would essentially tell the insurg­ents how long they have to wait until we're gone."

The hearing was uncon­frontational, with occasional hints of humor from Gates. Much of the questioning from panel members was focused on whether Gates would provide independent advice to Bush, and the for­mer CIA director assured senators that he would not shirk from that duty.

FRANCE

Big 6 talk about punishing Iran

PARIS: Six world powers gathered for talks Tuesday, divided on how to punish Iran's defiance of U.N. demands to halt its nuclear program and facing a new threat from Tehran of retaliation if they opt for sanctions.

The United States, joining France, expressed "frustration" about closed-door talks in Paris would secure agree­ment for imposing sanctions against Iran. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said imposing wide­ranging sanctions would be "itore­vant."

"The talks at the French Foreign Ministry brought together diplomats from the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia — the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — as well as Germany and a representative of European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

"We all want to cut off Iran's ability to seek support for its enrichment program," said Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns, the U.S. participant at the discussions. Asked when he expected Russia and China to join the others in supporting a Security Council resolution, Burns replied: "This afternoon would be a good time."

But Lavrov suspected Russia was not ready to support broad sanc­tions.

"We believe that to impose these kind of sanctions would be ... disproportionate to the real situation. We will achieve the opposite results," Lavrov said in Brussels, Belgium.

"We believe this is wrong. We will work in a more responsible way," the Russian president told state television.

"I think it is important for the Iranian nuclear program and issuing a new threat to downgrade relations with the 25-nation EU if European nego­tiators opt for tough U.N. sanc­tions."

LOCAL NEWS

Library picks up pieces after fire

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind. — Demolition work has started at the remaining building of the library that caught fire Feb. 17, although library Director Chris Brown said it would be a couple weeks before it is able to circulate books again.

In the meantime, the library is now accepting books and other materials that were not damaged and not damaged and that were not damaged after they were found in the melted books and other materials that were found in the melted. Before the fire destroyed its 4-year-old building and nearly everything that was inside.

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The Republican-Led Congress on Tuesday sent President Bush legislation establishing a $38 million program of National Park Service grants to restore and pay for research at 10 camps where the government sent people of Japanese descent after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Congressionally created libraries give urgency to the need to provide independent advice to Bush, and the for­mer CIA director assured senators that he would not shirk from that duty.

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increase agricultural productivity, connect the Ugandan people to information and markets, and address non-rural

diseases and expand access to basic health care and education," NDMDI director Father Robert Dowd said. Further, Shapell said a committee of University Trustee Ray Corrigan is in charge of mobilizing and implementing the intervention model. Dowd said the committee will work with constructive inter­vention strategies previously used in the Ugandan village of Bubiri, southwest of the capital

of Kampala.

NDMDI assistant director Tim Lyden, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, said he expected Notre Dame to be assigned to an exact village later this month, as the selec­tion committee of Ugandan representatives and United Nations consultants was still in the process of choosing the University's partner village.

He said he knew the village would be located in the Acia district of the country, west of Kampala and close to the city of Nkiozi, home of Uganda Martyrs University — the nation's premier Catholic university.

Lyden said Notre Dame con­tacted Uganda Martyrs University in June to establish a relationship of cooperation and solidarity that will allow NDMDI consultants to utilize the local university's resources and knowledge of the region's community develop­ment needs.

"Uganda Martyrs University has strong programs in agri­culture, public health, develop­ment studies and business, and Notre Dame has strengths in civil engineering, biological sciences, the social sci­ences and business as well," Lyden said. "Together, the strengths of our two universi­ties are aligned with the key elements of investment of the Millennium Villages Project."

Lyden said he thought the assets of both institutions would facilitate collaborative research projects and the study of the results of the project, as observed in the vil­lage once the partnership and the intervention model are determined and implemented.

"It is the goal of this initia­tive to provide faculty and stu­dents, both graduate and undergraduate, with research and internship experiences that contribute to human development," Dowd said.

"We have been contacted by dozens of students that have not only expressed interest and enthusiasm for the project but want to get involved and further have proposed concrete ideas for fundraising, campus activities and independent research projects and advocacy options," he added.

One of the students who con­tacted Dowd and Lyden — and did some involved in the NDMDI was sophomore Tess Bone, whose independent research project will examine the organization, mobilization and implementation of the NDMDI in Uganda.

"As this is the first time a university has undertaken such a responsibility, I think it is essential to understand the process in how to better understand (the steps of this process) and to study them producing a helpful analysis that could be helpful as it applies to this project, but may also serve as a refer­ence for other universities considering a similar endeavor."

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Bone said Dowd and Lyden allowed her to observe the activities and organizational meetings of the NDMDI's Student Advisory Council, which considered contrib­utably to her understanding of the project's progression on campus.

She also said the University has supported her desire to research African development and poverty alleviation, offering research grants, encour­aging and academic avenues that provided the opportunity to pursue these interests — and to travel to the selected partner village in January with Dowd, Lyden and University President Father John Jenkins, among other Notre Dame representa­tives.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity, and I think that Notre Dame students need to make Africa a priority as well because of the real ability to help that we have as a univer­sity."

Bone added, "Our financ­ial, intellectual and numeri­cal base has great potential."

She said students should keep their eyes open next semester for the various opportunities to help Africa that will be available through different campus organiza­tions, including Amnesty International, the Africa Faith and Justice Network and the MDG Task Force, among many other organizations.

The task force recently col­lected money for bed nets to prevent malaria mosquito bites in Africa.

"If not interested in active involve­ment in these organizations or donations, Dowd said students could still join the NDMDI project simply by "attending discussion groups, learning more about the situation and informing others about it."

He encouraged representa­tives on the Student Advisory Council to inform their elec­tioneering of the NDMDI's goals through presentations and dis­cussions across campus and in the residence halls.

"Notre Dame can only be the Catholic university it strives to be to make its devotion its time, talent and treasure to solving real world problems, problems that are dehumanizing and that prevent people from real­izing their God-given poten­tial, problems that are essen­tially the result of ignorance, indifference and injustice," Dowd said.

He and Lyden are working on the official NDMDI propos­als that will be submitted to Jenkins and Chambers, and finalizing the details of the January excursion to the University's partner village.

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STOCKS RISE AS PRESSURES RELIEVED

Market gains as wages and benefits show sluggish increase, service sector up

Associated Press

New York — Wall Street rallied for a second straight session Tuesday after easing wage pressures and stronger-than-expected service sector data raised prospects that the economy could cool gradually and leave the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates next year.

Investors applauded Labor Department figures showing wages increased at a much slower pace in the third quarter than had been estimated. Recent concerns about inflation had eroded some hopes that the Federal Reserve would start lowering interest rates next year. The central bank has said inflation remains a primary concern.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group, found activity in the nation’s services sector rose to an October reading of 54.9, giving a further boost to investor sentiment. An index reading of 54.9 was above the 55.5 that had been expected and the 57.1 seen in October.

“Certainly that ISM number was a nice surprise to the upside but for me the numbers that were more important were the unit labor costs and the productivity ‘nowhere’ we’re going to find productivity,” said Joseph G. Sullivan, a global strategist with Deutsche Bank.

He cited data showing productivity in September rose at its fastest pace in 15 years, due to a July-August surge in output that outpaced the rise in hours worked. Sullivan said that more companies are focusing on raising productivity, the key to remaining competitive.

In Brief

Big Apple clamps down on trans fats

New York — New York on Tuesday became the first city in the nation to ban artery-clogging trans fats at restaurants, leading the charge to make it a healthier proposition.

The 72-year-old Manhattan resident called the decision “a little worrisome that more people aren’t calling it a dumping mix. In a city where eating out is a major form of life.”

Productivity falls as orders plunge

WASHINGTON — Growth in worker productivity slowed sharply in the summer. Unlike wages and benefits, the rate at which productivity rose was below a previous estimate, a development that could ease inflation worries at the Federal Reserve.

Productivity edged up at a 0.2 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. That was slightly better than the zero change reported a month ago.

Wages and benefits per unit of output increased at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in the third quarter, a hefty drop from the 3.8 percent rate the agency reported a month ago. Also, growth in worker productivity slowed to an annual rate of 0.2 percent, though the increase still topped an earlier estimate that had productivity as unchanged.

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The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies climbed 1.27, or 0.20 percent, to a new closing high of 797.42. The index also passed the 800 mark for the first time Tuesday, moving as high as 801.07.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.45 percent from 4.43 percent late Monday. The dollar firmed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell. Light, sweet crude settled down 1 cent at $62.43 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Investigator increases interaction

Klimczak's revamped position aids Saint Mary's security director

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

In an effort to encourage student interaction and increase campus safety, Saint Mary's has expanded its security department by adding an assistant director. Stan Klimczak was promoted to this role last month after joining the security department in March.

Klimczak said the assistant director position was given many duties that were previously performed by the investigator/programmer. He said the new role is essentially "an expansion of the investigator/programmer position."

"The position was created to enhance the security department to make it stronger and to give the director more help with some of the things he needed assistance with," he said.

Director of Security David Gariepy echoed Klimczak's description of the role of the assistant director.

"The assistant director is not actually a new position," Gariepy said. "It is a position which used to be called investigator, but has now and expanded responsibilities. The assistant director will continue with investigative responsibilities, but will be more heavily involved with training of officers and creating informational programs for staff and students."

Gariepy also said the assistant director will serve as the director of residence hall programs.

"My hope is that through the expanded duties of the assistant director, we, as a security department, will be better able, through training, to provide for a safer and more secure campus," Gariepy said.

Klimczak said he will face several challenges as he adjusts to his new job, beginning with the task of defining exactly what his role as assistant director will be.

"Increasing student involvement and attendance is one of Klimczak's primary goals. He said the College currently has programs to educate students about domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse.

"The same basic programs that pretty much everyone has because those are the main things that are a threat or concern," he said.

However, Klimczak said he would like to change the way this information is relayed to the student body.

"Instead of dictating from the top down, saying you do this, I'd like to work with students and have involvement to create ways to present those programs," he said. "I guess some of the classes and programs haven't been attended and we want to increase attendance. I think the way to do that is to increase interest and involvement and make it more relevant to students."

Klimczak said he will be meeting with Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson next week to discuss ways to encourage student interest and participation.

Changes to the current system could include the creation of committees within each residence hall that could interact with security to generate programs for smaller groups within their hall.

"I think you get more across in the smaller group than the discussion where you try to center everyone in a large group at the same time," Klimczak said.

Another area Klimczak said he would like to focus on is training for security personnel.

"One of the goals of myself and the director is to work on officer training in the security department," he said. "We want to provide more and better training to make them more efficient and to better serve the community. We are always looking to upgrade and improve ourselves."

Gariepy also stressed the importance of the College community and the security department working together to ensure the department continues to fulfill the community needs.

"The assistant director and I share a common desire to promote safe habits by students, to provide timely information and tips to (the College) community and to foster a desire by all to help in the effort to make the campus a safer, healthier environment for all," Gariepy said.

Prior to his employment at the College, Klimczak served as an officer for nearly 33 years in the LaPorte County Police Department, where he was the assistant chief for the past two and-a-half years.

After retirement from the force, Klimczak said he was "looking for another challenge. So that's why I came here," he said. "A second career I guess."
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A dying history

Across the nation, military history is gasping its last breath. Fewer military historians are hired as professors and even fewer schools offer courses which study the conduct of war. Sadly, Notre Dame is among the universities leading a quiet crusade against military history. We have over 30 full-time history faculty members, but not one is a military historian. Even in their self-described interests, not a single professor lists “war” of any era, although half list religious, gender, and race relations. We are fortunately enough to have Lieutenant Colonel Jordan, but he teaches here for Army ROTC, not because the history department hired him.

A casual observer might point to certain courses, such as “America in the Civil War,” and claim that wars are still studied by Notre Dame students. The hard truth is that classes like “America in the Civil War” discuss everything from war widows to draft riots — everything, that is, except the war itself. In fact, a look at the syllabuses for Notre Dame’s course on the Civil War reveals that not a single day of class focuses on any battle.

If you are a professor reading this article, you are likely pulling out your hair, screaming that battlefield tactics have no place in an academic classroom. But is “guts’n’generals” history really not relevant, or do academics simply want it all to be? Integrating battlefield history back into our coursework is not only possible, it is essential. Take, for example, the Battle of the Crater. We already read about the Emancipation Proclamation and runaway slaves joining the Union Army. By studying military history, however, we do not read about the black soldiers specially trained to spearhead the Union assault at Petersburg. At the last minute General Meade lost his confidence in the blacks and replaced them with white soldiers who had not been trained for the assault. The result: over 5,000 Union soldiers massacred.

Ignoring the tactical details of battles like Petersburg only weakens our history curriculum. Why did Meade lose faith in the black soldiers? Was this decision a question of prejudice, a loss of confidence in his sub-commanders, or perhaps a matter of political ramifications? These are provocative historical questions—but sadly, questions our students will never have to ask or answer. Maybe instead of pondering those questions we should start by asking why our history department has not hired a professional military historian since Robert Kerby, in the 1970s? His classes were among the most popular in the history department, so why is it that after retiring he was never replaced? Or, in terms that General Meade might understand, why have Notre Dame and other top universities lost faith in the relevance of military history? The Observer Online

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—Theodore Sturgeon
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“Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.”
—Aristotle
Greek philosopher
Controlling animalistic impulses

Asking the wrong question

The Viewpoint has been host to numerous disputes and controversies in its time, yet the question of whether or not human beings are animals caught me by surprise. Dan Amiri, in his Nov. 21 Letter to the Editor ("Encourage chastity, not 'free talk'") attempted to make the point, among others, that human beings are more than animals. He was trying to emphasize the fact that unlike animals, we have reason and free will, and we can use these to decide to go against what our baser passions sometimes tell us to do. When an animal's instinct tells it to have sex, it cannot disobey, because it has no higher reason or will to tell it otherwise.

Humans, because we are rational animals with a free will, can disobey this desire. In fact this very mastery over our baser passions is a mark of our humanity. In a discussion of premarital sex on campus (Joey Falco, Nov. 20, "Dishy fathers"), perhaps this point needs to be raised. While it's true that some, perhaps even many, students are having sex outside of marriage, does the frequency of the practice make it morally defensible? Falco and others are right to bring our attention to the problems of sexual assault, rape, venereal diseases and unplanned pregnancies, which often go unnoticed at Notre Dame and other campuses. Plays and movements such as "Loyal Daughters" and "The Vagina Monologues" seek to make people aware of these devastating realities. Yet one must realize that they are the consequences of a larger problem, one which the proponents of these plays often serve to exacerbate.

A culture of sexual "liberation," without definition of sex's proper place within society or one's life, will necessarily lead to a climate of sexual unrestraint. Amiri sought to remind us that we can rise above our animalistic instincts and choose to restrain our sexual impulses for a greater good. The question, then, is not if man is an animal, but whether we as a society can truly live up to our humanity.

Chris Spellman
senior
off campus
Dec. 5

Choosing virtue

I would like to respond to many recent letters concerning whether or not humans are animals. Humans are indeed animals, but we are animals with rational and volitional capacities; that is, we can think and we can choose. Our most fundamental choice is to be rational or not, to think or to follow animalistic instinct. Our proper mode is to be free and rational persons choosing to act in accordance with reason and nature. Sure, we are able to act like brute animals, for this is part of the freedom of choice proper to us. But our perfection is found elsewhere.

In the words of Aristotle, "Man, when perfected, is the best of animals, but when separated from law and justice, he is the worst of all." What do I mean by "acting in accord with nature?" Nature in this sense is not wild. On the contrary, acting in accordance with nature requires that we act in a way which is best suited to our happiness as rational animals. How do we best achieve happiness? Anyone who has pursued wealth, pleasure, fame, or power to excess knows that they are empty and do not provide consistent or true happiness. Specifically with regard to pleasure-seeking, many students find themselves enslaved to their passions and unable to act freely — each week their need for sexual satisfaction increases. Indulging in the passions and allowing them to rule us turns us into brute animals. We become enslaved, irrational and out of control.

Happiness is ultimately found in virtue. The above things are good and must be seen as such. But virtue truly frees us and allows us to follow the lead of our intellect. The above things, when subordinated to and governed by reason, are truly good. Only when we seek the good freely and rationally are we able to achieve our final end: happiness. And for us to be able to do that, we must first be trained in virtue.

But humans are not at first perfectly and independently free to choose virtue. We naturally tend toward following our passions and instincts, toward animalistic behavior. This does not mean that we are not free to choose virtue, but that it requires external help. Anyone who has ever raised a child knows that humans must be trained in virtue, trained to be free. In the words of St. Thomas, "Man is free insofar as he is rational." Our freedom cannot be achieved apart from reason. For our will to be free, we must open ourselves to the dictates of reason, so that the passions are rightly ordered.

With regard to the more recent letter citing Pope John Paul II: all humans have "higher capacities," but they may not be actively manifest in a particular human. Just because the rational and volitional capacities of the unborn are not yet manifest, does not mean that they lack dignity as persons. The late Pontiff was not making the claim that all particular humans are rational or spiritually free to choose virtue. Instead he was saying that even if a given human behaves like a brute, by choice or by chance, he nevertheless has dignity as a human person. So, I would argue that in our culture and on college campuses in particular we lack the very "external help" which is so necessary for the development of virtue.

Let's not be deceived: in no way is the "dog," your average college student, under control, to use Dan Amiri's analogy ("Encourage chastity, not 'free talk,'" Nov. 21). We tend to be enslaved to our passions. We need to choose to behave rightly, but we are not yet completely able to do this on our own. To succeed in choosing virtue, we need, in part, to be disciplined and trained in virtue externally, in addition to internal conversion.

We are able to choose virtue, but not without help. I humbly remind anyone in authority, either in families, in the Church, or at this university, that true leadership is found neither in completely muzzling wild dogs nor in letting them run free. Rather, a misbehaving and untrained dog must be trained through active and systematic discipline. We can be separated from law and justice by our own choice or by the failure of our leaders. In either case the result is the same: we become the worst animals of all.

Jon Buttaci
senior
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Dec. 2

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alums deserve tickets too

I am writing this letter to respond to the request of Mr. Mueller (Dec. 4, "Parents deserve tickets") to give parents more football tickets. While I could not agree more that parents make football weekends even more interesting when the team is in the top 10, there are only so many tickets to go around. I got shafted this year, so did my friends. In fact, I think most alumni under the age of 30 got shafted. You have it just about right, in your dues before you can expect tickets. And, it is true that money talks to the administration. But, when you graduate and try to compare Notre Dame to other universities you'll find there is no basis. Notre Dame can continue to up my minimum annual donation necessary to obtain tickets because I'll pay it and you, the current student, will benefit. Give the guys in the donor break — they are trying to keep Notre Dame on top.

Carrie Graf
alumna
Class of 2005
Dec. 4
By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA  
Scene Writer

A tribe of Mayan warriors wait in the jungle for their human prey in "Apocalypto." The film marks the directorial return for Mel Gibson after his drunk driving arrest in 2005.

The Passion of Mel Gibson

If you’ve seen the trailer for Mel Gibson’s "Apocalypto," you were no doubt intrigued. But what makes this film different from other Hollywood box-office-busters? The answer lies in the controversies surrounding director Mel Gibson. No matter how many people have trouble accepting the ethical decisions of Hollywood’s rich and famous, it rarely keeps them from attending films. But the controversy surrounding Gibson indicates that he might be an exception to this trend. Here are a few things to consider before going to see Gibson’s newest flick:

If you, like most, are annoyed by Hollywood’s constant trouble with the law, consider Gibson’s record. He’s been fined $400 twice for drunk driving, and has a long history of drug and alcohol abuse. The first was in Canada, where he was fined $400.

The second occurred in the United States, where he received three years probation. A more politically oriented person might wish to consider that Gibson is actively involved in supporting anti-abortion, anti-labor, anti-immigrant, and anti-Federalist activities. His anti-Federalist sentiments, there’s nothing foreign in the profound love shared by husbands and wives, fathers and sons and extended families. When this harmony is broken, the ensuing bloodletting is vicious and unsettling, violence that spirals through to the very edge of the film’s conclusion. And perhaps that’s the point here — the heavy price of freedom.

Supported by lush cinematography and moving performances, this film is another demonstration of Gibson’s undeniable talent behind the camera. When the dust settles, will “Apocalypto” stand the test of time? "Roots" has. Sadly, "Apocalypto" hinges the fate of an entire civilization on the turmoil of one man’s life — a lofty goal, but one that’s ultimately short sighted. By film’s end, it’s hard to shake the feeling that Gibson’s passion for creating the film was realized — that all he made was a chase film, and nothing more.

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**The Observer's Christmas Gift Guide**

**by The Scene Staff**

**Books:**

"I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence" by Amy Sedaris
Actress and comedian Amy Sedaris dishes out her own humorous guide to hospitality complete with recipes and crafts. Chapters include "A Rich Uncle Comes to Visit" and "Lumberjack Lunch."

"The Audrey Hepburn Treasures" foreword by Sean Hepburn Ferrer
A must-have for any Audrey Hepburn fan, "Treasures" serves as a pseudo-scarpbook of Hepburn's life. It includes reproductions of her birth certificate as well as letters she sent to friends and family.

"Treasure of Khan" by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler
The popular Dirk Pitt series returns in this latest Cussler book, where Pitt and friends must stop a murderous tycoon's plans for world domination. The action ranges from Hawaii to Mongolia and Siberia in this adventure thriller.

"Thirteen Moons: A Novel" by Charles Frazier
"Cold Mountain" author Charles Frazier returns with "Thirteen Moons," the story of Will Cooper, a man whose remarkable life stretches from the great battles of the Civil War to the invention of the telephone.

**Gadgets:**

iRiverCiix
An alternative to the iPod Nano, the iRiverCiix includes features like a built-in FM radio tuner, voice recorder and alarm clock. It can also be integrated with both Windows Media Player 11 and MTV Urge.

iPod Nano
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**DVDs:**

"Pirates of the Caribbean – Dead Man's Chest"
Captain Jack Sparrow sails the biggest film of the summer into stores on a special-features loaded DVD. Fans can swashbuckle with the whole "Pirates" crew in anticipation of next summer's third film.

"Saturday Night Live: The Complete First Season"
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"The Complete Superman Collection"
Finally, the male answer to the "Sex and the City" DVD collection — the ultimate grouping of Superman films brings Clark Kent back to life in stunningly redone visual splendor.

"An Inconvenient Truth"
With a package made from 100 percent post-recyclable materials, Al Gore's environmental documentary features a captivating slide show that not only makes the viewer believe in the reality of global warming, but also in the reality of Gore's coolness.

**Music:**

"Dreamgirls: Music from the Motion Picture"
The soundtrack of the much-anticipated, Oscar-buzzworthy musical "Dreamgirls" features the vocal talent of Beyonce and the powerhouse voice of Jennifer Hudson. Look for Hudson to steal the picture and the soundtrack.

"Eminem Presents: The Re-Up"
The latest project from Eminem features new artists Ca$his, Stat Quo and Bobby Creakwater. The album is compiled in a mix-tape fashion in order to promote its up and coming artists.

**Video Gaming:**

Wii: Officially the most unique and creative gaming system of the season, the Nintendo Wii has finally arrived. What makes the Wii so interesting is its wireless, motion-sensitive remote.

"Gears of War"
A great new title for the Xbox 360 gaming system, "Gears of War" uses cutting edge graphics to profile the quest of humankind to fight a monstrous race known as the Locust Horde.

"NCAA Football 2007"
With interactive elements such as living the life of a student athlete and maintaining a high GPA and also better football intelligence and gameplay, NCAA Football 2007 is the latest and most in-depth video game in the EA series.

"Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Vegas"
The newest in a popular first-person shooter series, the sin-city version has received high rankings for its detailed graphics and realistic gameplay. The game takes full advantage of any next-generation console and is a must have for any gamer.
NVIF Music Director John Siegel compiled a list of the top albums of the past semester. Individual opinions from members of the WVFI staff and the weekly charts from the past semester are the basis for the list. There are new releases by old favorites from both the independent and mainstream music scenes. Many independent artists transitioned to mainstream record labels and began new chapters of their careers. Some new faces also made big splashes this past semester and left a lasting impression on listeners.

The Hold Steady: "Boys and Girls in America"

The Hold Steady's first release for Vagrant Records builds off of the high points of their previous albums "Separation Sunday" and "Almost Killed Me." Front man Craig Finn continues telling tales of love, faith and the odd characters that inhabit Finn's Minneapolis.

Guitar riffs run wild, but the band also knows how to slow things down on tracks like "First Night" and "Citrus." The album also highlights Finn's improvement as a singer. His gruff voice balances the right amount of edge and melody to cement The Hold Steady's status as the best bar band in America.

Brand New: "The Devil and God Are Raging Inside of Me"

Brand New returned from their self-imposed exile from the world of emo with a confident and intense follow up to 2003's "Deja Entendu." Primary songwriter Jesse Lacey approaches the songs with the same struggle between arrogance and insecurity that "Deja Entendu" displayed. However, Brand New shows how much they have grown as musicians and artists, using more complex instrumentation and producing sometimes soothing and sometimes chaotic music.

Bob Dylan: "Modern Times"

Dylan's 31st studio album debuted to both critical acclaim and solid success. "Modern Times" proves that Bob Dylan is still making relevant and thoughtful-provoking music. The music on "Modern Times" falls somewhere between more traditional country and folk, but Dylan's artistry overcomes any reservations listeners might have about either country or folk.

Ben Kweller: "Ben Kweller"

Ben Kweller has mellowed in his mid-20s and his latest album showcases his newfound musical and personal maturity. Kweller's third release gains from its clear production, which removes the harsher elements of Kweller's early releases. The songs on "Ben Kweller" center on piano melodies and acoustic accompaniment, but Kweller is a gifted songwriter who can add emotion and energy to simple arrangements. Kweller also looks into himself, recalling his past on the intimate track "Thirteen." Kweller's latest is a credit to his songwriting and a preview of his potential as a top-notch musician.

Joanna Newsom: "Ys"

The track list of Joanna Newsom's latest album is only five songs long. However, Newsom's second album contains almost an hour's worth of music. Newsom composes longer and more intricate songs with the same struggle between earthy and the odd. Newsom's voice still stays in the foreground with its elegant soaring and charming chirping. A full orchestra accompanies her unique voice and signature harp. The orchestra adds interesting layers to each song and enhances the Newsom's lyrical tales.

Cold War Kids: "Robbers and Cowards"

Cold War Kids are one of the year's indie rock success stories, having built up hype with a series of EPs and tours over the past year. Eventually, they released their full length album "Robbers and Cowards" in October. They overcame a potential barrier given their French lyrics. The track list of "The Crane Wife" was a charming and personal quality. The Decemberists show that they are able to run the gamut of songs, from the love ballad "Ol' Valentino!" to the epic and wandering "The Island." The band gets a little help from Death Cab for Cutie's Chris Walla. In the end, The Decemberists make a great album that balances the epic, the earthy and the odd.

Lupe Fiasco: "Food and Liquor"

In recent years, many hip-hop artists out of Chicago have found success nationwide. Lupe Fiasco is the next in the line of Chicago rappers to gain national recognition. Taking cues from Kanye West, Fiasco produced his debut album to completely take over the creative direction of his music. The result is a mix of Fiasco's personal experience and his observations on life. The lead single "Kick, Push" discusses the problems of some of his friends, but emphasizes skateboarding as a way to escape everyday problems.

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Newer jury guard Tracy McGrady elevates for a layup as Golden State forward and ex-Irish star Troy Murphy goes for the block.

Randolph ensures that return trip to Michigan is a happy one as his 31 points, 13 rebounds lead Portland over Detroit

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Dallas Mavericks weren’t too happy about losing their 12-game winning streak, and the struggling New Jersey Nets wound up paying for it.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and Josh Howard added 23 to lead Dallas past New Jersey 92-75 Tuesday night.

In its 106-97 loss to the Wizards on Monday, Dallas played lethargically until late in the game and at one point trailed by 31 points before rallying in the fourth quarter.

Coach Avery Johnson detected a somber mood on the trip north.

“We were really embarrassed,” he said. “The plane was quiet, the bus was quiet. Usually some guys are playing games, but there were no games being played. That’s a good sign. We don’t take losing well.”

The Mavericks never trailed against the Nets, built a 17-point lead in the third quarter and held off a New Jersey rally early in the fourth. Howard attributed the fast start to the way the Mavericks ended Monday’s game.

“With an excellent job in the fourth quarter and it carried over to tonight,” he said. “We knew what we needed to do.”

Howard has developed into the perfect complement to Nowitzki, and the fourth-year swingman had led or co-led Dallas in scoring in three of the last four games. On Tuesday, he and Nowitzki scored all of the Mavericks’ points in a 13-4 run midway through the fourth quarter that gave them an 88-71 lead.

With Nowitzki scoring a quiet 10 points in the first half, Howard picked up the slack with 15 points on 7-for-10 shooting.

“He has the ability to contribute when he’s not scoring, and he’s keeping the right level of concentration for longer stretches,” Johnson said of Howard.

Vince Carter scored 20 points for New Jersey, which has lost its last nine games but is still tied with Toronto atop the Atlantic Division at 7-10. Even with the league’s hottest team in town, the Nets couldn’t match the Mavericks’ energy on either end of the floor.

“It just seemed like Dallas had a great sense of urgency and we weren’t able to meet it,” Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. “We just didn’t seem, for whatever reason, to have a great deal of pop in our step.”

Randolph answered with a layup made its one-point game, and Dixon missed a long jumper before Hillups gave the Pistons the lead with a 22-footer. After a timeout, Randolph answered with a driving jumper over Tayshaun Prince, putting Portland ahead 82-78.

Hamilton missed twice at the basket but just didn’t have a sense of urgency in the last two games,” Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. “When you win eight in a row, you start maybe feeling too good about yourself.”

Juan Dixon’s jumper broke an 8-ail tie with 2:13 left, and after Hillups made a technical foul free throw, Jarrett Jack hit two shots from the line to give the Trail Blazers an 84-81 lead.

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Johnson said of Howard.

Randolph’s days at Michigan aren’t enjoying his pro career as much.

Randolph had 31 points and 13 rebounds Tuesday night, including a go-ahead basket with 21.6 seconds to go, and the Portland Trail Blazers snapped a five-game losing streak with a win over Detroit.

“This is a big win,” he said. “You can’t do better than this. Starting a road trip by beating one of the best teams in the league.”

Randolph had a career-high 37 points in his last trip to the Palace, a 93-89 loss on Dec. 20, 2005.

“I love playing in Detroit,” he said. “I went to college around here, and I love coming back.”

Richard Hamilton scored 25 for Detroit, which lost its second straight after an eight-game winning streak.

“This was a horrible loss for us said Chauncey Billups, who kept the Pistons close with eight points in the final 4 minutes, hitting three of the kind of games that can haunt you late in the season.”

Detroit also lost Sunday in Charlotte. The Trail Blazers outlasted the Bobcats 12-24.

“Most of the guys, we can’t do better than this,” said Billups, who was 3 of 13 in the game.

“The guys are not going to go out and try that because we have a comfortable lead,” is my philosophy. I’m just going to try to take it to an easier level now,” Howard said.

McGrady scored no effects from the concussion he suffered after taking an elbow from teammate Dikembe Mutombo in Saturday’s win over Cleveland. In a 30-second sequence in the third quarter, McGrady picked off a steal, drove for a breakaway layup, then hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

“I surprised myself tonight with some of the things I did,” he said.

Yao Ming added 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Rockets, who’ve won six of their last seven games and six in a row at the Toyota Center. Chuck Hayes grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds and Howard added 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who shot 54 percent (43- of 81) against the NBA’s worst defense.

Yao manhandled Golden State’s big men, who tallied 12 of 17 shots, most of them dunks and layups.

“This is my job, man,” Yao said. “They put single coverage on me. So all I had to do was catch the ball and go.”

Houston was the fourth straight opponent to reach at least 108 points against Golden State. The Warriors came in allowing an NBA-worst 106 points per game.

Monta Ellis scored 19 and Baron Davis added 18 points for the Warriors, who’ve lost four in a row since coach Don Nelson earned his 1,199th career victory.

Nelson is trying to join Len Wilkens as the only coaches to win 1,200-plus games.

“We didn’t play well offensive­ly or pass the ball or execute our game plan,” he said. “We proved we are not ready to play the best teams in the NBA.”

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## Blues honor Hull by retiring jersey

**Associated Press**

**ST. LOUIS —** The Blues didn't stop at retiring Brett Hull's No. 16 jersey on Tuesday night. They also arranged to name a street after him.

Just the jersey would have been plenty for Hull, who thanked his enforcers for taking good care of him, admitted to his old coaches that he knew he could be a handful, and even thanked the media while bragging that his exploits certainly made their jobs easier.

"To have an organization think that much of you is more than one guy can ask," Hull said.

Hull's nickname, "Golden Brett," was a takeoff of father Bobby Hull's moniker, "Golden Jet." The pair are the only father-son combination to score 600 goals and 1,000 points, and now they're the only father and son to have their jerseys retired in any sport.

The banner with Hull's number was slowly raised to the rafters to a Neil Young rock song with appropriate lyrics: "Old man take a look at my life, I'm a lot like you."

The Blues also arranged to call the street that borders their arena "Brett Hull Way." Hull outscored his dad, 741-610. Bobby Hull's No. 9 was retired by the Chicago Blackhawks in 1983.

Adam Oates was among the 20 former teammates who attended the ceremonies before the Blues-Reds Wings game. The present Blues players all wore No. 16 during warmups, just as they all wore No. 2 during Al MacInnis' jersey retirement ceremony last April.

"Brett, nothing compares to the three years I got to play with you," Oates said. "It was the highlight of my career."

**Chairman David Checketts** made honoring Hull a top priority when his ownership group took over last summer. He was hopeful that the occasion, which prompted the first sellout crowd of the season for a struggling franchise often playing to half-capacity or less, would spur the beginning of a revival.

Hull recalled a fiery dressing-down from Brian Sutter, his first coach with the Blues, as pivotal in his career. The rookie said he thought Sutter was going to "tell him, 'Bey, am lucky to be coaching you.'"

## In Brief

Ten finalists named for baseball Hall of Fame's broadcast award

**COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. —** Dizzy Dean, Ken Harrelson and Joe Nuxhall are among 10 finalists for the 2007 Ford C. Frick Award, presented by the Baseball Hall of Fame for major contributions to broadcasting.

Denny Matthews, Bill King, Tom Cheek, Tony Kubek, Franca Laux, Graham McNamee, and Dave Niehaus also were candidates announced Tuesday. Harrelson, Matthews and Niehaus are the only ones still active.

Fans cast more than 75,000 votes in November at the Hall of Fame's Web site, with King (11,943), Nuxhall (8,049), and Harrelson (6,795) being selected for the ballot. The other seven broadcasters were chosen by a research committee from the museum.

Voters based selections on longevity, familiarity with a club, honors, including national assignments such as the World Series and All-Star Game, and popularity with fans.

**NASCAR** to air on DirecTV in 2007 season, will debut at Daytona 500

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. —** The sport that already offers unprecedented fan access is going one step further in 2007, allowing DirecTV viewers to watch an entire NASCAR race from the back of the car.

**NASCAR HotPass** will debut on DirecTV at the Daytona 500 in February and offer fans at home the opportunity to watch a race from a driver's vantage point. Subscribers will have access to five channels dedicated to individual drivers, who will change every week.

Each channel will have up to six cameras and two isolated announcers focusing solely on one driver for an entire race. Viewers will have access to in-car audio communication, real-time statistics and cameras covering every angle from inside the race car to the pit box and all around the track.

**HotPass** is the brainchild of Fox Sports chairman David Hill.

New video system allows college athletes to attend classes digitally

**INDIANAPOLIS —** Former St. John's basketball coach Mike Jarvis has seen college athletes struggle to balance class work with a team's schedule.

Now he's offering a virtual solution to help those players succeed.

Jarvis has teamed up with Vbrick Systems on a product aimed at helping athletes improve their academic performance by attending classes through a digital video system that can be played on computers, cell phones or iPods. A presentation on it is expected at this week's Intercollegiate Athletic Forum in New York City.

"The first solution is improving attendance. You and I know that if you're not there, it's hard to do your job well," Jarvis told The Associated Press. "The other part is retention. ... This gives youngsters the opportunity to repeat classes over and over."

## Around the Dial

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Young leads Titans from rebuilding to red hot

Rookie quarterback has coach, teammates excited about future

The Titans (5-7) are one of the NFL's hottest teams, winners of five of seven, with the last two featuring riveting comebacks. The playoffs, which seemed at least two years away, suddenly are a mathematical possibility, and Fisher's job couldn't be more secure.

"I said a long time ago that these guys are working hard, and they trust each other," Fisher said. "When you have those combinations of good things going on, things eventually will turn around."

"Like this?"

The Titans tied for the second-best comeback in NFL history in the final 10 minutes with 24 unanswered points against the New York Giants on Nov. 26.

They then rallied from 0-14 in beating two-time NFL MVP Peyton Manning and the Colts with Rob Bironas' 60-yard field goal in the final seconds. "It is almost like a statement to let people in our division and people around the league know that we are almost back to where we were," linebacker Keith Bulluck said. "So they know what happens when we start rolling."

Credit for the franchise's dramatic turnaround goes to Fisher, the coach other teams wish they could steal, and Vince Young, the rookie quarterback the Titans chose to rebuild around.

The franchise that had four playoff berths in five seasons slumped to nine wins combined the past two years, mired in a salary cap mess and forced to build through the draft. Steve McNair, the quarterback for 11 seasons, was too expensive and too old to do the extra work needed, and the Titans botched his departure in their worst move since deciding to play a season in Memphis.

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That doesn't include a rally in the Titans' first victory this season after trailing 14-3 at Washington before winning 25-22, or a pair of one-point losses: 14-13 at Indianapolis and 27-26 to Baltimore after blowing a 19-point lead. Young put them in position to win against the Ravens before a blocked 43-yard field goal.
Mediocre NFC is a log jam

Philadelphia, Atlanta, New York and Carolina all alive with 500 records

NFL

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Going 500 gets fans upset, coaches in trouble and players released. Except in this year's NFC, where a break-even mark is looking playoff-worthy. And a winning record makes you a Super Bowl contender.

When the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Carolina Panthers on Monday night, it created a four-way logjam for the two NFC wild-card berths between those teams, the New York Giants and Atlanta — all at 6-6.

So while teams possibly headed for 10 wins in the NFC are wondering if it will be enough to get them into the Super Bowl chase, mediocrity not parity, in the other conferences is off the field by these teams is off the field that has plagued the Giants.

"That's the way the NFC is this year, and because of that every game is like a playoff game," said Philadelphia kicker David Akers, whose 25-yard field goal beat Carolina on Monday night and created the four-way tie at 6-6.

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肇三言, the greatest song, as shy, anything is possible, Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We're just taking it one week at a time; we're not going to worry too much about getting into the playoffs or anything else."

History usually hasn't been kind to NFC teams. Since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978, seven 8-8 clubs reached the postseason, with the 1985 Cleveland Browns actually winning the AFC Central. The other six were wild cards.

But recent history has been more positive for such posers, with two 8-8s making it in 1999 (Dallas and Detroit) and two more in 2004 (Minnesota and St. Louis). Indeed, even a 7-9 finish could be good enough in the NFC, which brings St. Louis, San Francisco and Minnesota — all 5-7 and all decidedly average or worse — into the equation.

What raises the question whether the lack of artistry on the field by those teams is off-set by the excitement created in cities where next April's playoffs are now, by now, the main NFL topic.  

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Really good things, such as division championships and byes, definitely will happen to teams with more wins than losing. The Bears are 10-2, own the North title and could clinch home-field advantage over the conference playoffs this weekend. Dallas, New Orleans and Seattle all are 8-4 and, with wins Sunday, could secure at least wild-card spots. Of course, the Cowboys host the Saints, so one of New Orleans' won't get that prize right away. But as long as they get another victory, they all should be playing in January. The Panthers, who have the edge — even if they wind up 8-7.

Maybe nobody. All four teams play each other twice. Carolina finishes by hosting Carolina and visiting Philly. The Panthers are home for Giants this Sunday. New York follows that by hosting Chicago, and Philadelphia finishes at home against the Falcons after three straight road games.

All are struggling — that's how you get to 6-6, after all — and show few signs of putting together a winning streak this month.

Carolina (four) and New York (five) already have had such strings, but the Panthers also have added two-three game losing streaks and the Giants are mired in a four-game skid. At least the Panthers don't have the turmoil on and off the field that has plagued the Giants.  

Nor does Carolina have the string of injuries plaguing her. The other six were 6-6 and, with 10 wins in the division championships and Super Bowl records, 6-6 teams. Injuries are the system, because each game is so critical to win going down the stretch. You never can tell and if you don't give up, maybe good things will happen for you."

Not to mention a sense of urgency." That's all it was. That didn't stop Carr from twisting before Florida was pandemic and Aubrey Brown of Texas, who was supposedly the only player that leads. Mass rioting? Global warming? History being made? Florida could even be a national playoff.

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Amid heavy criticism, Bowden vows to return

FSU coach says he still has passion to win a national title

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Bobby Bowden took some shots in his 31st season at Florida State.

His Seminoles went 6-6. His son, Jeff, resigned as Florida State’s offensive coordinator after six years of being a lighting rod for criticism.

The 77-year-old Bowden called it his most “trying season.” Don’t think for a second it’ll be his last.

“I could step out so easily,” he said Tuesday, hours before he was to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. “Go retire and have a good time. I don’t want to do that. It’s like a fighter. A fighter always thinks he’s got one more good fight.”

“As a coach, I still want to win a national championship.”

Bowden and 13 players, including Emmitt Smith, Bruce Smith and Heisman Trophy winners Charlie Ward and Mike Rozier, were elected to the Hall of Fame in May, along with Penn State coach Joe Paterno.

Paterno was also to be inducted Tuesday night at the National Football Foundation awards banquet in New York, but he’s still recovering from leg surgery. His formal induction was delayed until next year. Paterno broke his leg and injured his knee when two players crashed into him on the sideline during a game against Wisconsin on Nov. 4.

Paterno cracked that he didn’t want his wheelchair to get in the way at the ceremony.

“It’s afraid it’ll bump my walker,” Bowden replied.

“I’d like rather have him here,” Bowden added. “I feel like it’s kind of been a Bobby and Joe show and without him it feels like something is missing.”

The other players inducted into the Hall of Fame were Colorado running back Bobby Anderson, Miami defensive back Benigni Biladez, Minnesota defensive lineman Carl Eller, Washington defensive lineman Steve Emtman, Baylor safety Thomas Everett, Air Force defensive lineman Chad Hennings, Tennessee offensive lineman Chip Kell, Purdue quarterback Mike Phipps and Stanford linebacker Jeff Sienem.

“They’ll be enshrined at the Hall in South Bend, Ind., next summer.”

Bowden and Paterno, the winningest coaches in major college football, were also this year’s winners of the NFF’s Gold Medal. Previous recipients include seven U.S. presidents, Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson and actor John Wayne.

Florida International coach Howard Schnellenberger, the former Miami coach who along with Paterno helped turn Miami—Florida State into one of college football’s premier rivalries, said no teams were tougher to prepare for than Bowden’s.

“His teams have always been the same. They been top-notch from a preparation standpoint. Top-notch conditioning-wise. They’ve always been enthusiastic and aggressive,” Schnellenberger said. “We’re fortunate we have a 50-50 percentage him. Three out of five at the moment and 0-1 at Louisville.”

Florida State fell on hard times this season. The ‘Noles were the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion and picked to reach the ACC title game again. But the Seminoles were hit by injuries, forced to play numerous freshmen, and never found consistency on offense. Florida State tried to avoid its first losing season since 1976, Bowden’s first in Tallahassee, in the Emerald Bowl against UCLA on Dec. 27.

Since Jeff Bowden began running his father’s offense six seasons ago, the Seminoles haven’t been their old explosive selves. Jeff had taken much of the blame for the problems. Finally, last month, he stepped down.

“It was strictly his move,” Bobby said. “I would never have forced him out. Blood’s thicker than water. I’d got myself out first.”

Associated Press

IRISH DANCER

Notre Dame goaltender Dave Brown jumps to make a save against Alaska in a 3-1 Irish win Dec. 2.
Bouchard wins game with little brother’s move

Wild right wing’s backhander in shootout snaps a four-game skid for Minnesota, gets 22-year-old out of coach’s doghouse

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Already in NHL Ward Pierre-Marc Bouchard needed a new trick to work his way out.

Marc-Bouchard scored the winning goal in a shootout to carry the Wild to a 3-2 victory over the Blackhawks on Tuesday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Bouchard scored the winner in the shootout, stuffing a backhander in at 1:47 of the first overtime. He has scored his first career winning goal in a shootout.

The elder Marc-Bouchard needed the shootout goal to avoid further irritating Wild coach Jacques Lemaire.

“I asked (Bouchard) to back check a few times in the third period and he wouldn’t so I sat him down,” Lemaire said.

Brian Rolston and Todd White also scored for the Wild and goalie Manny Fernandez stopped 27 shots for his first victory since Nov. 11.

The loss ended Chicago’s three-game winning streak and prevented Savard from becoming the first Blackhawks coach to win his first four games.

Savard replaced Trent Yawney as head coach last week and was rewarded for his strong start with a contract extension through the 2007-08 season earlier in the day.

Brandon Bochenski scored his first goal of the season and Bryan Smolinski added a short-handed goal for Chicago.

“You’d like to get two points in a game like this, but our overall effort was great,” Savard said.

“We knew they’d play well tonight,” Bochenski said.

Bochenski sneaked a wrist shot past Fernandez to give Chicago a 1-0 lead in the first period. White tied it eight minutes later before Smolinski snuck away with the puck and notched a short-handed goal at the end of the first to make it 2-1 in favor of Chicago.

Rolston took a pass from Wyatt Smith and tied the game with a breakaway goal early in the second period.

Savard, who has played poorly during the last month, stopped two Chicago shots in the game’s final seconds to help send the game into overtime. He also received an ovation from the sellout crowd after stopping a Patrick Sharp wrist shot with 1:20 to play in overtime.

“He’s a great feeling to finally get his first NHL hat trick,” Bochard said.

The Blue Jackets, coming off a 7-4 defeat in the first period, staked the game goal-scoring streak. The Blue Jackets enter the game on a 1-19-1-1 all-time mark against the Avalanche.

The Blue Jackets entered the game with a 13-14-2-1 all-time mark against the Avalanche, their lone win being a 4-3 overtime victory in Columbus on Feb. 28, 2004. They had never won at the Pepsi Center (0-9-0-0).

Peter Budaj stopped 18 shots. He posted a shutout the last time he faced Columbus on Nov. 17, stopping 25 shots in a 3-0 win.

Budaj was pulled after allowing the game-winning goal.

Columbus has now killed 21 straight power plays over the last five games. The Blue Jackets killed four on Tuesday night.

Modin’s goal came on a pass from Mats Sundin, who was on his knees and falling toward the ice when he sent the puck across the goal crease to Modin.

Chimera scored his fourth of the season when he tipped a shot by Budaj. He added his fifth of the season after picking up a loose puck near the goal and directing it in. This was the first goal of Colorado’s 1,000th game since moving to Denver in 1995. The Avalanche debut in Denver was a 4-1 win over Detroit on Oct. 6, 1995.

Sabres 4, Lightning 1

Daniel Briere needed 4:29 games, including two three-goal first period, as the Eastern Conference-leading Buffalo Sabres beat the Tampa Bay Lightning on Tuesday night.

“400 something games, I don’t know why,” Briere said. “I don’t think I’ve played as good of a game this year. It’s a great feeling to finally get one.”

Briere completed the hat trick from the right wing with 7:35 left in the game with a breakaway goal. He has 14 career goals, including two in the first period.

“Tonight like this happen, it’s just not about yourself,” Briere said. “I have to give my linemates a lot of credit because of the plays they made.”

Buffalo also got a goal from Chris Drury, who has a four-game goal-scoring streak. The Sabres, coming off a 4-4 defeat at Washington on Saturday, have not lost consecutive games this season.

“It was a game that we wanted to take a lot of pride in, in trying to win and stay away from losing two in a row,” Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said.

Vincent Lecavalier scored for the Lightning, who have lost four in a row. He has a goal in four straight games.

“We played OK at times,” Lightning coach John Tortorella said. “You have to score goals. You’re not going to win if you don’t score goals.”

After Lecavalier scored 53 seconds into the game, Briere tied it at 1-1 with a 2:17 power play goal. He also scored for the Sabres ahead of 10:34 before Briere made it 3-1 with 2:45 left in the first period.

Drury’s goal during a 3-on-1 came after Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller stopped an in-close chance by Brad Richards. Briere’s second goal in the first was set up by Jochen Hecht, who stole the puck from Richards in the Lightning zone.

Minnesota right wing Pierre-Marc Bouchard slides the puck backhanded past Blackhawks goalie Nikolai Khabibulin in a shootout Tuesday to win the game for the Wild. 3-2. Bouchard learned the move from his younger brother, Francois, who plays in the Quebec Major Junior league.
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the Notre Dame defense is giving up to entire teams (1.35 goals per game).
Hensick is joined on the same line with senior David Rohlf and junior Kevin Porter, who have 10 and 13 goals respectively. All three have been drafted to play in the NHL.
The problem with Michigan is that you don’t defend on Hensick, and Porter scores. You defend on (Andrew) Cogliano, and (Chad) Kolaric scores,” Jackson said. “They have too many weapons to focus on one guy.”

The Irish defense added weapons to focus on one guy. Chad Porter, who scored his first collegiate goal on a shot from the point in Saturday’s 6-2 win over Alaska. Lawson also tallied an assist in the game for his eighth point of the year, another good sign for our program,” Jackson said.

The tournament starts Dec. 26 and continues until the championship game Jan. 5. Lawson will miss a two-game conference series with Northern Michigan and possibly a Jan. 5 matchup with Robert Morris.

The Irish defense is giving up too many goals (1.35), but it’s a good opportunity and a good sign for our program,” Jackson said.

Notre Dame will then finish off its winter break schedule with a Jan. 24-25 series against Lake Superior State.

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practice that’s not South Bend,” associate coach Matt Tallman said.

Notre Dame will have little time to bask in the Florida sunshine, as the team will train vigorously over the two-week period.

“We mostly do two-a-days for the time we are down there,” Tallman said. “It’s a better atmosphere mentally. We’ll be outdoors in the sun.”

Welsh said the team uses this opportunity to get in shape for its meet against Northwestern (currently No. 9 in the CSCAA poll) and the Big East meet Feb. 14-17.

“There’s no time to get in shape once school starts again,” he said. “You have to already be in shape.”

After completing their training, the Irish will face Oakland in a dual meet Jan. 12. Notre Dame previously bested Oakland by 106 points in the Dennis Stark Relays Oct. 6. It will then head to Cleveland State to take on Duquesne and Xavier the following day.

“Oakland has improved much over the last few years,” Welsh said.

Notre Dame is off to a fast start this season, winning the Stark Relays, posting a 4-0 record in dual meet competition — including its first win over Purdue in 19 years — and finishing third in The Ohio State Invitational last weekend.

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“You tell her, ‘Take it to the hole, make something happen,’” Henley said. “She has the ability to draw contact and is strong enough to take contact.”

The team, however, struggles in the rebounding and turnover department. Saint Mary’s has been out-rebounded in six of its seven games this season and turns the ball over 1.4 more times per game than its opponents.

A resolution on both issues may be imminent, however. Against Carthage, the Belles scored 18 points off turnovers while holding Carthage to 15. And freshman Anna Kammrath has appeared as a bona fide glass player, averaging 11.3 rebounds per game in the past three games.

“Kammrath is stepping up, doing what we asked her to do,” Henley said.

The Bulldogs are currently 3-1 (1-0 in the MIAA). Although without individual stars, the team averages 72 points per game and holds its opponents to 59 points per game. Freshman forward Kim Olech leads the Bulldogs with 11.3 points per game and 7.3 rebounds per game, shooting 55 percent from the field. Junior guard Nichole Rose sinks a blistering 63 percent of her 3-point attempts.

“I’ve got to stress the importance of team defense, keeping people off outside the paint, and locating shooters in transition defense,” Henley said.

“They’re young and scrappy, they’re playing a lot of different players and they have a lot of kids who can step up and knock it down. It comes back again to rebounding and our pressure defense forcing turnovers.”

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guide Kyle McAlarney said. A win over the Crimson Tide would give Notre Dame (6-1) a major quality victory, which will help the Irish if they are on the NCAA Tournament bubble.

“Our resume looks so great if we beat Maryland and Alabama,” McAlarney said. “They’re a great team, one of the best in the nation, so it’s going to be a tough test for us. But they’re coming to our house, so they should be the underdogs, and we expect to win.”

A win, which would be Notre Dame’s sixth in a row, would also catapult the Irish into a stretch of five Christmas break games against mid-major teams where they warm up for their Big East opener Jan. 3 against Louisville.

“If we win this basketball game, we put ourselves in a really good situation to finish out our non-conference schedule and head into the Big East,” Irish forward Rob Kurz said. “It gives us a few marquee wins for sure.”

The Crimson Tide (7-0) has defeated its opponents by an average of 17 points. The trip to the Joyce Center will be Alabama’s first true road game, however.

The Tide beat Middle Tennessee, Xavier and Iowa in the Paradise Jam tournament in the Virgin Islands, during its only trip away from Tuscaloosa.

“They’re similar to Maryland in that they’ve got big, long, athletic guys up front, and they got skilled guys at the guard and wing positions,” Notre Dame guard Colin Falls said of the Crimson Tide. “It’s gonna be the same focus for us as far as we have to protect the paint, and we have to rebound the basketball. If we can do those two things on the defensive end, I think we’ll give ourselves a shot.”

Forward Jermaine Davidson, averaging 15.3 points per game, leads the Crimson Tide offensively. But he isn’t the only scoring threat.

“(Davidson’s) a great player,” said Kurz, who is probably the team’s third on the team behind Barlow and center Erica Williamson. “He’s one of the best players in the country,” Falls said. “He makes them go.”

Steele will be matched up against McAlarney, who scored 18 points Sunday in the win over the Terrapins.

“I think that will be the match up,” McAlarney said. “But I think we’ll probably play a little zone too. It’s a challenge, but I’m not backing down at all, so it’s going to be fun.”

Notes:
  • Irish coach Mike Brey has requested that fans wear black to Thursday night’s game. Notre Dame wore black uniforms in Sunday’s win over Maryland.

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"This is obviously the best team we’ve played this year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We’ve really got to make it just a great game to make it a game."

Notre Dame struggled from the field Sunday, shooting just 34.1 percent from the floor including a dismal 1-for-14 from beyond the arc. The trip to the Joyce Center will be Purdue’s first true road game of the season.

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ND BASKETBALL

National spotlight

Men to roll with No. 4 Alabama at the Joyce

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

After upsetting Maryland in Washington, D.C. Sunday, Notre Dame has to turn around and play one of its most important games of the season.

No. 4 Alabama comes to the Joyce Center Thursday in a game that will be crucial for the Irish come March.

"That definitely makes us probably the hottest team in the country if we beat Alabama, and I think if we do win, that definitely will bump us into the top 25," point guard Zachary Tingle said.

Left, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney fights off a defender in a 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State Nov. 29. Right, guard Charel Allen drives against the Indiana defense Sunday during the 54-51 Irish loss.

ND BASKETBALL

Warmer waters await ND

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

The No. 16 Irish will be hard at work over Christmas break, going on their annual training trip to Boca Raton, Fla., from Dec. 29-Jan. 10 before taking on Oakland Jan. 12 and Cleveland State Jan. 13.

"This is all about getting ready for February," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "It's a very hard work period for us."

The team will stay in hotels near the campus of St. Andrew's Prep School and take advantage of the school's outdoor facilities and weight rooms during its two weeks of training.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope third time the charm with Adrian

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's lost to conference leader Adrian earlier this season but the Belles have a chance to earn avenge that loss tonight at 7 at the College of St. Mary.

"We're playing Alison a lot more minutes, so it's hard to get her a break," Head Coach Jennifer Henley said. "Other teams are gotten after her as well, and she has to work harder on offense because she's so successful."

But opposing defenses are unable to stop Kessler once she gets to the free-throw line. Kessler shoots 82.4 percent from the line in an offense designed to create situations where she can draw fouls.

An Irish swimmer competes in the breaststroke at a meet Nov. 10 against Michigan State.

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