Students, officials will celebrate Moreau
Founder of the Congregation of the Holy Cross to be beatified in Le Mans, France

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

One hundred seventy years after Father Basile Moreau founded the Congregation of Holy Cross in Le Mans, France, Notre Dame students, faculty and administrators will travel to the site to celebrate his beatification for three days of ceremonies to celebrate Moreau's life, beginning Friday.

Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry at Notre Dame, described the importance of the beatification for the Notre Dame community.

"For all of us, it is a very special moment," he said. "He was a great educator, and during our time as priests and brothers we have been educators." Warner is a member of the official party that will be closely involved in the weekend's festivities. The official party consists of 800 people - 15 from each Holy Cross province across the globe, as well as administrators from each of the Holy Cross schools and all the Holy Cross bishops.

In addition to Warner, Notre Dame's delegation will include University President Father John Jenkins; Richard C. Notebaert, chairman of the University Board of Trustees; Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves; Associate Vice President Father James E. McDonald; Provost Thomas G. Burkel; John Cavadini, the director of the Institute for Church Life; and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

In addition to the official group, 65 Notre Dame students studying in Europe - mainly in Angers, see MOREAU-page 3

ROTC program bucks national trend

Applicants for University's divisions remain high despite ongoing violence in Iraq

By MARCELA SAGUARDIAN
Associate News Editor

Across the United States, as the war in Iraq continues and the country mourns on the sixth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, college ROTC programs are scrambling to attract incoming students.

At Notre Dame, however, ROTC programs have received steady rates of applications - generally surpassing national averages since before the war began.

Students who consider joining a ROTC program must weigh tuition benefits and an accelerated career start with likely deployment after graduation. For some Notre Dame students, a sense of duty sounds stronger than any fear of serving overseas.

For them, the chance to make affordable a Notre Dame education through military scholarships is the ultimate dealmaker.

Army on pace

Capt. Sean Straus, in charge of the Army ROTC's recruiting operations at Notre Dame, said he expects to have as many as 30 freshmen enrolled in the program by the end of the 2007-08 academic year.

Currently, he said, there are only 24 new recruits at Notre Dame, but more should arrive next semester - putting the class of 2011 on the higher end of the program's averages.

Straus said since 2001, the Army ROTC program has welcomed between 20 and 25 new recruits out of more than 200 applications each year.

"The admissions standards at Notre Dame are very high," he said.

Cell phone reception inconsistent

College wants student response to fix problem

By MANO STRUMNE
News Writer

After cutting off service to all dorm phones this summer, Saint Mary's is responding to student complaints that cell phone service is unavailable in their rooms.

Students were required to disclose their cell numbers during Fall semester, but many have since moved out of dorms or lost their phones, though they could opt out from having their number listed on the directory.

Information Technology has requested student participation in a PRISM survey designed to locate problem areas, said Sandy Hanelly, telecommunications coordinator.

"At this point, the objective is to define the areas that there are problems in," she said. "We need to know where the difficulties lie for every carrier. We are looking at all the options.

No solution will be attempted until student input arrives, so students are encouraged to participate, she said.

"We understand the difficulties that students are having with cell phone service, and we would like to resolve those problems as quickly as possible," she said.

Students seemed generally receptive to the new policy, see PHONES-page 4

Writers say art transcends all

Nobel Prize winner, New York native discuss homeland, heartland

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Two famous writers - one an author raised in the Dominican Republic, the other an artist who was born in China - came together Monday to discuss the ways in which creative expressions can transcend cultural boundaries and other borders.

The "Between Homeland and Heartland" literary and arts event featured author Julia Alvarez and artist Gao Xingjian Monday in McKenna Hall. The presentation kicked off a four-day celebration of the arts that will explore the concept of home and identity.

NBC, FTT team up for ND commercial contest

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

For the first time, NBC will air a Notre Dame commercial created and directed entirely by a University student.

Students can enter the contest through the film, television and theatre department, which is working collaboratively with NBC.

The proposal spots, which are 30 seconds long, are due Friday.

Three scripts will be chosen, greenlighted for production and posted on nbc.com - where fans will be able to vote on them and decide the final winner.

Karen Heidler, supervisor of the FTT internship program, is one of the faculty members who will review the films.

"This is a popular concept these days," Heidler said. "Go back to the Superbowl Doritos commercial and you see a lot of organizations doing these things. Video is accessible to everyone these days, and everyone has a camera or an editing program on his or her computer.

"Everyone is into making movies and video," she said.

This is the first time NBC and FTT have worked together in order to sponsor a student-made commercial.

NBC's idea is to target the 18-to-24 year-old demographic," Heidler said. "They are trying to drive people to their Web site ... and make it more interactive to get students and other people to their site." Heidler and NBC Sports decided see NBC-page 4
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Pardon me if I sweat

It's 10 o'clock on a Thursday which can only mean one thing: I am getting dressed and ready to go to Fever. What's my biggest worry at the moment? Will I look fat? Will I look skinny? Will I look okay? Are those the words you've been using to describe me? Or have I just thrown these words away?

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Somehow, I have managed to look around the roomer at 1:30 and realize everyone is as sweaty as I am, that does not always make up for my discomfort at the fact that I have been this sweaty since I got up at 11. Don't get me wrong, I am not one of those people who is sweating next to you sitting in class. I am a mission sweater. The instant I start in on that raw meat, the body starts its own internal cycle. First it is my back, then my chest, face, and neck. I know I am officially out of control when my thighs jump the party. Now I know what you are thinking and no, I am not an overweight man. I am just a little lady with a big problem.

Just last week, I may have apologized at least six times for being so sweaty. I was even offered a friends shirt to wipe the beads from my brow. These interactions are most likely to happen when I have stopped dancing. Somehow my sweat seems more prominent. But I am standing in line for the bathroom, at the bar, or outside cooling off underneath it is just that on the dance floor I am too fast in the moment to notice. No matter what, if you happen to brush up against me at one of these times be forewarned that I have stated above: pardon me if I sweat.

I have come to terms with the increased activity of my sweat glands and I will obviously be the first to joke about it. By now, my friends have come to accept it — although I am sure they are all looking forward to the weather cooling off so they don't have to be seen with the sweaty girl much longer. What I would like is for me to accept the fact that I am sweaty; it is probably not even our fault. Blame our parents and the genes that they passed on. We are normal people who just happen to get a little hotter than you. When you see me on the dance floor remember: I am not gross, I am glistening, and please, clear a spot for us as the band plays.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kelly Higgins at kghigg@stmarys.edu

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**DRAWING OF THE DAY**

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**THE NOTRE DAME PEACE FELLOWSHIP**

The Notre Dame Peace Fellowship will host a candle-

**OFFBEAT**

Acquitted mugger kicks woman's toes

**ST. PAUL, Minn. — Police**

said a man who robbed a woman of her keys and cell

phone then took off her shoes and licked her toes.

Commander Kevin Casper said the attack was "weird sexual behavior."

The 24-year-old woman was leaving work around 1 a.m. Saturday when the 27-

year-old man approached her and demanded her keys and phone. After that he removed her shoes.

Police say the woman was not hurt.

Police arrested the man a few minutes later after

four blocks away. The woman identified the sus-

pect and police were able to recover her keys and

phone. The man is in custody and has not yet been formally

charged.

Teen's yearbook photo banned for flower

MERRIMACK, N.H. — A New Hampshire teenager'sdigital photo has been

rejected, because he's

holding a daisy. Merrimack

High School student Melissa

Morin's senior photograph

featured her and a small

red flower. School officials,

however, said the picture is

not going to make it in the

yearbook because props

aren't allowed.

In the photo, Morin, 17, who loves acting, is sitting on a costume trunk back-

stage at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. She wore a black and white sundress

and clutched the flower.

The policy stemmed from a 2005 controversy in Londonderry, where a student

posed with his gun, a judge ruled in favor of the school, but Merrimack officials

said they didn't want to face similar scuffles.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**NUMBER OF THE DAY**

The number of the day is 24.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

What would be your ideal Notre Dame television commercial?

Adam Carlson

Gary Carlson

Chris Vanderburgh

Emily Lyons

John Mrugala

Kate Zinsmeister

Mary Frances Popit

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BOG

Group looks at funding

Co-sponsorships discussed at weekly Board of Governance meeting

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Discussion among Board of Governance (BOG) members Monday night on Saint Mary’s campus focused on co-sponsorship — the requests for funding from clubs or societies on campus.

The second proposal for funding was for a trip to El Salvador for the organization Christians for Peace in El Salvador.

The proposal was presented by Kinmy Case and Collette Zavala, representatives of a group of nine Saint Mary’s students and two faculty members who hope to make the trip during fall break. "We would focus on the politics of El Salvador and meet with politicians, church leaders and social activists while there," Case said.

The trip is part of the social work program at Saint Mary’s. Upon their return, the students would present their findings at the spring social work luncheon.

In other BOG news:

◆ The BOG will hold forums every other week in the dining hall under the theme "Food for Thought." Student body president Kim Hodges spoke about the purpose of the group.

"The forum creates a venue for the student body to address questions or concerns they may have in order for our students to discuss the hot topics around campus."

Kim Hodges,
student body president

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Dublin, London, Toledo and Rome — will attend the beatification ceremony. A dinner will be held for Notre Dame students and the delegation Thursday night. On Friday, students will visit historic sites in Le Mans, including Notre Dame du Sainte Croix (the mother church of the Congregation of the Holy Cross), the birthplace of Moreau and the Holy Cross cemetery.

Also on Friday, the official Notre Dame delegation will attend a restricted service in Notre Dame du Sainte Croix before meeting with the students to attend a separate service held at the Cathédrale St-Julien.

Jenkins will then host a reception for the official party and the students. Afterwards, the townpeople of Le Mans will put on a sound and light show.

"The entire town will be filled with music and the great medieval walls will be completely lit up," Warner said. "It will really be quite a sight, and it really shows how much respect the people of Father Moreau's town have for him."

On Saturday, Bishop Jacques Maurin-Favre will preside over the Mass of the beatification in the Centre Arenas arena, during which Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins will read a letter from Pope Benedict XVI establishing Moreau as blessed. A five-foot painting of him will then be unfurled in front of an entire crowd, which organizers expect to number around 8,000. Subsequently, a wine and cheese reception will be held for all those in attendance after which the students and the official party will go out to dinner in downtown Le Mans.

The schedule of events will conclude Sunday with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the cathedral in Le Mans by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Students will then return to their study abroad locations, and the Notre Dame delegation will return to the United States.

Celebrations will continue, however, during the remainder of the year as different groups host campus events to honor Moreau and his legacy.

"I don’t think Father Moreau ever could have expected what he started 170 years ago," McDonald said. "It really shows that you never know what your life’s work will amount to. It is a great honor for Notre Dame and all those affiliated with the Order of the Holy Cross, and it provides us with great motivation for the future."

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What are you doing next summer?

from May 14 to June 15, 2008

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◆ Four and one-half week study in London
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◆ Earn 6 credit hours
◆ Still have 2 months of summer left when you return!

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Wednesday, Sept 12, 2007

11:45 to 12:30 P.M. DeBartolo 101
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On three finalists because they wanted to allow many students the opportunity to enter, while making the videos easily accessible online for voting.

Two submissions had been received by Monday night, but Heisler said she expects more by the due date.

"We don't know if we will get five submissions or 50," Heisler said. "It will be interesting to see.

Students who wish to make their own video but do not have the necessary equipment are allowed to use TFT equipment so long as they produce the actual film themselves.

"The student is responsible for producing the entire thing ... from graphics, sound, music, and editing," Heisler said. "We're excited to see the products."

NFC has not yet decided if the final commercial will be aired on television or on the Internet.

NFC will look at the quality of the video and the company will make a decision on whether and when it will air," Heisler said.

Heisler said she welcomed contact from students with questions. She can be reached at heisler.40@nd.edu or (574) 631-7496.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Musharraf defies national court
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Geo. Pervez Musharraf defied Pakistan’s Supreme Court on Monday, sending com­mandos to the airport and tossing out a bitter trial hours before he resigned from exile in hopes of making a political come­back and opposing the military leader. The expulsion of Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted as an elected prime minister by Musharraf in a 1999 bloodless coup, could deepen the general’s unpopularity and undermine the legitimacy of up­coming elections.

Guatemalan elections down to 2
GUATEMALA CITY — A tough-on-crime former general and a businessman who wants to solve Guatemala’s problems by fighting poverty will meet in a Nov. 4 presidential runoff, according to results. Monday from a first round of elections.

Alvaro Colom, a businessman making his third run for the presidency, had a 28 percent to 24 percent lead over Otto Perez of the conservative Patriotic Party, with 96 percent of the votes counted.

Sunday’s vote sheared away 10 other less-popular candidates, among them Nobel Laureate and Mayan activist Rigoberta Menchu, who got 3 percent.

Perez has stressed the need to crack­down on crime as a way to create growth, while Colom says the fight against crime should start with job creation in a country where 51 percent of the population lives on less than $2 a day.

Guatemala is Central America’s most violent country and a corridor for Colombian cocaine heading to the United States.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mob ring prosecuted in Chicago
CHICAGO — A federal jury found five aging hit men with a long association to the Chicago Outfit who took the stand against former general and a businessman who previously had planned only to give to charity.

A small girl walks walks under American flags issued with the names of the vic­tims of the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 flying in Battery Park, Manhattan.

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. general in Iraq outlined plans Monday for the with­drawal of as many as 20,000 U.S. troops by next summer, drawing praise from the White House but a chilly reception from anti-war Democrats.

Sen. David Petraeus said a 2,000-member Marine unit would return in time this month without replacement in the first sizable cut since a 2003 U.S.-Iraqi declaration top­pled Saddam Hussein and unleashed sectarian violence. Further “force reductions will continue,” he told a nationally televised congress­ional hearing that was fre­quently interrupted by anti­war protesters.

Petraeus said it would be “premature” to make recom­mendations on the pace,” and he recommended that President Bush wait until March 2008 to make any decisions.

The cuts be outlined would return the U.S. force approxi­mately to levels in place when Bush ordered a buildup last winter to allow the Iraqi government time to forge a reconciliation among feuding factions.

Petraeus slid into the wit­ness chair at a politically impor­tant moment in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,700 U.S. troops in Iraq. The Pentagon reported nine deaths on Monday.

The president invited con­gressional leaders to a meet­ing Tuesday at the White House, and is expected to make a nationwide speech on the war in the next few days. White House press secre­tary Tony Snow said Bush will place a lot of weight on his generals’ recommen­dations.

Snow said Bush “liked what he heard best” when he was briefed on Petraeus’ plans. “But he is commander in chief and it will be up to him to make final determinations about what he will recommend,” the spokesman noted.

Hillary to return campaign funds
WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s presidential campaign said Monday it will return $850,000 in donations raised by Democratic fundraiser Norman Hsu, who is being indicted and senatorial campaigns and to her political action committee, HillPac.

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And while the department’s goal is to keep nuclear weapons from entering the country, he said it also is focusing on how it would respond should a nuclear device get through and explode — par­ticularly how to identify and track the nuclear materials. Chertoff also said the department is putting in place new screening regulations that would require providing information on flight crews and passengers before a private aircraft departs from overseas bound for the United States.

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Notre Dame weed out a lot of people," he said. "It's easier to get the Army scholarship than it is to get into Notre Dame.

But students still try despite the possibility of serving amid the sectarian violence in Iraq after their college years.

Senior Hayden Pascal said she decided to join Army ROTC when she was a high school junior because the program would make a Notre Dame education affordable for her family.

"At first I decided to do it because it would pay for school, and it would be a job right out of college that I would not have to worry about," she said.

Pascal said she is happy with her decision to join ROTC because she has found the leadership skills and sense of patriotism developed in the program have been rewarding. Her feelings toward the program, she said, have moved beyond the financial perks it offers.

The possibility of being sent to the Middle East never influe nced her decision.

"We have more or less been told to expect to deploy within a year or two of commissioning," Pascal said. "But that has never made me think twice about joining the military.

For senior Guy Hipplehouse, the war in Iraq was a motivation to join Army ROTC at the end of his freshman year.

"Around the time that I began thinking about ROTC, there were rumors spreading throughout the media about how our forces were spread thin enough to warrant a draft or a pull-out from Iraq completely," he said. "I did'n't feel that we as a country could allow this to happen. So I joined ROTC, hoping to fill one of the empty ranks in the military.

In April, Time magazine reported that the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) had announced there were only 25,100 ROTC cadets in universities nationwide in 2006 — 6,000 shy of the target. Representatives of the GAO also said the Army would dis­ burse about $1 billion in 2007 to attract new soldiers and retain its old ones. A portion of those funds will go directly to ROTC scholarships across the country.

"The Army in general is grow­ing," Straus said. "It's adding 60,000 soldiers and of those, a recent amount of those are going to have to be officers. So as a result, they're going to turn to the ROTC more to try to meet those needs.

A war in the Middle East requires manpower, he said, and the Army ROTC programs will offer full-tuition rides to students in exchange of an eight-year commitment to the military after graduation.

Senior Russell Fu said he switched to Army ROTC at the end of his freshman year because the program offered him more money than the Air Force ROTC did.

"I had been part of Air Force ROTC my freshman year but vol­ untarily blew it to them having no more scholarships available," Fu said. "Army ROTC called me at the beginning of my sopho­ more year, offering me a slot with a full scholarship, so I quickly jumped on."

And, like Pascal, he said his positive experiences in the pro­ gram have expanded his views about the Army beyond being a way to make college affordable.

"I feel proud to give something in return to my country that has given me so much freedom," Fu said. "I feel honored to say that I defend this freedom for myself and my fellow country­ men.

Navy funding limited

The Naval ROTC program has had limited growth because of tightening budgets.

In April, Navy, Marine anddepui public­ affairs officer at the Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) in Great Lakes, Ill., said approximately 1,000 new schol­ arships were issued to new Naval ROTC students across the nation, a 20 percent drop from the 2003 figure.

But, he said, the war in Iraq was not responsible for that plunge, as the number of applic­ ations the office received every year had actually increased. The NSTC's ability to cover the expenses of all the students, however, had not.

But Naval ROTC senior mid­ shipman Dan Justice said he still believed fear of being deployed is a factor that plays into a high school student's decision to apply.

"I can certainly see how [Iraq] would, especially for the Marines and Navy, affect kids' decision to join the military," Justice said. "I understand that concern and it's something you have to consider when you look at all the pros and cons of joining the service.

"It's such an important factor for you and it outweighs all the pros when the service probably isn't for you."

But for him and the other stu­ dents at Notre Dame that chose that path of service, ROTC was a calling.

Budget cuts hit Air Force

Lt. Col. Shawn Brewer of Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC said he could not quantify the effect of the war in Iraq on Air Force ROTC recruiting because there is not a mechanism in place to poll students on their reasons for not enrolling in ROTC.

"The war in Iraq," he said, may be one of a number of reasons why students choose not to enroll, though there's no way of verifying that.

"What he did confirm, however, is that budget cuts to Air Force ROTC programs everywhere have been bringing down the recruiting numbers annually.

"Air Force scholarship money is less than that of other servic­ es, and that might have a bigger impact on the numbers," Braue said.

He said the 2007 national average of total students enrolled in any given school'sAir Force ROTC program is 92, a sharp decline from the 2003 average. Since the war in Iraq began, the Air Force has seen its average ROTC program shrink from 115 members in 2004 to 95 in 2006.

The budget cuts have affected the Navy ROTC program, which was larger than the national average in 2003, but is now below the mean with only 83 students, Braue said.

The budget cuts, paired with the rising costs of a Notre Dame education, he said, have made it impossible for the Air Force to offer more scholarships at the same time.

"We can take $15,000 and offer a student full tuition at a state school, or we can take that money and not even pay half of what it costs to go to Notre Dame," he said.

More than fear of going to Iraq, he said, the current finan­ cial limitations of the program were responsible for the decrease in recruiting numbers.

Senior Tony Crosser, a member of Air Force ROTC, said the Air Force is currently cutting schol­ arships for ROTC, "because of a need to cut the numbers in the Air Force and increase the num­ bers in the Army and Marines."

"The cutting of scholarships is hurting enrollment in the Air Force ROTC program, but it is making those who want the scholarship go to the services that need more people," he said.

Crosser pointed out the abund­ ance of full tuition scholarships for Army cadets and Marines — who are in high demand in Iraq and are more likely to deploy after graduation — an incentive the Air Force can't afford presently.

But as is the case with the Army, there are still students who join the program for more than the money, like junior Nathan John Potter.

"I'll admit, the scholarship potential was very enticing," he said. "However, when I entered ROTC, I did not have a scholar­ ship... I wasn't given one until I had been in ROTC for a while, and so I developed a strong sense of purpose. I see that pur­ pose in almost all of the cadets that I talk to...

... We are men and women training for a profession of arms."

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Drug lord arrested in bust
Montoya's leadership of Columbian cartel put him on most-wanted list

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Soldiers swarmed onto a farm Monday and captured one of the world's most wanted drug lords hiding in bushes in his underwear. Colombian officials called it their biggest drug war victory since the 1993 slaying of Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar.

Diego Montoya, who sits with Osama bin Laden on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list and has a $5 million bounty on his head, allegedly leads the Norte del Valle cartel. It is deemed Colombia's most dangerous drug gang and is accused of shipping hundreds of tons of cocaine to the U.S. since the 1990s.

Defense Minister Juan Manuel Santos told a news conference at Bogota's airport that Montoya was responsible for 1,500 killings in his career.

"Drug traffickers take note: This is the future that awaits you," Santos said before the heavy-set, 49-year-old Montoya limped out of an air force plane wearing plastic handcuffs and escorted by five commandos.

Montoya put up no resistance when the army finally cornered him in the cartel's stronghold of Valle del Cauca province. Colombian officials said he is to be questioned before being extradited to the U.S., a process that Santos said would take at most two months.

After months of planning, elite commandos raided the small farm before dawn Monday and nabbed Montoya along with his mother, an uncle and three other cartel members, said the army's chief, Gen. Mario Montoya, who is not related to the fugitive.

The government has been closing in on the cartel since last year, when soldiers killed eight members of a private militia believed to be protecting Montoya. But a wide network of cartel informants had frustrated the search for the alleged drug boss himself. Local media have recently caught sight on the cartel's alleged infiltration of Colombia's army and navy.

Santos said the operation was kept top secret to avoid leaks and was run entirely by an elite army commando unit that works with prosecutors to bring down the cartel.

Washington welcomed the news. "Colombia's capture of cocaine kingpin Diego Montoya shows what can be accomplished by a government that is relentless, focused and skilled in the effort to dismantle threats to its democracy," said White House "drug czar" John P. Walters.

Better known as "Don Diego," Montoya is said to be in a bitter turf war with his cartel's other leader, Wilber Varela, who goes by the nickname "Jabon," or "Soap," and is reported to be living in Venezuela. Hundreds have died in fighting between their rival armed bands along Colombia's Pacific coast.

A U.S. indictment unsealed in 2004 against Montoya and Varela said that over the previous 14 years, their cartel had exported more than 1.2 million pounds — 600 tons — of cocaine worth more than $10 billions from Colombia to Mexico and ultimately to the United States for resale.

Colombia's government has been pursuing Montoya for 24 years. He was first exhumed during the ship excavation. They were reburied in 1948 — in a modern aluminum casket placed inside a five-ton stone sarcophagus — in hopes that future scientists might reveal their secrets.

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Bin Laden to release video
Second in a week will glorify terrorist, remember attacks of Sept. 11

Associated Press

SALEM, Oregon — Osama bin Laden is putting a second week in a row in a new video to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The video will tell the story of one of the suicide hijackers, al-Qaida announced Monday.

Each year, al-Qaida has released a video made in part by the same cell of terrorists that piloted the attacks. This year's video targets the United States, with a call for private volunteers to help with the search for the missing aviator Steve Fossett.

"Coming soon, God willing, from the testaments of the martyrs of the New York and Washington Attacker: The testament of the martyr Abu Musab al-Shehri, addressed to Britain on Sunday with their will and testament of one of the suicide hijackers, al-Qaida announced Monday.

"I am confident in his ability to survive," said M. Chen Ryan, Civilian Air Patrol. Ryan started searching on a call for private volunteers to help search for the missing aviator Steve Fossett.

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In Jena, Louisiana, a black high school student faces up to 15 years imprisonment for light­ing a student on campus at lunchtime, bitrate the unofficial domain of white students only. When black students sat there, three nuns hung from the tree the following morning. The principal recommended expulsion, but the school board and superintendent overruled him, opting instead for three days in-school sus­pension. The superintendent called the incident a "prank" and "not a threat against anybody." This outright liberty and despicable license for hate led to months of racial tension.

To quell unrest, a school assembly brought in District Attorney Reed Walters, one of the murky players in this story. He told students "I can end your lives with the stroke of a pen," words that would prove prophet­ic. On Sept. 10, black students attempted to address the school board but were denied. The board believed it had, in its infallible wisdom, resolved the situation by ignoring it and encouraging racist attitudes.

On Dec. 4, several white men insti­ gated a fight with black students at a local party. One reportedly broke a beer bottle over the head of Robert Bailey, a black student. The attacker was later charged with simple battery and put on probation. The next day, Bailey was involved in an argument at a convenience store with a white stu­ dent who grabbed a pistol-grip shot­ gun (honest) from his pickup. He and Bailey twisted; Bailey took the gun and ran away. Bailey was later charged on those counts, including falsifying a fire­ arm; the white student was charged with nothing. See a double standard here.

On Dec. 4, white student Justin Boll and some friends witnessed a fight­ing Bailey’s head with a tennis shoe, so it was not as dangerous as a tennis shoe, in Jena — at least when you're black.

If you don’t believe this story exposes Jena’s racist environment, consider the town’s low socioeconomic gap, where the 12% black population lives mostly in a concentrated lower-quality housing area. Consider that one har­borshinp in town, according to Newhouse, does not give breaks to black people because white citizens might object. Consider the great start Jena’s high school has made to the new school year, banning “Free the Jena 6” stickers from campus. A great move by the same educational institu­tion that considered nooses “just a prank.”

So what should you do? Read on. We can end this story.

In the future, the students should be charged for their violent actions, and they ought to pay a price. But for juve­ nile crimes, not severe felonies; by a fair jury, not a racist all-white panel; with a DA who isn’t a racist and doesn’t hate blacks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In defense of North

Diversity matters

Equality, liberty and fraternity. These are the tenets upon which Notre Dame was founded.

Equality with, although distinct from, South Dining Hall. Surely, South Dining Hall boasts excellent paster, diverse salad choices and consistently delicious grilled cheese sandwiches, but North offers students Fajita Fridays, make-your-own-pizza, crepes and easy-cooked chicken. Although the food in South is all maintained in a central corral-like area, North's sprawl makes for less clustering between lines.

Liberty, to make your own decisions on such weighty matters as ice-cream flavors. North always keeps five to six different choices in its freezers, while South is only equipped for four. In addition, North allows for the dissemination of free speech through its several convenient television sets.

Fraternity, in allowing assembly where and when you wish. North Dining Hall not only plays music at a reasonable level for conversation, but accommodates three distinct areas, so that student groups can be seated on the main level, the balconies or in the recessed television lounges. Perhaps it is only idle speculation on the author's part, but the natural sunlight present in North Dining Hall seems to induce a warm, welcoming atmosphere of fellowship.

Our Notre Dame is founded on the belief that diversity and competition are the gateways to a better society. It would be a shame if tyrannical elements were allowed to undermine that sacred foundation. Diversity in students, diversity in faculty and diversity in dining hall choices are what make this University great. Tearing down North would lead to a more totalitarian state of uniformity on campus.

You're not a totalitarian, are you?

John Minser
Senior
Siegfried Hall

Oscar Garcia
Junior
Cavanaugh Hall

Melissa Cruz
Senior
O'Hare Student Center

Salutations to all students, faculty and staff of this fine University! I offer an alternative to Mr. Timothy Gotcher's article "Tear down South" (Sept. 10). Despite claiming South as a "true collegiate dining hall...systematically arranged for the benefit and satisfaction of all," it is, in fact, the lesser of the two dining halls for three (quite obvious) reasons.

Despite the dining area's allure, North has long moved into the Technological Age by presenting both newspapers AND televisions, letting diners follow the latest news or football scores.

Secondly, the food at South is far less satisfying than the offerings available at North. All a discerning eater (myself included), eating dinner at South without a wand or broom is the true Weber. With a dozen food stations crowded into the central room, it creates a veritable funnel of humanity, resulting in spills, chills and general discontent. North, with its separate rooms, is a far better choice to experience the true pleasures of college dining.

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Ordinance illegality

Reading the articles and letters regarding the new "party" ordinance that is being pushed through the South Bend Common Council, I have two points to raise, one statistical and one constitutional.

First, the data shown at the recent presentation by Council member Buddy Kirsits should be questioned sharply. He shows a rise in drinking related hospital admissions during the football season. Nowhere did I see any mention of the fact that the population of South Bend increases by more than 26 percent during this time. The problem likely isn't just at boarding houses, but hotels, bars and tailgates. Perhaps the PA announcement during the game should not be to drink too much and drive, but simply not to drink too much. Perception is reality. So if the people of South Bend think that students are a problem, then, for them, they are.

The ordinance, however, does not deal with noise or drinking. It only directly limits the ability to gather freely. With the data correlating student behavior to the disruptions sketchily to begin with, it should take a first year law student about 10 minutes to get an injunction if the ordinance is passed, for the City is clearly infringing on the residents of boarding houses right to assemble freely, without meeting even the basest of justifications. There is no way this would stand up to judicial review. My suggestion to the student government is to meet with Notre Dame's General Counsel to discuss potential legal action, and if they decline, they may be out of their hands as they represent the University, not the students. Hire a lawyer on you own. This is a civil rights attorney's dream.

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Class of 2005

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Amazing comebacks!

Britney on MTV

Petraeus report

More of the same
Josh Ritter

Recommended Tracks: Still Beating, To The Gods or Whoever, Empty Hearts

Part of the enduring appeal of the album is Ritter's insistence on incorporating different genres into his musicianship. Over the course of 14 songs, the listener is treated to music ranging in style from country to alternative to pop. Yet regardless of which genre a song seems to fall into, they all seem to be under the umbrella of folk music. This feat is extraordinary and quite a testament to Ritter's songwriting abilities.

The Historical Conquests of Josh Ritter
Josh Ritter

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By MARK MANLEY
Senior Writer

Common's newest album brings more mark than Newjeans. "Finding Forever" is a solid piece that you can put on and run through even if you're not a diehard hip-hop fan. It pumps out creative and grabbing beats and oxies in smooth areas with jazz wooings, creating a song that is reminiscent of The Roots.

The producer behind this work is none other than Kanye West, so expect nothing less than a great listen. Though the strongest part of the album is definitely its ability to be played without skipping songs, there are a few songs that stand out. "The People" is probably one of the best tracks on the album. This song focuses on the daily struggle of the working class and describes how Common relates to them. Musically, it fits in between major and minor, between the more syncopated feel of hip-hop and the smoothness of R&B - thus illustrating the ups and downs of life conversely. Meanwhile, the lyrics paint a similar picture.

"I Want You" starts off with a heavy beat but quickly puts smooth vocals on top. This is one of the clearest examples of Common's penchant for contrast. A song about lingering desire after a breakup, it deceptively sounds upbeat and the only lyrical hook is "I want you.

Another of the singles is "The Game." If you have listened to even the tiniest bit of rap, you can guess what this one is about - in this song, Common's lyrics fail to impress. Here he focuses on his desire to overcome all obstacles and his need to be recognized as strong. As far as the music is concerned, Common does a mediocre job. Although this song fits in well with the album, it does not seem to catch the ear that much.

Lyrically, the album doesn't break much new ground, despite Common's solid delivery and tendency to stay away from the topical themes of misogyny and violence. Thus, he keeps his lyrics from being ordinary. Prevalent themes include struggling amidst poverty, black-on-black racism, lost love and self-affirmation.

After a few listens, the album's content sounds similar to Lupe Fiasco, who recently performed as part of "The Show" last Friday at the Joyce Center. However, Common takes another tone in this album. While both artists tackle similar subjects, Fiasco tends to take a more violent stance, calling police "pigs," criticizing the government in an unprofessional, and likely ineffective, way. Common, on the other hand, talks with self-respect and keeps away from being too negative.

Overall, Common does a great job with "Finding Forever." He creates a cohesive work that strikes the listener on many of different levels and provokes, despite a few low points, to largely be a success.
COLLECTIVE SOUL

Heavy Dose of Nostalgia Carries Collective Soul

By CHRIS McGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

With the explosion of grunge in the American Northwest, a multitude of bands emerged, either from within the grunge movement or as a by-product of the new sound sensation that was beginning to sweep the country. One of those bands, Collective Soul, who has just released their latest, and 13th, effort entitled "Afterworld."

Collective Soul formed in Stockbridge, Georgia in the early '90s, a by-product of the grunge/punk movement that started in Seattle and was cruising across the U.S. like a tidal wave. The band was formed by Ed Roland (lead singer/songwriter and keyboardist), Dean Roland (guitar), Joel Hoekstra (guitar), Will Turpin (bass/percussion) and Shane Evans (drums/percussion). They exploded onto the scene with their first album, "Hints Allegations and Things Left Unsaid" an album that blew up to a multi-platinum opening. By the end of 1994, the group had played with Aerosmith and was featured as part of Woodstock.

After a series of albums that varied in success, Collective Soul is back to its original form on "Afterworld." The CD opens with the track "New Vibration." Ironically, the song has strong influences from early work by the group, particularly from the group's self-titled 1995 release. The song features the driven rock riffs that helped the band establish itself.

The fifth track, "All That I Know," is another strong effort. The song opens with a quirky drumbeat, before Roland echoes in with some well-placed doo-wops. While the song is a bit cookie cutter in its overall sound, it does not stop it from being any more addictive or fun to listen to. Roland's falsetto breaks the song into manageable, enjoyable, chunks.

The ninth song, "Persuasion of You," opens with a gain-heavy guitar and Roland's forceful singing. This might be the most nostalgic of the songs on the album and will invoke memories of Collective Soul's previous-efforts "She Gathers Rain," "Where the River Flows" and "Go."

The album closes with "Adored," a fitting end to a fine CD. Mellow and harmonious, the song closes the album on a superb note. It is always depressing when a CD ends on a bad note, leaving a sour taste in the listener's mouth. "Adored" does just the opposite - it makes the listener with the album didn't want it to end.

All in all, "Afterworld" is a fine effort and the best to come out of Collective Soul in years. For anyone wishing for a dose of nostalgia circa 1997, this is the album to buy.

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TRADITION NEVER GRADUATES

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Mayo it's Touchdown Jesus. Maybe it's the leprechaun. Or maybe it's just something alluring about those gorgeous gold helmets. Whatever it is, there can be no denying that there is something special that separates Notre Dame from a myriad other programs dotting the college football landscape. "Tradition Never Graduates" is a behind-the-scenes documentary following the 2006 Fighting Irish football season. Beyond the gridiron action itself, the film attempts to answer a question about what exactly makes Notre Dame so unique. Created by Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol, the film delves inside the hype and hysteria of the 2006 team and tells some Domers who bleed blue and gold.

The camera follows the shenanigans of Kevin Brau, last year's mascot, as he follows the band around on and off the field and attempts to whip the Irish faithful into a frenzy. It also tracks the progress of the Notre Dame marching band its percussive dance, and of course, the master of ceremonies himself, Charlie Weis.

There's something a tad nostalgic about watching the film and seeing the late and great Brady Quinn raving six-pointer on opposing secondaries, or watching Jeff Samardzija vault into the end zone past a UCLA defender as Notre Dame Stadium erupts into mass hysteria. Of course, like last season itself, the film is a rollercoaster, soaring to ecstatic highs during improbably come-from-behind wins and sinking to very low lows after suffering drubbings at the hands of far superior opponents. But throughout it all, the loyalty to this football team, this nation and this university remains the same, whether it's the student section inside Notre Dame Stadium or the rowing Ramblers who made the trips out to Southern California or down to Louisiana for matchups with USC and LSU.

Regardless of the numbers posted in the win and loss columns, there remain certainties about every Notre Dame football game. There will be legions of Irish faithful showing their colors in the student section, wearing their hearts on their sleeves and fist-pumping and yelling in unison. There will be the finest band in all the land on the field, featuring a drum line loud enough to pop your eardrums. And at the end of every home game, win or lose, every Notre Dame student will wrap his or her arms around the people standing next to them and sing the alma mater while swaying to and fro.

In other words, everyone here drinks the Kool Aid, and it's green. So love thee some Notre Dame and check out "Tradition Never Graduates."

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Recommended Tracks: All That I Know, New Vibration, Persuasion of You, Adored

Collective Soul has been around since the mid-90s and returns to form with the album "Afterworld." The CD is available only online and in Target stores.

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"Tradition Never Graduates," directed by Notre Dame alum Charlie Ebersol, follows the 2006 Notre Dame Football team through the entire season.
Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez hits one of his two home runs during Chicago's 12-3 win over St. Louis Monday.

Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard, center, is surrounded by teammates after hitting a game-winning double in the 10th inning of Philadelphia's 6-5 win Monday over Colorado.

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**CHICAGO — The Cubs will gladly pardon the interruption of their 10-game trip. Chicago got 17 hits during a one-game stopover at Wrigley Field, helping Ted Lilly win his 15th game and beating the St. Louis Cardinals 12-3.**

"It is weird," said Aramis Ramirez, who homered twice and had four hits. "We were supposed to be in Houston having a day off today, and we’re here playing a game in Chicago."

Ramirez wasn’t complaining, just happy to see his teammates join him in a rare offensive outburst.

"We struggled the last couple of weeks to put runs on the board and we lost a couple of tough games," Ramirez said. "It’s fun when everybody is getting their hits, for personal reasons and for the team."

It was just the third win in eight games for Chicago, which fell out of first place Sunday for the first time since Aug. 16 and began Monday one game behind Milwaukee in the NL Central. Derrek Lee and Ramirez homered in a four-run, fifth, and Ramirez added another solo shot in a four-run eighth.

"Where’s that been? That was a thing of beauty. We hit the ball for power. We hit the ball in big gaps. We hit the ball with men in scoring position. Cubs manager Lou Pinella said, “A game like this can really get you going.”

St. Louis, which started the day three back of the Brewers, lost its fourth straight and dropped to 69-72.

Both teams made a quick detour to play a made-up game, caused by an Aug. 19 rainout.

The Cardinals came to Chicago from Arizona and didn’t land until around 11:30 p.m. Sunday night. Next, the World Series champions have three games at the Reds.

"There’s no doubt in my mind we’d be ready to play in Cincinnati," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "I know we’re going to play hard enough, but then you have to play good enough. We were close in Arizona. This game was one that got out of control. It was ugly.”

**Phillies 6, Rockies 5 (10)**

Rafael Furcal’s second home run of the season, a game-winning blast in the 10th inning, helped Philadelphia to a come-from-behind victory over Colorado.

"We’ve got to keep winning and playing hard," Burrell said. "But this is a game that got out of control. It was ugly."

**Pirates 9, Brewers 0**

The Pittsburgh Pirates are in the middle of the NL Central race despite being two losses from a 15th consecutive losing season. They’re not close to first place, but they keep beating the teams fighting for it.

Tony Armas pitched six sharp innings a day after Milwaukee hit six home runs, and Nate McHugh’s two-run homer carried Pittsburgh to another home-field victory over the Brewers, 9-0, on Monday night.

Milwaukee’s loss, its fourth in five games against visiting Pittsburgh this season, dropped the Brewers back into a first-place tie in the Central with the Chicago Cubs, who beat St. Louis earlier Monday. The Cubs had fallen a game back by losing two of three in Pittsburgh over the weekend.

Armas and relievers Fransueli Osoria and Romulo Sanchez combined on the four-hitter, blanking a team that broke loose at Cincinnati on Sunday with eight extra-base hits in a 10-5 victory.

"That’s how it goes like that," Brewers manager Ned Yost said when asked how his team couldn’t advance a runner past second after scoring 10 runs the day before. "He located his pitches very well, changed speeds, kept the ball down and was on the attack early in the count.

Armas (4-5), winless until Aug. 1, allowed three singles in shutting down the Brewers for his fourth victory in five career decisions against them. He has won four of his last six overall after going 0-3 during the first half of the season.

"You’re seeing a very confident guy right now and a pitcher who’s very comfortable with his pitches," Pirates manager Chuck Tanner said. "He’s kept them off stride. They didn’t get too many good swings against him."
Around the Dial

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Ornithologic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino describes the injury Bills tight and Kevin Everett suffered in Buffalo's loss to Denver Sunday. Everett recived a life-threatening spinal cord injury while trying to make a tackle.

Everett likely to be paralyzed

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Kevin Everett sustained a "catastrophic" and life-threatening spinal-cord injury while trying to make a tackle during the Buffalo Bills' season opener and is unlikely to walk again, the surgeon who operated on him Monday said.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino said. "I believe there will be some permanent neurologic deficit."

Everett was hurt Sunday after he ducked his head while tackling the Denver Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second-half kickoff. Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Cappuccino noted the 25-year-old reserve tight end did have touch sensation throughout his body and also showed signs of movement. But he cautioned that Everett's injury was "life-threatening because he was still susceptible to blood clots, infection and breathing failure."

Everett is in the intensive care unit of Buffalo's Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, where he is under sedation and breathing through a respirator as doctors wait for the swelling to lessen. Cappuccino said it will take up to three days to determine the severity of the injury and the recovery process.

"Cappuccino repaired a break between the third and fourth vertebrae and also alleviated the pressure on the spinal cord. In reconstructing his spine, doctors made a bone graft and inserted a plate, held in by four screws, and also inserted two small rods, held in place by another four screws.

Doctors, however, weren't able to repair all the damaged area. Bills punter Brian Moorman immediately feared the worst when Everett showed no signs of movement as he was placed on a backboard and, with his head and body immobilized, carefully loaded into an ambulance.

"It brought tears to my eyes," Moorman said after practice. He said the sight of Everett's motionless body brought back memories of Mike Utley, the former Detroit Lions guard, who was paralyzed below the chest after injuring his neck in a collision during a 1991 game.

Utley, Moorman recalled, at least was able to give what's become a famous "thumbs up" sign as he was taken off the field. Everett didn't.

IN BRIEF

MLB requests meeting with Gibbons regarding steroids

NEW YORK — Baltimore Orioles outfielder Jay Gibbons joined the list of players asked to meet with baseball officials after being linked to a Florida pharmacy that distributed prescription performance-enhancing drugs.

A day after SI.com reported Gibbons received steroids and human growth hormone from Signature Pharmacy after both substances were banned, baseball requested a meeting with the Orioles outfielder.

No timetable was set for the meeting, a person familiar with the situation said Monday. Speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement was made.

On Friday, baseball asked to meet with St. Louis' Rick Ankiel and Toronto's Troy Glaus after reports that they received performance-enhancing drugs from Signature Pharmacy several years ago.

Hart remains certain that Michigan will win

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Mike Hart didn't meet with the media Monday, but Michigan's star running back has said enough to last the rest of the week. Hart guaranteed the Wolverines would beat Notre Dame in a packed, postgame news conference Saturday after they fell to 0-2.

He didn't back off his comments when a handful of reporters surround-ed him for follow-up questions.

"I honestly think we're not going to lose," Hart said after the Ducks dominated Michigan 39-7. "There's really no doubt in my mind. After you go 0-2, there is nowhere to go but up."

"Get beat again? It's not going to happen."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he might have made the same guarantee in its first two games, but he certainly plans to use the bulletin-board material.

Rules relaxed on Rugby World Cup videos

PARIS — International news agencies reached an agreement Monday with organizers of the Rugby World Cup on relaxing restrictions for posting video on Web sites.

Under the deal, The Associated Press, Reuters, Agence France-Presse and other agencies that cover tournament news conferences, training sessions and other non-match activities now can distribute as much of their video as they think their subscribers need.

Previously, rugby officials had sought to limit the agencies to three minutes of video per day of the 20-nation championship in France.

"We're very glad this issue has been resolved and that the right of news organizations to manage the video they shoot has been affirmed," said the AP's executive editor, Kathleen Carroll.
Despite win, schedule keeps Titans focused

Titans quarterback Vince Young scrambles by Jaguars safety Brian Williams during Tennessee's 13-10 win over Jacksonville Sunday.

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have it all to play for their season-opening victory over AFC South rival Jacksonville. Not with the defending Super Bowl champs up next.

The Titans watched their 13-10 victory over the Jaguars, a game in which they scored 282 yards and held the ball for nearly 37 minutes, to identify the few mistakes that must be corrected.

The home opener against the Colts kept the Titans from enjoying their first season-opening win since 2004 for too long.

"Indy's a big week around here," defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch said Monday. "Everybody gets excited for it. It's the defending Super Bowl champs. If we really want to make a name for ourselves, we have to play well this week." 

The NFL didn't help the Titans much in the scheduling department.

The Titans' first two games are against AFC South opponents, a start that could trip a team up quickly. Coach Jeff Fisher noted the Colts (1-0) had a few extra days to prepare for their first road trip after opening the season last Thursday night.

"I'm sure they got a good start, and we have to catch up," Fisher said.

The Titans couldn't have gotten off to a much better start themselves a year after starting the season winning the first four of its final seven. That left them a game short of their first playoff berth since 2003.

So they opened up 2007 with the second-best rushing game in franchise history.

The offense didn't hold the ball this long since Oct. 11, 2004, when the Titans had it 38 minutes against Green Bay. A big improvement for an offense that averaged 27 minutes of time of possession in 2006, last in the NFL.

The Titans ranked fifth in the league rushing the ball last season. They cut Travis Henry in March even though he ran for 1,211 yards, but each starter on the offensive line returned. They opened huge holes against Jacksonville.

Chris Brown, back on a one-year contract after finding little interest as a free agent, ran the ball better than anyone else Sunday in the NFL. His career-high 175 yards rushing on 19 carries — a staggering 9.2-yard average — was more than his 156 yards in 2006.

Starters LenDale White ran 18 times for 66 yards and couldn't gain a yard at the Jags 10 on fourth-down. Fisher said he wanted to split carries 60-40 and left open the chance that Brown might have earned his first start in nearly a year.

"It is a week-to-week thing," Fisher said. "As happy as Fisher was with the running production, he wants better production near the goal line. They got inside the Jaguars 13 four of their first seven drives and scored only two field goals and one touchdown.

"You can't do that. Granted, their defense is a good defense, we left points off (the board) yesterday," Fisher said.

Fisher said Vince Young did a good job managing the game, even though completing 11-of-18 for 78 yards didn't seem like much.

Fisher said Young was very accurate on some tough throws that kept drives alive.

The defense that gave up more yards per game than any other in the NFL in 2006 held Jacksonville to 272 and only 72 of those on the ground in what Vanden Bosch said they hope sets the tone for this season's opening.

"We said the type of team we want to be, we want to stop the run. We want to run on the ball offense. That's exactly what we did. Hopefully, that's for us every game this season," he said.

The Titans split with Indianapolis last season, losing 14-13 on the road and pulling out a 28-17 win here in December on a 60-yard field goal.

The game plan will be changing against Indianapolis, but not by much.

"As we've shown, one way of effectively playing the Colts is keeping their offense off the field," Fisher said. "To do that, you have to hand the ball off."
Federer receives high praise from Sampras

Record holder for all-time major championships says it’s a matter of when, not if, Federer will break record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some advice, sports fans: Be sure to appreciate Roger Federer, to relish his brilliance with a racket, to understand exactly what a rare treat a champion of his caliber and character is. Don’t just take my word for it. Listen, instead, to someone who knows a lot more about tennis, someone who figures it is a matter of when—not whether—Federer will break Pete Sampras’ records of 14 Grand Slam titles.

Listen to Pistol Pete himself.

"I did all I could do in the 90s, and I really thought the 14 would be tough to beat. Little did I know Roger would come along and dominate the way he has—and that could last a while longer," Sampras said Monday in a telephone interview from Los Angeles.

"If there’s a player and a person that I’d like to see break this, it would be Roger.

Pete Sampras

former tennis player

"It’s exciting. Very exciting. I mean, I used to not like it so much. All that, ‘He’s the one who can break it.’ Or, ‘He will break it. He’s so talented,’ and stuff. And you’re like, ‘Oooh, my God, I’m so far away.’ It’s just hard, and it wears on you."

Federer told a group of reporters Monday at a Times Square restaurant.

"So to have caught up so quickly to Pete is a big bonus for me, already early on in my career.... And the focus is becoming more and more the Grand Slams."

In the next breath, Federer made sure to point out that he takes all tournaments, big and small, seriously. With 51 total titles, who could argue? But he clearly is signaling that he is finally ready to embrace the chase.

So, to his credit, is the man whose mark is being pursued. And Sampras, who was 31 when he won the 2002 U.S. Open for his last major title, doesn’t expect Federer to stop at 14. Or 15.

"I won’t be disappointed—it’s more respect than anything. Would I like my record to last forever? Of course. But records are made to be broken."

Sampras said. "He’s on a ton more. Motivation will be his biggest hurdle, but he could win 17, 18 majors the way he’s going, if he’s healthy."

If there’s a knock on Federer, it’s pretty much the same as the only one people could come up with when Sampras ruled tennis.

He’s kinda boring, they say. Doesn’t berate linesmen on the court the way Connors and McEnroe did, doesn’t raise a racket off it the way Becker and Borg did. Hasn’t married an actress (Brooke) or a tennis star (Steffi) the way Agassi did. (Well, actually, Sampras did marry an actress.)

Not surprisingly, Federer and Sampras think that sort of criticism is unwarranted.

"That’s really searching for something to say. Will he make headlines with his antics like some past champions? No, but that’s not what he’s about. That’s why I just accept that he ‘s making history."

Federer receives high praise from Sampras

Sampras said.

"I know what that’s like. I wasn’t exciting enough. I didn’t do enough on the court or off the court."

During the U.S. Open, the mild-mannered Federer was seen in contrast to the gregarious Djokovic, be of the perfect impersonations of Maria Sharapova and Rafael Nadal right there in Arthur Ashe Stadium after a quarterfinal match.

After Sunday’s victory, Federer said, "It’s good to have a character like him out there," but he also noted that, "some guys weren’t happy" about the late-night lounge act. You almost got the feeling Federer’s thinking might be, "How about winning a Slam or two before you start goofing around?"

Federer, meanwhile, does seem to be generating more buzz Stateside than in the past.

He drew notice for his Man in Black outfits at the Open. He chatted Monday with Matt and Meredith on "Today," then spent time with "Regis and Kelly." He was greeted with applause when he walked into the Oscar de la Renta show at New York Fashion Week and sat next to Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, a friend. Federer’s bid to catch Sampras resumes in January at the Australian Open, a tournament the Swiss star has won three of the past four years. Win again, and Federer will have 13 Slams come March 10, when he and Sampras meet in an exhibition at Madison Square Garden.

They played for real only once, at Wimbledon in 2001, when Federer beat Sampras in five sets. At the time, Federer had yet to win a major; Sampras would go on to win one more.

"I knew he was extremely talented then — a lot of power, didn’t have holes in his game," Sampras said. "He figured it out, he figured it out in my early 20s."

Then, the way he started winning majors pretty much with ease. Just accepted that he was going to break my record.

Now 36, Sampras knows he can’t keep adding to his Slam count.

Sure would feel nice to put the kid in his place for one day in the Big Apple, though.

"I still serve well. Roger’s Roger. It’s going to hopefully be competitive tennis," Sampras said. "We both want to do it because our names have been linked and will be linked for the next couple of years."
New baby can’t break Tiger’s winning ways

Associated Press

LEOMONT, Ill. — The massive gallery chasing Tiger Woods around tough Toug Hill included his wife, Elin, who was on the golf course for the first time since giving birth to their daughter. It was a sign they are settling back into a routine that Woods has never felt out of.

Tiger Woods has won 14 times in 14 seasons on tour when he’s reached his 60th tour victory. "I’ve never had dreams like this," Woods said after making eight birdies, missing only one fairway and posting a 63 that neither Bubba Watson nor Steve Stricker could match.

"I’ve been out here what, 11 years? And to have this many wins, I never could have foreseen that," he said. "It’s exceeded my expectations, and it’s been a lot of fun to enjoy that round, that whole process as we get to 60. It’s been a lot of work. There have been some changes along the way. But I think that’s all been good.

The Tournament will be its final official start of 2007, so Woods will have to wait until next year to surpass Palmer, who is fourth on the all-time list with nearly 150 victories. If he continues at this pace, he also will pass Hogan (64 victories) next year.

Odd is he will break Sam Snead’s record of 82 victories before he gets to Nicklaus’ record of 18 professional majors. As long and as often as Woods has been winning, the rate is no less alarming.

Stumbling, it was only 13 months ago at the Buick Open that Woods reached his 50th career victory. Since then, he has won 10 times in 19 starts. "You know what? I had," was Woods’s best response Woods could find.

But he said semi-jokingly, "...another slump was eminent if he went through a couple of tournaments and wasn’t winning.\n
Woods has been dealing with such expectations for the last eight years, yet he gets too sensitive over any criticism. He lost his sub-70 game for the first time in his career.

His putting has been poor the past year. He has struggled on the greens at East Lake, which are in bad enough shape that practice rounds effectively have been banned.

Woods helped promote the FedEx Cup by doing TV spots for the tour, the first time he had done a commercial for free. He is among players who wonder about the future of the PGA Tour Playoffs. But if there’s a trophy on the line, he wants it.
**Turnovers help Bengals defeat rival Ravens**

McNair leaves with injured groin, replacement Boller throws last-minute interception to end comeback effort

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With wound­ed players shuffling off in waves, what was left of the Cincinnati Bengals rallied for a win that hurt so good.

Steve McNair's interception — his fourth of the game — set up Carson Palmer's fourth-quarter touchdown pass, and Cincinnati's suspect defense pulled off a goal-line stand Monday night that preserved a 27-20 victory over the Baltimore Ravens.

In a bruising season opener matching the last two AFC North champs, the Bengals were the last one standing — barely.

"We know it's going to be a hard-fought game when we play these guys — tough, physical," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's important to get in the physical football games because you put so much into it."

Kyle Boller took over after McNair strained his groin in the fourth quarter — the last in a nonstop run of injuries for both teams — and led the Ravens to the 1-yard line in the closing seconds.

A pass interference penalty on Todd Heap negated his catch in the end zone, and Boller's final pass deflected off Heap's shoulder and was intercepted in the end zone by diving lineman Michael Myers.

The Bengals had to work with a makeshift offensive line that was missing three starters by the second quarter.

They also briefly lost kick­er Shayne Graham, costing them on an extra-point try.

Even receiver Chad Johnson limped off at one point, evid­ently suffering from a cramp. The Pro Bowl receiver and incessant self-promoter came up big for the Bengals, catching five passes for 95 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown.

"I told you I would give you a show," Johnson said.

Both teams overcame signific­ant injuries to send the game to a frantic finish.

Safety Ed Reed returned a punt untouched 63 yards for a touchdown that put the Baltimore Ravens ahead 19-19 early in the fourth quarter and silenced the crowd of 66,093, the second-largest in Paul Brown Stadium's history. Reed had to return kicks because B.J. Sams sprained a knee.

The emotional lift didn't last long. McNair had the most to do with that.

In his second season run­ning the Ravens' offense, he had one of his worst games. McNair fumbled on a sack, muffed a handoff to running back Willis McGahee, and let the ball slip out of his hand on a pass attempt. Linebacker Landon Johnson caught that fumble in mid­air and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown.

Despite all that, the defending divi­sion champs had a chance to hold the lead and pull out one of those make-or-break games on the road. Instead, McNair let it slip away with his last error.

His high pass deflected off the hands of Derrick Mason, and Robert Geathers made a diving interception that was upheld on review. Two plays later, Palmer threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh for the final lead.

Cincinnati made the 2-point conversion on Rudi Johnson's run.

McNair strained his groin on the next series and finished the game 20-of-34 for 203 yards.

Baltimore won the division by five games last season with a defense that gave up the fewest points and yards in the NFL. It was poised to assert itself against the Bengals, who won it in 2005.

Ravens line­backer Ray Lewis got himself in the mood for the matchup by hopping and waving his arms in the orange-striped end zone like a heavyweight getting ready for the opening bell.

He was the first one knocked out of the game.

On Cincinnati's first pass, Lewis lowered his shoulder and leveled Houshmandzadeh. The 32-year-old line­backer got up holding his right arm.

The emotional leader of the NFL's top defense last year, Lewis jogged to the locker room to have his upper right arm examined and wrapped. He wasn't around to see the celebration that was mont­ed partly for him.

"We know it's going to be a hard-fought game when we play these guys — tough, physical," Marvin Lewis, a close friend who talks to Lewis a few times each week, wrote in a note that had promised him a special celebra­tion if he got into the end zone. Once there, he jogged to the sideline and pulled out a mock blazer for the "Monday Night Football" crowd.

The back of the foam garb was inscribed: Future H.O.F. 2005 — a reference to the Hall of Fame.

Other than that one play, the points and yards came at a price.

The Bengals' offensive line was missing three starters at one point: tackles Willie Anderson and Levi Jones, as well as center Eric Ghiencio. Baltimore's defense held Cincinnati to just 3 points.

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49ers rename field after former coach

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The names on the Bay Area's sports arenas sometimes change faster than the names on the back of players' jerseys. The 49ers' five major-league ventures have had a total of 17 official names since 1995, with at least three appellations for every building. When Northern California's thriving high-tech economy gets together with money-hungry landlords, they create monikers ranging from the euphonic (PalACE Bell Park, Oracle Arena) to the grating (Network Associates Coliseum) to the hopelessly obtuse (Compaq Center at San Jose, anyone?)

The most beloved and historic venue in the 49ers' orbit is Candlestick Park, which will spend one more official year as Monster Park, even though the San Francisco 49ers and their contractually obligated broadcasters are the only people who don't still call it by its birth name.

It's also a good bet Bill Walsh will be the source of the first new name that Bay Area sports fans can really support — even if it's only the name of the graces inside the Monster Park.

Though the swirling wind is still whistling through Candlestick and the turf always seems to be erratically slick, Bill Walsh Field is on its way. The name change comes as the 49ers open their new home inside the venerable stadium, starting with Monday night's game against the Arizona Cardinals.

“We've just tried to recognize and memorialize what Bill has done,” 49ers owner John York said of the club's weeks of mourning to its former coach and general manager. “I think this is very appropriate for Bill, and I'm glad we were able to do it. The 49ers made extensive preparation efforts for their regular-season tribute to Walsh, the Hall of Fame coach who led the team to five Super Bowl wins. Walsh died of leukemia on July 30, and the city of San Francisco announced its plan to change the name of the field during a memorial service at Candlestick several days later.

The club printed up commemorative programs and posters with photos of the renowned coach in the newly named field, and they put together a video tribute. That's a whole lot of behind-the-scenes jockeying by York, the team allowed the 49ers to wear their cherry-red throwback jerseys — the same colors worn by the 49ers before that Walsh led to three titles in just 10 seasons.

The 49ers made sure black “HW” patches on the back of their helmets throughout the season. We also saw last week as an honorary team captain against the Cardinals, to be represented by former team executive John McNay.

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Hungry landlords,

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Club Sports

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This weekend Notre Dame traveled to Naperville, Ill., for the Chicago, Heavyweight Championships, a prestigious club tournament that brings teams together from across the country.

The team was seeded low in the 48-team field, but proved over the course of the weekend they deserved a little more respect.

Play started Saturday with a game against a masters' club team from Milwaukee. The game was close early on, but once Notre Dame settled down with the help of steady play from sophomore Andrew Schreuder, they pulled away with a 13-7 victory.

The win was followed by a second match against a masters' club team from Chicago. The Irish were very similar to the first game, and it wasn't until junior Danny Columm made some key plays that the team was able to take a 14-8 win.

The final pool play game was against sectional rival Northwestern. Notre Dame had more experience, and it showed in the result, 13-6 in favor of Notre Dame.

This strong start put the team in good shape heading into the second series of pool play. The next game was against Wisconsin, and a solid start from junior Thomas Ryan at the start, the team jumped out to an early lead and never looked back on its way to a 12-6 win.

Notre Dame had one more game Saturday, against Illinois. Familiar with Wheaton from multiple games between the two teams last spring, the Irish were able to capitalize on their understanding of the opponent. Led by graduate student Steve Kurtz, who played in 18 of the 22 points of the game, Notre Dame held on for a 13-9 victory.

The 5-0 record Saturday put the team in great position for play on Sunday. The first game matched Notre Dame with a club team from Oklahoma. Again, a fast start gave the team the necessary edge to come out on top. Solid production from graduate student John Goodwin contributed to the win.

The team now had to win in order to stay in contention.

In a tough game against a club team from Cleveland, leadership from senior co-captain Nick Chambers proved to be the difference as the Irish held on for an 11-8 win. This put Notre Dame in its final game against a club team from Minnesota. The team struggled at the start and had to overcome fatigue from the previous game.

After getting into an early 3-1 hole, Notre Dame began to score back-to-back goals, and eventually capitalized on their underdog success as a springboard toward greater achievements during the College Series in the spring.

The club will travel to Whitewater, Wis., for its next tournament Sept; 29-30.

Sailing

Notre Dame finished second in a 12-team field at the Fast Fury Regatta in Wisconsin this weekend.

The Irish trailed only Minnesota at the end, with Wisconsin Red, Wisconsin Cardinal and Northwesterners rounding out the top five.

The Irish are looking to extend their run of top two finishes from Milwaukee, Miami of Ohio, Michigan, St. Thomas, Iowa, Marquette and Michigan Tech rounded out the field in that order of finish.

The Irish 8 division boat finished first in two of the five races and third in one other, holding off the remaining three races.

The A division boat finished second in each of its races, including one second-place finish. Captain John Bailey led the Irish contingent to their strong showing.

The sailing club also provided video support for the Notre Dame Blatons this weekend on St. Joseph Lake.

NASCAR

Earnhardt Jr.'s faulty engines raise fans' ire

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — If not for five blown engines, Dale Earnhardt Jr. would be racing for a Nextel Cup title. Earnhardt finished fifth in the final season driving for his late father's company.

Instead, three failures in the last seven races — including one with six laps to go Saturday night at Richmond — knocked NASCAR's most popular driver out of the Chase for the championship.

“We broke another motor, and they're down a full apart when they play "em into my car,” Junior said.

“It's just really frustrating.”

It's also more than a little suspicious to his legion of fans, who have watched his engine woes for weeks if this was sabotage on the part of his stepmother.

After all, his relationship with Teresa Earnhardt “ain't a bed of roses,” and Junior's impending split will only be more excruciating. They've publicly feuded since December, with claims she's been unreasonable during negotiations and he's belting for rival Hendrick Motorsports at the end of the season.

The squabbling has been so intense on so many issues, most recently Teresa's refusal to let Earnhardt take his beloved No. 8 with him to Hendrick — that the idea that she would intentionally derail his season wouldn't be surprising at all. And because the DEI motors never even seem to sputter under the hoods of his teammates, it's actually believable.

But DEI officials call the entire idea preposterous.

“I can assure you that's not the case,” general manager John Storm said Monday. “We understand that there might be a natural assumption that because it's leaving, the team would say "Who cares? We're not going to try for him.' But if anything, it's the other way around. We tried hard to get him in the Chase. We wanted him to win a championship. We always said that would have been the most appropriate way for him to leave DEI.”

Of course, DEI is going to say that. And conspiracy theorists will latch on to this new twist Earnhardt was the victim of an innate and overt plot to punish him for his betrayal.

It sounds awfully good. But it's probably out of the question.

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Watson from the outside to the right side," Schroeder-Biek said. Schroeder-Biek has put much responsibility on her freshmen this year, especially Watson. "Kaela is such a strong blocker and the right-side gets good blocking action on the opponents strong attacker," Schroeder-Biek said. Hellmann has been a strong defensive threat, posting her first double-double of the season against Geneva College, in last weekend's Hiram Tournament. "Kaela's floor defense is so solid moving her to the left-side will allow her to really play more floor defense as opposed to the middle blocking position, where her defense is always on the net," Schroeder-Biek said. She said she hopes her team will gel quickly with the two players in different places on the floor. "We need to adjust to our new positions, but more than anything play to win as a team," she said. Contact Samantha Leonard at slom01@ saintmarys.edu
ND Women's Golf
Strong round puts squad in second
By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer
Notre Dame is three strokes off the lead after the second round of the Cougar Classic at the Yesaman Hall Golf Club in Hanahan, S.C. A team effort of four-over par on the day has the Irish sitting in second place at 579 (287-292) heading into the final day. Tennessee currently controls the leader board with a score of 576 (288-288). Behind Notre Dame in third is Texas with a total of 581 (288-293), and Alabama, in fourth, which shot 584 (286-298). LSU (286-299) and North Carolina State (294- 291) tied for fifth at 585.
A pair of young golfers — junior Lisa Mannu and freshman Se-Hyun Park — is leading Notre Dame's effort. A day after junior co-captain had the best round of in program history — a six-under 66 — Mannu shot a two-over par 74 leaving her in a second-place tie.
Park is currently atop the entire field with a combined total of five-under-par 139 in her first collegiate tournament.
Sophomore Annie Brophy had a one-stroke improvement of her first round total and sits in a tie for 38th with an overall score of 149 (75-74).
Fellow sophomore Kristin Weigel also shaved a stroke off of her first round performance, with a three-over par 75. She is in a tie for 47th overall.
Freshman Katie Conway is tied for 58th place after shooting a three-over par 75 Monday — three strokes better than her first-round score.
The Irish will tee off the third and final round today at 9 a.m. After the Cougar Classic, Notre Dame will only have six days to prepare for their second invitational of the season — the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup in Louisville, Ky., which begins on Sept. 17.
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SMC Golf
Close to lead, Belles prepare for round 2
By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer
After a second-place finish in Kalazozown, Mich., over the weekend, Saint Mary's hopes to continue its strong play today in Angola, Ind. Tri-state University hosts the second leg of the MIAA Jamboree, which begins at Kalazoz on Saturday.
Today's round, at the Zolnier golf course in Angola, begins at 1 p.m. The Belles are currently second only to Olivet out of nine MIAA squads in the Jamboree.
With a score of 345, they scored only 10 points higher than the first-place Comets. In third place, Tri-State trails only two strokes behind Saint Mary's. After that, only 18 strokes separate the Belles and sixth-place Albion, with Hope and Alma in fourth and fifth, respectively. The competition will be close today again, and Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton is determined to win. He has high expectations for his team, for both this tournament and the season as a whole.
"Although we are a young team, there is no reason to think that we can't be among the top teams in the league," Hamilton said. "There is a lot of talent on this team to not only to be successful in the MIAA but also the nation." In the first round, senior captain Katie O'Brien took first place overall by five strokes.
Hamilton is confident that she will continue this performance.
"Katie has the experience and skill necessary to help us get back to the top," he said. "She knows what it takes to win at this level, and she will prove to be a valuable asset for this team in a variety of ways."
The third and final round of the MIAA Jamboree will be held Sept. 25 in Alma, Mich.
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with strength of schedule and strategy," he said.

"You can't sit there and say, "Boy, we want to schedule so our seed is higher in the NCAA Tournament, you better schedule to get in the tournament," Brey said. "You have to be strategic about a bid and smart about it and not overschedule, especially this first year because it's new territory."

The Irish begin with two exhibitions and a game against Long Island before heading to the U.S. Virgin Islands to play in the Paradise Jam tournament. Notre Dame will also take on Kansas State at Madison Square Garden in New York City, but the rest of the Irish schedule is filled with easy wins.

The coach also said that Notre Dame might play a series of games with traditional foe UCLA in coming years in an effort to play a more challenging early-season schedule.

Brey said the soft non-conference schedule this season will be balanced by the 18-game Big East slate, which includes games against all 15 other schools in the league — and two games against DePaul, Marquette, and Connecticut.

"Unlike that we play everybody, I like our repeat games. I think DePaul and Marquette are naturals for us as repeat games," Brey said. "So there's enough on the schedule to play your way in and do your thing. I think when we play everybody, it'll be a true picture of one through twelve when we go to New York, and maybe the old schedule won't emulate who's first second and third, which can cost people NCAA Big East Tournament bids and bus in the past."

Brey said he hopes the expanded schedule is good overall, especially in the second and third rounds, and should avoid situations similar to last season when Syracuse won 10 league games but failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

This season, Karas has allowed two goals per game and has just a .380 save percentage. Lysander has allowed four goals per game, and Weiss has Let in 1.11 per game.

"As a team last season, Notre Dame allowed seven percent of shots to result in a goal. This season, 19 percent of shots have reached the back of the net. Last season, the team goals-against average was 0.4. This season, it has allowed 2.09 goals per game."

Waldrum was happy with the keeper's play early in the season but said her performance has fallen off since.

"Lauren was great for us against Florida. We got that, and we were excited about it," Waldrum said. "She came out Friday, and she really struggled in the first half. Karas had a great preseason, and she really struggled." Waldrum said that the keepers might not be entirely at fault. The young defense needs some time to get itself together, he said.

"It's a whole unit thing, it's not just the goalkeepers," Waldrum said. "We've got some things we've got to sort out defensively for sure. We've got a young defense back there. We've got players we've been moving around."

"The defense has so far allowed the keepers to see many more shots than last year. Last season opponents got off 5.9 shots per game; this year they've managed 11.8."

Waldrum said junior defender Carrie Dew still hasn't fully recovered from her ACL injury, and that has hampered the defense as well.

While the offense returned fairly well, the Irish lost two senior defenders — Christie Shaner and Kim Lorenzen. The team also lost senior Jill Krivacek, a defensive midfielder. Losing players of their caliber created a defensive vacuum that so far the team hasn't been able to fill. Sophomore defenders Haley Ford and Amanda Clark and junior defender Elise Weber, along with Dew, make up the current defensive unit.

Be it the caliber of their opponents (Notre Dame faced three top-10 teams in the first six games, including the preseason), the relatively green defense or a drop-off in goalkeeping talent from last season, the Irish face a challenge that Waldrum said requires someone to assert herself.

"We've got to get some consistency," he said. "We've got to get someone who can dominate the penalty box for us."
**Crossword**

**Across**
- 1. Chew the fat (5, 9 in the style of) 52 Down
- 2. Cleveland, briefly 43 Across
- 3. 1966 Indy winner 44 Answer
- 4. Brief 45 Down
- 5. Maine college town 46 Down
- 7. Paper quantity 49 Down
- 8. Zigg 50 Down
- 9. Pooh's cagers, briefly 50 Across
- 10. "Exodus" hero 51 Down
- 12. One-year record 55 Across
- 20. Absent, in dates 57 Across
- 21. Satisfied sigh 61 Down

**Down**
- 1. Singer Brooks 17 Across
- 2. Last Oldsmobile to be made 18 Down
- 3. Britain's PM until 2007 19 Down
- 4. Tennis star Pete 20 Across
- 5. Grist 20 Down
- 6. Pub savings 21 Across
- 7. 27 Across, e.g., informally 21 Down
- 8. "Get out!" 22 Across
- 9. Cesar who played the Joker 22 Down
- 10. "Exodus" hero 23 Across
- 12. One-year record 24 Across
- 20. Absent, in dates 24 Down
- 21. Satisfied sigh 25 Across

**Tasting Like Failure**

**RICH PROTIVA AND ANDY SPangler**

**Jumble**

**HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGIRION**

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

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Up for grabs**

Waldrum opens up keeper job to three contenders as defense struggles in early games

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Four games into the season, Notre Dame still doesn’t have a bona fide starting goalkeeper.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum has rotated three candidates, senior Lauren Karas, sophomore Kelsey Lyssander and freshman Nikki Weiss, but has not found an answer. Waldrum said the void at keeper has cast a shadow of doubt over the entire defense.

“We’re at a point right now where defensively, everybody’s worried,” Waldrum said Sunday.

Waldrum gave Weiss the tentative starting nod for Friday’s Ton at Saint Mary’s Classic, but said the battle is “still wide open.”

None of the keepers have

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Belles return home to face conference rival

Irish senior goalkeeper Lauren Karas punts the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-0 win over Rutgers on Oct. 6, 2006 at Alumni Field. Karas is in a three-way race for the starting job.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish unveil ‘07 schedule

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Notre Dame will face 11 teams that made the 2007 NCAA Tournament — including five that reached the Sweet 16 — in its 2007-08 schedule, released Sunday after approval from the University’s Faculty Board on Athletics.

The highlights of the Irish home schedule are games against Connecticut and defending champion Tennessee on Jan. 5 and Jan. 27, respectively. Notre Dame is one of only two schools, along with DePaul, that plays both Tennessee and Connecticut this season.

The Irish non-conference schedule also features games against Boston College on Nov. 24, Michigan on Dec. 2 and a road game against Bowling Green Dec. 5. The Falcons were a Sweet 16 team a season ago.

Notre Dame will begin its season in the preseason National Invitational Tournament on Nov. 9 against Miami (Ohio). The preseason NIT changed formats last season, and the Irish are guaranteed at least three games.

Notre Dame begins Big East play on Jan. 8 at Louisville. The Irish will play DePaul in a conference home-and-home series for the third consecutive season. DePaul and Notre Dame split the regular season series last year, but the Blue Demons beat the Irish 76-71 in the first round of the Big East tournament in Hartford last season.

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