University president delivers annual address to faculty members, stresses importance of encouraging post-graduate degrees

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Offering unmatched undergraduate education and becoming a premier research university are intertwined objectives, University President Father John Jenkins said Tuesday in his annual address to the faculty.

As Notre Dame strives to improve its research capabilities and accomplishments—with $30 million of a $1 billion campaign—undergraduates can reap the benefits of learning and studying at a university where "high-quality research" is conducted, Jenkins said.

"When distinguished members of the faculty are available to teach and advise students, the thrill of research becomes part of the undergraduate experience in a way impossible at a four-year college," he said. "We can, if we do it right, offer a better undergraduate education by not focusing solely on undergraduate education."

Before faculty members gathered in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Jenkins reiterated and refined for the University he has developed since becoming president of Notre Dame in 2005— to remain dedicated to undergraduate education, to become a highly ranked and highly regarded research university and to uphold the University's Catholic character.

Notre Dame, Jenkins said, wants to graduate intellectual leaders. Jenkins cited Ph.Ds—among other graduate degrees or even no advanced degree—as an avenue toward intellectual leadership. According to numbers Jenkins presented in a PowerPoint presentation, the number of Notre Dame graduates who earn Ph.Ds is low compared to peer institutions such as Princeton, Yale and Rice and very low compared to others.

 Alumni reap U.K. college experience
Selective Marshall program funds Americans' advanced studies in Britain

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Each year, forty students from American schools are selected to participate in the Marshall Scholarship program—a prestigious award given to outstanding students—which finances two years of graduate or undergraduate study in a United Kingdom institution.

And two Notre Dame students are currently reaping the benefits of their British education.

The nomination and selection process is extremely competitive. Students may only apply if nominated by their school early in the
Redemption and each other.

For us members of the senior class, Notre Dame's football has been a bumpy, pulsar-filled ride for the past four years. First there was the upset of Michigan during our first home game, an exocet blast high off the mouth of the Trojans, in which the spirit was Willingham, but the football was weak, weak. Glories for gridiron punishment and most faithful to that we have been, we have suf- fered through hirings, firings and hours of hearing Mark DeRosa rant about Notre Dame and predicting terrible things for the Irish.

Then came Charlie Weis, and we had heroes again. We had Darius walking over enemy lines like a and Brady Quinn running spirals on opposing secondaries and Jeff Samardzija snagging six-pointers.

Walls, Albany, N.Y., I heard. Me.

I had to be home.

A new beginning.

As a younger, skinnier and bright-eyed freshman, fresh of the airplane from Albany, N.Y., I quickly learned a few things about how things work around here.

Avoid LaFayette on Run 'em nights. Don't sit down during football games. Hate Michigan.

I even bought a very cheap shirt which expressed the campus-wide distaste for U of M by smirking around a few choice let- ters. And within a week of my arrival here, Stanford Hall upperclassmen taught me a decidedly different version of Michigan's "Hail to the Victors" fight song. They are a peaceful people, there are few things in this world that I despise, but that which I hate, I hate fiercely. Death Eaters. The Irish Flower. Cats. Major uni- versities from the state of Michigan.


Nearly half the things on that list are opposing football schools we still have the opportunity to kick in the shins, starting with the wretchedly-null voidness of this year's Wolverines.

For pride. For honor. For redemption. A victory Saturday will make the whole season a success, regardless of the result, because we are seniors out into "the real world" feeling satisfied.

Having had the privilege to be here the midseason? of making the trip out to Ann Arbor two years ago, seeing her rather unhealthy-beating and watching the Irish defeat the pack of manly rival- ers, I found that looking like a lipschitz chic is the greatest of all collegiate emotions.

Let's expose the Irish as the cases of Irish and quickly close them. Let's turn Ann Arbor into Pick City, Michigan.

Let's prove why the school has the best fight song in the nation and make lament- ing losers out of the so-called "Victors Valley."

Love and Notre Dame. Hate the Michigan.

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Question of the Day: What is the best club on campus and why?

Charlie Horn

"Right to Life because I like life."

Emily Rhatigan

"Baraka Boats because you get to wear a sweatshirt that says Notre Dame women's boxing."

Mark Weber

"Bengal Boats. 300 pushups, 1,000 jacks per day. 5 days a week. Enough said."

Barry Martin

"The Filipino American Student Organization because of all the diversity it encourages and the free food."

Amy Veroecke

"Social Justice in American Medicine (SJAM) because it's actually seeking to make a difference in our country."

Tae Andrews

"The ND Squash club because Julian Lagoy is in it and he is really cool."

The American flag at South Quad flies at half mast Tuesday in remembrance of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

OFFBEAT

Woman allegedly shoots cheating husband

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A woman is accused of shoot- ing her husband four times with a 16-gauge double-bar- reled shotgun after learning of an affair.

Eddie Martin, 51, survived the attack, but may have to have a limb amputated. Sheryl Martin, also 51, had to reload after the first two shots.

Martin made her first appearance on Monday in Clark County Superior Court. Martin was released on bail and will live with her par- ents. She will be formally charged September 21st.

Eddie Martin told his wife he was leaving an affair and wanted a divorce.

They argued and Eddie went to sleep in a camper. Sheryl found a shotgun, loaded it and allegedly shot him while he was in bed.

74-year-old fights off mugger at mall

BAY SHORE, N.Y. — A tire-iron-wielding man who police said was looking to snog a senior citizen proba- bly thought he had found an easy target — that is, until the 74-year-old fought back.

Bruce Ferrara had no idea someone was following him as he walked out of a department store at the South Shore Mall on Saturday and got into his car, police said. But then a man pounded on Ferrara's window and demanded cash.

Ferrara says, "What are you kidding me?" and he actually gets out of the car.

The mugger demanded Ferrara hand over his wal- let, calling the Bay Shore resident an "old man" and threatening to hit him with the tire iron, Groseman said. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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FLP program cancelled

Involvement in program kept freshmen from leadership roles

By ALLEN MURPHY
News Writer

The Freshman Peer Leaders (FPL) program, an effort to acclimate freshmen with leadership experience in their local parishes to Notre Dame's Campus Ministry, has been cancelled this year.

The effectiveness of the decision will be evaluated at the end of the year, and depending on the findings, the program could be reestablished, said Brett Perkins, director of Protestant Student Resources and Catholic Peer Ministry.

Perkins, the former FPL director, said the program wasn't yielding the results Campus Ministry expected.

"The goals are really trying to get freshmen involved in Campus Ministry programs in a leadership capacity as soon as possible, as well as faith formation and fellowship," he said.

Instead, due to the time constraints placed on students by busy schedules, freshmen involved in FPL found it difficult to take part in other Campus Ministry offerings.

We found that often times FPL was the only Campus Ministry activity freshmen could commit to," Perkins said. "Once FPL became sophomores, they began to get involved in other Campus Ministry programming on campus, at the same time their non-FPL classmates were already assuming leadership roles in their respective programs."

He said these dynamics were contrary to FPL's core mission of readying students for leadership roles in Campus Ministry early in their Notre Dame career.

"We were discovering that FPLs were often a whole year behind in assuming such leadership roles," Perkins said.

At the end of the year, Campus Ministry should have an idea of how many freshmen get involved in its program without FPL. At that point, the program will be reevaluated, he said.

However, Parish Confirmation Retreats — an important component of the FPL program — have not been cancelled.

"We'll still continue [them] in the second semester," Perkins said. "They'll be open to students of any class year, with a preference still towards freshmen who are looking to get involved in leadership."

Many other activities enjoyed by Freshman Peer Leaders, such as tours of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and trips to local Eastern-Rite Catholic celebrations, will continue to be offered as well.

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While Brey visited the soldiers in Kuwait to teach them, he said he was the one who learned the most.

"I never saw better teamwork than I did in the military," he said. "As a teambuilder, it was inspiring."

Brey said he noticed a contrast between the way people in the U.S. view the war in Iraq and the way the soldiers approach it.

Here, Brey said, much of the focus rests on the political battle to continue or end American involvement in the conflict, while in Kuwait he "did not once hear soldiers say that we shouldn't be over there or question why they were there."

After a week of living with the troops in the barracks and eating in the mess hall, he said he believes America's handling of the war should shift from a political debate to the soldiers and their safety.

"Most importantly, Brey said, Americans must never forget Sept. 11 was an attack, not a tragedy. He said he has heard a lot of people call 9/11 a tragedy, but that his Kuwait trip reminded him "it was really an attack."

"We must remember it was an attack," he said.

Like most Americans, Brey said he also remembers exactly where he was that day the airplanes hit the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

"I was on a recruiting trip," he said. "We rented the last car at the airport and drove the 14 hours back."

The ceremony began at 7 a.m. with Warner praying for all the victims of the attacks — which included firefighters, policemen and civilians — and for those who have since died in the war in Iraq.

Brey then addressed the audience and amid his reflections on the current opinions about the war, he also included a light anecdote of his visit to Kuwait.

During his trip, Brey flew inside a Blackhawk helicopter and noticed the pilot was wearing a Notre Dame hat.

During the flight, the pilot turned around to ask Brey about the Windup loss in the NCAA tournament.

"It's great to experience the Notre Dame family (outside the University)," Brey said.

Following Brey's speech, a rendition of "Taps" was played in honor of those who perished six years ago and who have since died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The ROTC cadets were dismissed and the ceremony concluded with a benediction by Warner.

While the memorial was somber — and some tears did flow — it was clear the country has changed in the last six years. Unlike the University-wide Mass held on Sept. 11, 2001, few students attended the ceremony. Coincidentally, two planes flew over the library during the service, something that couldn't have occurred six years ago when all civilian aircraft were grounded.

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discuss the ways in which America remembers the 9/11 attacks.

Cavender urged his listeners to let go of their anger, resentment and desire for revenge for the attacks and called for forgiveness, an attitude she said would allow them to be at peace inside.

"It really made me think about my own life ... and think how small my problems are in comparison," Petrovic said about Cavender's speech.

Students also participated in the service, reading selected passages from Buddhist, Jewish and Christian traditions. Each piece of religious text dealt with the similar themes of love, forgiveness and healing.

"Forgiveness, healing and peace go together," Cavender said. "If our memories serve only to fuel anger ... peace isn't something we'll be well acquainted with."

Cavender said she and Judy Feun, director of Campus Ministry, decided to bring other faiths' traditions to this year's 9/11 memorial service because that would promote the spirit of dialogue and understanding across different religions.

Sophomore Kristie Hodges read from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians, a passage that stressed the importance of "bearable compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience ... bearing with one another and forgiving one another."

After the service, Hodges said she was happy with the turnout and the flow of the event.

Toward the end of the service, flames were passed around the room until everyone who had a candle had lit it in memory of the victims six years ago. Intercessions were then given, peace was offered and a song concluded the memorial — but students in attendance said Cavender's words would resonate long after they left the lounge.

"Let us not forget the terrible events of six years ago," Cavender said. "It is important that we remember — but let us choose carefully how and why we remember."

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alumni, the administration and other parties.

Four select games, the Student Activities Office (SAO) may receive 200 to 300 of those tickets and transfer them to SUB for distribution, he said. Student tickets are only distributed for games that "students can safely drive to and back in one day" and occasional games over fall break, Ross said.

The University limits the students' access to these tickets partly to ensure they don't skip class traveling to away games, he said. Ross said Assistant Vice President in the Office of Student Affairs, Brian Goughlin told him the student ticket distribution policy for away games has not been revised in at least a decade.

Despite his explanation of the University's policy and its restrictions, many COR members were unsatisfied with Ross' answer and said they want to improve the distribution of student away game tickets.

"Is there something we can make changes to now so we can get Boston College tickets next year?" junior class president Bob Resh asked. "It's our job to say to the Ticket Office, 'Let's get something done together here.'

Resh's arguments for away game ticket lotteries were met with rebuttal and support from the University's concern that distributing tickets for games as far away as Boston College or Penn State would lead to more students skipping class to leave campus early for the weekend.

The University isn't going to condone skipping classes," Ross said.

Student body vice president Mari Braun agreed and said from the University's perspective, 200 kids missing class the Friday before the game is inexcusable.

Another concern, Ross said, is that students may be unable to travel to distant away games, leaving tickets unsold. If students can't find transportation to the games, SUB would have to absorb the cost of the leftover student tickets, Ross said.

"As the SUB manager, I don't want to pick up the Boston College game because we lose money if people can't get tickets," he said.

Student ticket exchange

COR also discussed the cancelation of the student ticket exchange program for students to sell their home tickets to a friend who wants to attend the game. The program was terminated because of what the SAO termed "gross violations," such as scalping, student body president Liz Brown said.

This year, the exchange option will only be allowed for the USC game, which will take place during fall break.

Brown said she and Braun have met with the Ticket Office, the Law School Association and the Graduate Student Union to work on ways to develop an exchange program that allows fewer violations.

"It's the Ticket Office is there for students 100 percent. They're trying as hard as they can," she said.

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fall semester. They must be a U.S. citizen, be of senior standing or within two years after graduation and have a minimum 3.7 GPA, according to the program's Web-site.

The deadline for applications this year was on Sept. 2.

Notre Dame boasts seven scholars that have been selected to receive the scholarship since 1993. Two of the most recent graduates to receive the award were Peter Quarnato, Class of 2006, and Meg Towle, Class of 2007.

Towle graduated with a degree in honors anthropology and international peace studies. She said she appreciated the wide degree of programs that students can pursue in the Marshall Program.

"It was really the only graduate opportunity that I was looking for, and it worked out great because I wanted to go international," she said.

Towle selected the University of Liverpool to pursue her studies, and will be studying at the School of Tropical Medicine. Her interest in international health has already taken her to conduct HIV/AIDS research in Mexico, Bolivia and southern Africa.

She feels confident her grounding in anthropology and peace studies will prepare her well to take on even more challenges abroad. After completing time in Liverpool, she hopes to spend six months doing fieldwork with HIV/AIDS either in southern Africa or southeast Asia.

"[The university] has a wide range of programs that are really science geared, and I've decided to work in epidemiology up to reproductive health," she said.

"My main focus will be on humanitarian studies and the global health intervention crisis. I'd really like to work with women, children and displaced people. That's what's nice about the Marshall program — you do more fieldwork as opposed to being stuck in a lecture hall. That's why I encourage everyone to apply toush students who are interested in the program usually receive guidance from their respective universities in preparing their applications. Each file is then sent to one of eight regional locations — in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. — where they are reviewed for consideration.

"In terms of selectivity, it's up there with the Rhodes Scholarship," said Roberts.

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**International News**

Turkish officials prevent attack

"Turkish families huddled under umbrellas on Tuesday a park to mark the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the first remembrance ceremony not held at ground zero, an event that failed to evade the same fate of being overshadowed by the lower ground of the World Trade Center site."

- Associated Press

**Local News**

Health insurance premiums rise

"The increasing cost of health insurance is putting the squeeze on families of all sizes and stages of life."

-NATIONAL NEWS

**MEXICO**

**Attack on pipeline halts production**

"MEXICO CITY — More than 60 percent of Mexico's steel production was halted and two major automobile plants were left running on fumes when a leaking pipeline in the country's only oil and gas pipeline was shut down for repairs."

- Associated Press
China's terror threat may threaten Olympics

In remarks appearing on the sixth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said China, like the United States, Public Security Minister Zhou Yongkang said China would seek closer cooperation with other countries in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

"Although the general security situation for the Beijing Olympics remains stable, we still won't ignore the challenges of terrorism, separatism, and extremism," Zhou was quoted by the official People's Daily newspaper as saying.

"Terrorism in particular poses the biggest threat," Zhou told a conference in Beijing on Monday, the paper said.

Nigalising the Olympics has been one of the biggest concerns and costs for cities hosting the games in recent years. Greek officials spent a record 35 million euros on security for the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Experts say the terrorist threat in China is relatively low, but they warn that Beijing faces a greater risk from ethnic separatists among the Uighur population in the country's far western Xinjiang region.

However, one or two terrorist attacks in China in the past few years have raised fears that the country could see a repeat of the 2001 attack that occurred during the Olympic torch relay in Beijing.

He warned, however, that China's counterterrorism capabilities remain relatively weak, especially in its underdeveloped western regions outside its borders. "I expect very few terror attacks before the Olympics," he said.

China has not joined military operations in Afghanistan or Iraq, and has not so far been a target of Al-Qaeda or other global terrorists.

The country has appointed a special envoy to focus on Middle Eastern conflicts, but Beijing's involvement has been mainly limited to economic contacts and calls for a negotiated settlement to the Palestinian question.

Although Uighur separatists have launched occasional bombings and assassinations, the last serious incidents were a decade ago.

In a recent analysis earlier this year, China said it aided a terrorist camp in Xinjiang run by the East Turkistan Islamic Movement, or ETIM, killing 18 militants it said had links to Al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

The Sept. 11 attacks helped dilute U.S. and other foreign concerns in China, which has hanked tactics toward ethnic separatists it accuses of terrorism.

However, Gunaratna said the ETIM remained dangerous because it had "harmonious" links with Al-Qaeda, changing strategies to suit its local nationalist goal to one espousing a pan-Islamic ideology to unite the region's Uighur minority and Pakistan's remote tribal areas.

"They are increasing their messaging on the Internet," Gunaratna said.

Gunaratna estimated the group had a reach of less than 1 percent of China's Muslim population or 2 million Muslims. He said welfare of the group to China needed to avoid alienation mainstream Uighurs by improving education and job options and showing more sensitivity to their ethnic concerns.

Interpol said Monday it would help China with security issues after it had agreed to provide support to the group's Interpol offices in China.

"We have been working with the Chinese government for some time to develop our China liaison office," Interpol Chief Ken Miller said. "We provide training and advice to China's criminal police on counter-terrorism, and we look forward to the continued cooperation between the two offices.

Liu Jiu, a vice minister for public security, told the meeting that the United States wants to combat terrorism, while China hopes all 135 cities on the Olympic torch relay route will also help safeguard that event, the China Daily said.

Liu was quoted as saying that some organizations and individuals are working to try to politicize the games and planned to disrupt the relay.

In a rare statement of discord, Taiwanese media reported that China has alerted its troops to stopmnts, bush to the Olympics, and that the event may be used to show anger against the Chinese government.

China said it had received reports that a fellow citizen, a journalist in Taiwan, was being held by a group of pro-independence forces. The Chinese government has ruled out the possibility of a military confrontation with Taiwan, which declared independence in 1949.

China's state media has been particularly critical of the United States in recent weeks, weeks, as China has decided not to send a delegation to the U.S. Olympic Committee in Washington, D.C. in mid-September ...

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OPEC production boosts fuels market
Oil futures benefit, but domestic barrel prices expected to remain high

Associated Press

VIENA — OPEC sought to reassure anxious in­vestors Tuesday by agreeing to boost crude production by 500,000 barrels per day — a move the cartel con­ceded would more likely by "clouds on the hori­zon" from the U.S. housing slump.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said the highest output would begin Nov. 1. It is pledging to "vigilantly monitor" the other factors, buffeting crude markets, including worries that supplies might not keep pace with demand later this year as it becomes winter in the Northern Hemisphere.

Significantly — and sur­prising — the meeting of the cartel said the increase would be based on current production, meaning it will add real oil to the market.

In the recent past, OPEC has raised only its official output quota and because it tends to pump over those targets, the increases were purely cos­metic.

"Our message to the consumer is that we're concerned, and said Abdalla Saleem El­­Badr, OPEC's secretary general.

"We are concerned, and that is why we increased production," he said.

After OPEC's announce­ment, light, sweet crude rose for October delivery imme­diately advanced above $78 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. By the end of an up and down session, it rose 74 cents to settle at $78.23 a barrel, keeping the cartel's pro­gress­ious record, set July 31, by 2 cents.

In London, October Brent crude gained 23 cents to $75.71 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

"The fact that they're actually adding oil is very, very positive," said John Hall, an analyst with John Hall Associates in London.

Hall noted that prices have more than doubled in just 2 1/2 years. Crude hit an intraday record of $77.77 a barrel in early August on the NYMEX, and prices since have been holding fairly steadily above $76.

But Simon Wardell, a senior energy consultant with Global Insight, said high crude costs may be here to stay.

"While OPEC's move will have a short-term price effect, the medium-term picture appears to be set for continued high prices," he said.

El-Badr told reporters the decision to loosen OPEC's taps was based in part on the effects of the crisis in the U.S. subprime mortgage market, where defaults have prompted lenders to tighten loan requirements.

That has sent ripples across all sectors of the economy, including the energy market, by raising fears of a U.S. recession and reduced demand for oil and gas.

"We have seen the finan­cial markets and the sub­prime mortgage crisis putting some clouds on the horizon," he said.

Investors speculate about interest cuts

NEW YORK — Wall Street rose sharply after investors grew more confident that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates next week, even after its chairman gave no clues about the central bank's intentions. The Dow Jones industrials rose 180 points.

Traders had been hoping Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke would give some indication during a speech to Germany's Bundesbank about the subprime mortgage crisis. Wall Street is looking for a rate cut to help buoy the housing market and ease problems caused by tighten­ing credit availability.

Instead, Bernanke talked about the need for countries around the globe to cooperate toward econom­ic stability. He said "global imbal­ances" occur when countries run up trade deficits or produce big trade surpluses.

"Bernanke didn't really say any­thing about interest rates, but at this point the feeling on Wall Street is that it's mandatory," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist, Weedon & Co., speaking about a rate cut. "At this point, the market is pricing in not just one rate cut, but a couple, and that's helping to stabilize stocks."

The stock market has been volatile since midsummer, with jitters high about the sluggish hous­ing market and debt aversion caus­ing a standstill in the credit mar­kets and damaging the economy.

Last Friday's jobs report, which showed the first monthly payroll decline in four years, aggravated those concerns. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com, predicted the risk of a recession in the next six to 12 months has increased to nearly 40 percent from less than 15 percent before subprime concerns began riling the markets.

Investors nervous about the U.S. economy slipping into recession got a bit of relief from the Commerce Department's report on the U.S. trade deficit. The trade gap narrowed modestly in July to $59.2 billion from $59.4 billion in June, thanks to record exports of farm goods, autos and other prod­ucts. Many economists had antici­pated a widening of the deficit.

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Investors nervous about the U.S. economy slipping into recession got a bit of relief from the Commerce Department's report on the U.S. trade deficit. The trade gap narrowed modestly in July to $59.2 billion from $59.4 billion in June, thanks to record exports of farm goods, autos and other prod­ucts. Many economists had antici­pated a widening of the deficit.

"The Dow rose 180.54, or 1.38 percent, to 13,308.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 19.79, or 1.36 percent, to 1,471.49, while the Nasdaq com­posite index rose 38.36, or 1.50 percent, to 2,597.47."

Bonds fell as investors withdrew money to buy stocks, pushing the 10-year Treasury note's yield up to 4.37 percent from 4.27 percent late Monday. The dollar weakened against the euro and British pound, while gold moved higher.
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"Stan, don't you know the first law of physics? Anything that has positive mass costs at least eight dollars."

Eric Cartman
South Park

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those things that cause the greatest freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and the prudence never to practice either of them."

Mark Twain
American author

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Now remember the soldiers

Travis Virgadamo was only 13 years old when the World Trade Center towers fell. Six years later he was Specialist Travis Virgadamo, celebrating his 19th birthday in what is commonly known among the troops as "the sandbox." It's hard to explain why or how we ended up in Iraq, but in the aftermath of Sept. 11, American troops were deployed to the Middle East to inject democracy into a region of people nobody ever took the time to understand.

On Aug. 30, just 13 days after his birthday, Virgadamo died from a reported self-inflicted gunshot wound. Six days ago, Corporal William Warford III, known as Billy, from Temple, Texas, was one of two soldiers killed from a homemade explosive in Balad, Iraq. He was 24. This is about all the military will tell the public about the rescue efforts.

As General David Petraeus sat in front of a congressional committee yesterday, trying to justify the killings in this war, he did his cajoling with charts, graphs and statistics. If Petraeus and President Bush would visit Warford's MySpace page they would see that he was more than just a statistic.

Graphs won't show Warford's beautiful wife, Shara, or a picture of his adorable son dressed as Batman. Charts won't show the life Warford had — the friends, the family, the funny picture comments he got every week on his site.

"Hey brother we will miss you. You will always be in our hearts. See you on the other side. Hook 'em Horns." A pie graph won't highlight what Virgadamo's page tells: His perfect pizza consists of banana peppers; that his goal for this year was to travel; that his fears were "snakes, especially on a plane," and that prior to his death, friends were wishing him the best.

There has never been a war memorial like this in the history of warfare. At the Vietnam War memorial in Washington, D.C., you don't know what song a soldier or civilian was listening to before their death, what YouTube videos they thought was funny; or that on the topic of children, "somebody" was the answer, as it was for Virgadamo.

These are the faces of war. These are the repercussions. This is the destruction of current and future families. It's not in charts or statistics. It's not in a graph claiming the "troop surge" in this real-life game of "Risk" is "working."

"War is in the face of the widow; in the face of the once-happy "proud parent" from Temple, Texas; in the comment left to Virgadamo: "Blue skies, bro, rest in peace." As a 30-year-old Iraqi told me in an e-mail: "Life here is unacceptable and not suitable even for animals. I can get killed because of my work or for nothing. There are no infrastructure services, i.e. no electricity, no water, very bad sewage systems. It's hard sometimes to imagine and you have to see to live the situation."

The Iraqi, who is an engineering graduate student at the University of Baghdad, went on to say: "My wife and I tried to have a baby but we couldn't. Lots of doctors said it is because of the current situation and also because of the radiate weapons that (are) used during the war."

Tony Campbell, chair of child and adolescent development at SJSU, said that for families and children involved in Iraq, the outcome is dismal. "War disrupts lots of people," she said.

"And when the people who are supposed to care for children are stressed, when the stress is passed on to the children, sad and terrible things happen."

I urge you to check the names of our fallen soldiers, look at their MySpace pages and send their families a quick comment or e-mail today. Believe me, even though I never met Warford or his wife, Shara, she was so thankful to receive kind words from a stranger.

I then urge you to think about your vote in 2008 and make sure you don't vote for anyone who allows democracy to be exploited, families to be torn apart and innocent people to die, for no good reason at all.

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U-Wire

Health care lacks for Sept. 11 workers

Lauren Englehardt
The Daily Aztec

The terrorist attack on Sept. 11 could be the most shocking tragedy in my generation's lifetime. And although thousands of innocent lives were lost and a memorable pair of skyscrapers was destroyed, a great American spirit rose to the challenge and risked their lives to assist in the rescue efforts.

As a nation mourned, Americans threw their support behind a president who endorsed a war built on false pretenses. The terrorist attack of Sept. 11 was important enough to drive the U.S. to war, one would think.

Earlier this year, federal money released July 24.

Six years and counting, and our own government can't even treat the very people who risked their lives to save others, yet it can somehow afford to finance two increasingly unpopular wars? Perhaps the U.S. needs to listen to one of my dad's "Get your priorities straight" lectures.

The institutions in charge of lobbying for increased funds for rescue workers have not done a sufficient job in raising enough money to cover those heroes' rising health costs.

Of the approximately 6,000 workers with illnesses resulting from the Sept. 11 cleanup effort, none have recovered completely. The most the government can do is give these selfless workers some money for a screening, but none for treatment.

Great, so workers can find out they are sick from the toxic mix of asbestos, ground glass, concrete and other assorted chemicals. They can't be treated for any illnesses that are discovered.

Less than a year ago, the government released a report by the Government Accountability Office last month. It's not in charts or statistics. It's time the government stepped up to the plate, got an accurate count of the workers affected.

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Russell Crowe and Christian Bale saddle up in 3:10 to Yuma

By TAE ANDREWS

Russell Crowe and Christian Bale play opposite each other in 3:10 to Yuma, a Western that takes viewers on an exhilarating journey through the American frontier.

The film is directed by James Mangold, who is known for his work on films like Logan and The Wolverine. The story is based on the novel by William McKinley, and the screenplay is written by Martyn Gullone and John J. Lee.

Crowe plays the role of Ben Wade, a notorious outlaw who has been on the run for years. Bale plays the role of Dan Evans, a local posse member who is hired to bring Wade in.

The film opens with a thrilling chase sequence as Wade and his gang escape from a prison. The tension builds as Wade and his men try to evade capture, while Evans and his posse pursue them relentlessly.

The two main characters have opposite goals and motivations. Wade is determined to escape and start a new life, while Evans is driven by his sense of duty and a desire for justice.

Throughout the film, the characters face difficult moral decisions. Wade must weigh the costs of his actions against the potential benefits of his escape, while Evans must consider the consequences of his pursuit.

The film’s cinematography and direction are impressive, capturing the beauty and brutality of the American West. The movie’s soundtrack features a mix of traditional Western music and contemporary pop songs.

In the end, 3:10 to Yuma is a thrilling Western that combines action, drama, and suspense. It is a testament to the enduring appeal of the genre and the skill of its creators.

The Observer

Wednesday, September 12, 2007
Christian Bale is finally crossing the threshold. After nearly 20 years of a hard but steady journey up the Hollywood totem poll, Bale is at last nearing the inner ring of actors. He is becoming the kind of guy that Hollywood trusts to deliver. The top box office opening for "3:10 to Yuma" is testament to Bale’s ability to work magic in a good movie.

Cinematic victory did not come easily for Bale, who has worked steadily in the industry since 1986. After a few roles in TV movies, Bale starred in Disney’s Newsies, a musical that was somewhat of a flop. He continued to work in the Disney circle and was the voice of Pocahontas. He played opposite Wynona Rider as Laurie in Little Women. Bale began to gain prominence when he starred as Demetrius in "American Psycho" with Kevin Kline and Michelle Pfeiffer. Following that role was a steady flow of large box办公室 flops. He continued to work in the Disney circle and was the voice of Pocahontas.

What used to be the single greatest Hollywood formu formula for success has allowed nothing to stand in the way of his rise to cinematic success. Bale is finally crossing the threshold. After nearly 20 years of steady work, he has reached a position of authority among his Hollywood peers.

Movies like "3:10 to Yuma" do not come along often; the last truly successful Western was "Unforgiven" with Clint Eastwood in the early ‘90s. What used to be the single greatest Hollywood formula has since faded into obscurity, a somewhat forgotten art form that no longer equals immediate box office gold. Still, shooting a Western is a sign of accomplishment for any actor, and without a doubt the success of "Batman Begins" has led to bigger and better roles for Bale. Ever since "Batman Begins," he’s been able to stretch his capabilities as an actor. Though never formally trained, Bale’s intensity and subtle emotion have carried him through his career. Now, he doesn’t always have to wait for another movie to come along. He is receiving scripts, as opposed to seeking them out. Though perhaps not an Oscar contender (yet), Bale is a key element of what is currently the hottest movie in America. He manages to hold his own against heavy hitter Russell Crowe (Best Actor Oscar winner in 2001). His good-guy performance helps make "3:10 to Yuma" a truly great American Western.

Christian Bale has proven that the basic Hollywood system works. Start out young, get big roles, work hard, get bigger roles, grow as an actor and work until something happens. And somewhere along the line, that something did happen. All eyes are on Bale as he takes his next steps as a true Hollywood staple.

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
For THE OBSERVER
**Shakespeare**

**Actors From the London Stage to present Macbeth at annual on campus performance**

Performers will play multiple roles in the great tragedy that will be shown at Washington Hall this weekend.

_By Michelle Fordice_

Assistant Scene Editor

Every year, the Actors from the London Stage grace the Notre Dame campus with a performance. This year, Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” will come to life in Washington Hall. After more than 30 years, the Actors from the London Stage are one of the oldest touring Shakespeare companies in the world. They are associated with the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, which serves as their booking agent and home in the United States, but are actually housed and work in London. In addition to their performances, they visit and teach classes at universities. The actors hail from companies like the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain and Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre. And since AFTLS performances do not use a director, the actors’ skill is on full display.

Traditionally, the Actors from the London Stage keep the stage nearly bare; one of the only set pieces for their production of “Romeo and Juliet” was a standard ladder to serve as the famous balcony. The actors remain on stage for the entire performance, sitting at the back if they are not performing. Props are also kept to a minimum; the swords and knives were symbolized by a glove on the actor’s hand. The actors wear basic, functional, modern clothing and simply add a small piece or prop to indicate the character they are portraying. With so few embellishments, the production is clean and remains centered on the acting and the words instead of the decoration.

Not only do the actors create their environment on the stage in front of the audience, they try to involve their audience as much as possible.

**Macbeth**

_When:_ Wednesday, Sept. 12 - Friday Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm

_WHERE:_ Washington Hall

_Price:_ Students - $12

_Faculty/Staff/Senior Citizens - $16

_General Public — $18

In “Macbeth,” versatile actress Charlotte Allam plays five different roles: Malcolm, Cathness, Wife of Macduff, First Witch and Murderer. After returning from a victorious battle, Macbeth and his fellow general, Banquo, come upon three witches. The three witches prophesize that Macbeth will become king of Scotland, while Banquo is told his descendants will be a line of kings. While both men are initially skeptical, Macbeth begins to waver in his loyalty to King Duncan as the prophecy begins to appear true. Encouraged by his wife, Macbeth murders Duncan. Still, there is no triumph for Macbeth and his lady, only overwhelming guilt and doubt.

AFTLS performances become more than a show; they are a conversation with the audience. A refreshing change from Shakespeare performances that focus on ornamentation, these productions feature nothing except for Shakespeare’s words and the ability of the actors. The usual theatrical excellence of the company, paired with the classical greatness of Shakespeare’s “Macbeth,” is a sure sign of a good show this week.

“Macbeth” will run in Washington Hall tonight through Friday night. To purchase tickets for all shows, contact the DPAC ticket office at 574-631-800. Tickets are $12 for students. Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu

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Will Ashcroft becomes the faces of Banquo, Lennox, Seyward, Son of Macduff, Scottish Doctor and Porter in this weekend’s production of “Macbeth.”

Chris Donnelly, Bridgid Zengeni and Dan Winter fill out the rest of the cast from the Actors of the London Stage, who are visiting Notre Dame this weekend.

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Detroit goes 1-0 in Tuesday's doubleheader.

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jair Jurrjens saved the Detroit Tigers from what could have been a terrible day.

The rookie right-hander allowed one run over five innings in his second career start to secure the victory over the Texas Rangers and a split of Tuesday's day-night doubleheader.

Marlon Byrd hit two of the Rangers' seven homers in their 13-5 victory Tuesday afternoon. The Rangers scored three runs in the first inning, one in the third and four in the fourth after Jurrjens walked his first batter.

Jurrjens, who was activated from the disabled list on Tuesday after having shoulder problems, was big for the Tigers. Detroit is four games behind the New York Yankees, who beat Toronto 9-2.

"He's a big arm and a passion for the game," manager Clint Hurdle said of the 21-year-old. "He's a fierce competitor and loves to play the game."
Neurosurgeon Andrew Cappuccino, left, and Buffalo Bills team doctor John Marzo address the media Monday about the status of Bills tight end Kevin Everett. Everett suffered a spinal cord injury Sunday against the Denver Broncos.

**Everett moves, may someday walk**

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Kevin Everett voluntarily moved his arms and legs on Tuesday when partially awakened, prompting a neurosurgeon to say the Buffalo Bills’ tight end would walk again — contrary to the grim prognosis given a day before.

“Based on our experience, the fact that he’s moving so well, so early after such a catastrophic injury means he will walk again,” said Dr. Barth Green, chairman of the department of neurological surgery at the University of Miami school of medicine.

“It’s totally spectacular, totally unexpected,” Green told The Associated Press by telephone from Miami. Green said he’s been consulting with doctors in Buffalo since Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury Sunday afternoon while tackling the Denver Broncos’ John Phillips during the second-half kickoff of the Bills’ season opener.

Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Phillips high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Asked whether Everett will have a chance to fully recover, Green said: “It’s feasible, but it’s not 100 percent predictable at this time. But it’s feasible he could lead a normal life.”

On Monday, Bills orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Andrew Cappuccino, said Everett likely wouldn’t walk again.

A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely,” said Cappuccino, who operated on the reserve tight end. “I believe there will be some permanent neurologic deficit.”

Cappuccino and officials at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital did not immediately return several messages left with them by The AP. In a report Tuesday evening, Buffalo’s WIVB-TV quoted Cappuccino as saying: “We may be witnessing a minor miracle.”

Bills owner Ralph Wilson said the team has been in contact from the beginning with Green and the Miami Project, the university’s neurological center that specializes in spinal cord injuries and paralysis.

Everett’s agent, Brian Overstreet, also said Everett’s mother told him the player moved his arms and legs when awakened from a deeply sedated sleep.

“I don’t know if would it be a miracle. I would call it a spectacular example of what people can do,” Green said.

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**IN BRIEF**

Yankees, Mets commemorate 9/11 at games

NEW YORK — The New York Mets and Atlanta Braves paused before their game Tuesday night to mark the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Blue Jays and Yankees also paid tribute to police officers, firefighters and emergency workers from both cities in Toronto.

The Shea Stadium scoreboard was turned off as the Mets and Braves lined up along the baselines for a moment of silence. The sparse crowd also stood under an overcast, gray sky.

“FL is something that we’ll never forget,” Mets manager Willie Randolph said before the ceremony. “It seems very fresh in all our minds, I guess.”

In Toronto, U.S. Ambassador David Wilkins joined Capt. William Liley of the New York Fire Department and Chief Bill Stewart of the Toronto Fire Department on the mound as they threw out ceremonial first pitches.

Texans fan nearly castrated in fight with Sooner

OKLAHOMA CITY — To some Oklahoma football fans, there are things that just aren’t done in the heart of Sooner Nation, and one of them is to walk into a bar wearing a Texas Longhorns T-shirt.

That’s exactly what touched off a bloody skirmish that left a Texas-shirt-wearing fan nearly castrated and an Oklahoma fan facing aggravated assault charges that could put him in prison for up to five years.

The shocking case has set off a raging debate in this football-crazed region about the extreme passions behind a bitter rivalry. Some legal observers have even questioned whether this case could ever truly have been an impartial jury.

“I’ve actually heard callers on talk radio say that this guy deserved what he got for wearing a Texas T-shirt into a bar in the middle of Sooner country,” said Erwin Bus, an attorney in this city 20 miles from Oklahoma’s campus in Norman.

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With Wambach injured, USA ties North Korea

Associated Press

CHENGDU, China — Blood streaming from a gash on the top of her head, Abby Wambach came off the field. Her 10 minutes, the United States played short-handed while she got stitches.

North Korea didn’t waste its chance.

The United States allowed a pair of goals while Wambach was off the field. Solo was replaced by goalkeeper Hope Solo — then rallied for a 2-2 tie at the Women’s World Cup.

"When they scored right away as I went off I started to get worried," Wambach said. "So I started to run to the locker room to get stitches put in."
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and wide receiver positions.

"Regular" is two backs, one tight end and two wide receivers," Weis said. "But I might call 'regular' and give a little nod to that. So I might want a specific halfback or specific fullback or specific tight end or specific wide receiver."

As the offense gets more complex, Clausen will be able to rely on fifth-year senior center John Sullivan to help him make reads, Weis said. One thing Sullivan already does is identify the defense's middle lineman so that the offensive linemen can figure out who to block.

Last season, senior quarterback Brady Quinn made the lineworker calls, but with such a young quarterback, Weis trusts center John Sullivan instead.

"All the quarterback would like for me to just have that in their head and not have it in Sally's head," Weis said. "But really, he'll deal with the experienced guy with handling that assignment." 

Weis said that while Quinn makes calls — both for his own education and for the backfield — and running backs that can't see the field.

"I think what happens is when Sally says who it is, then the back receivers and everybody else needs to know who he's identifying," Weis said. "Because a lot of times, those guys outside can't see what he said.

Even if Clausen learns the offense perfectly, however, he won't be able to move the ball until the offensive line improves. Notre Dame has given up 15 sacks and rushed for 8 yards in two games.

Weis said competition for starting offensive positions is still open, but that no back-up has shown enough in practice to usurp the starters.

"I spoke to a couple of the guys who were back ups last week and I said if they had done more in practice last week, they would have been starting this week," Weis said. "And they were the same thing going into this week. For protection problems they have especially hurt the production of fifth-year senior right end John Carlson last season. Carlson caught 47 passes for 634 yards. This year, he has just four catches for 24 yards in the first two games because he's had to stay in to help the offensive line so often."

Weis said Tuesday that he might take away the safety blanket from the offensive line and try to get the ball to Carlson more this week.

"When you don't get any offensive production for two weeks in a row there comes a time where you have to take off the gloves and we're getting close to that time," the coach said.

While Weis makes Xs and Os changes trying to get production out of his offense, the players are chomping at the bit to show they aren't as useless as Weis has looked so far this season.

"If they aren't mad and embarrassed, then they're not competitors," he said. "I know I certainly am, I think any time you put as much time and effort, and you feel you're right, and things don't go too well, and you don't feel prepared, and you're not very competitive.

However, Harrington and his fellow roughnecks have become more than just getting back up after taking their fair share of hits and a rough and tumble world of rugby. In the end, all of that hard work paid dividends, as the Cougars defeated the Notre Dame Rugby Football Club in May of last year.

"A lot of hard work that finally paid off," Harrington said.

Over the summer the team has gotten new jerseys, a new pitch and has become a member of the Chicago Area Rugby Football Union.

Even more important than University recognition is the right to wear the Notre Dame symbol on their sleeves.

"Last year we all had to play wearing the jerseys that were not recognized and so not that different," Weis said. "So now, the University, sophomore flanker Jaime Urquijo said. "From now on all Notre Dame ruggers have the very special privilege of bearing the ND monogram on our jerseys.

Senior prop Nolan Noble agreed. "I started playing rugby in January of last semester," he said. "Coming from Texas, I grew up playing football and didn't have any exposure to rugby whatsoever. Then, this young man in English class who had been an accent Urquijo convinced me to check it out.

"While some aspects of the game are similar to football, playing rugby is a completely unique sport. The techniques, rules, and plays are different in every way," Noble said. "And I know or watch on TV. I like Procedures that make such a unique, new sport, it's almost a cultural experience, learning a sport that the whole world plays," Noble said.

Harrington and Urquijo all cited a common love of "hitting people" as one of their primary reasons for playing rugby. They were among a rash of injuries which have seen them land in the doctor's office nearly as often as on the turf. For his part, Harrington broke his bi-tennis racquet and dislocated his knee once, although he said "the injuries are not as bad as you might think."

Urquijo has split an eyebrow and sprained the AC joint of his shoulder. Urquijo has suffered a broken rib at one point, a broken arm and finger. He also has a broken nose, which he describes as a "most peculiar injury," Weis said. "He will feel it, the doctor has assured me that in that case we should not touch it."

Yet all of the bumps, bruises and broken bones have not deterred them from the pitch.

"Rugby, in my opinion, is every bloke's favorite game," Urquijo said. "They just don't know it yet. It's a rough contact sport, but at the same time requires a great deal of fitness and skill to be proficient in it.

Having earned University recognition, the outside Irish continue to bind the team together as it has in years past: a sense of community.

"On top of playing such an intense, fast and fast paced game, the friendships that are formed over the months and years are something that form the outside Irish," Urquijo said. "Some of my best friends on this campus and back home were made in the rugby pitch. While you are on that pitch playing rugby, there is only one line to win, at the risk of sounding very cliche, the 14 other players are your friends, not your brothers. The bonds you make in rugby are long lasting and never broken, I encourage anyone who can come out and join us.

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RUGBY

Tackling the odds

Team regained club status after 12 years

By TAE ANDREWS
Sports Writer

Chris Harrington loves hitting people.

After growing up in London and learning how to play rugby, the senior Notre Dame Rugby Club captain and scrum half has been running roughshod over and through opponents for the past eight years. But tackling his biggest challenge has taken place off of the pitch — earning club status for his team.

The history of the Notre Dame Rugby Football Club is a long and colorful one, filled with nearly as many shenanigans as hard hits.

"Some of the old teams from back in the '80s and '90s had gone so into a lot of trouble with the University," Harrington said in an e-mail Sunday. "This led to an eventual ban of the team 12 years ago."

Knocked down but not out, the team began rebuilding in 2003.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Maunu shoots Notre Dame record 6-under par

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame defeated No. 14 Tennessee by one stroke and beat out three other top-20 squads Tuesday to win the Cougar Classic, which was held at the University Golf Club in Hanahan, S.C., was comprised of four top-20 squads — making this victory even more impressive.

Two separate program records were broken at the Cougar Classic. In the first round of the invitational, junior Lisa Maunu shot the lowest round of golf ever in the program at six-under par. As a team, Notre Dame fired the lowest score over a three-round event with its six-over par (870) mark. The Irish shattered the previous record by 29 strokes.

The victory was the 21st in program history, and the first time second-year coach Susan Holt has led her squad to a tournament title.

Maunu, due to her record-breaking first round, finished atop the field of 103 golfers, becoming the 11th golfer in the program to win an individual tournament.

"Lisa played really, really well," Holt told und.com. "She was steady and had the ball really well. I thought the entire team hit the ball well. It's exciting because the team set some high goals for this season, and it's a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The goals are attainable, and they can go as far as they want to go."

FOOTBALL

Weis opens playbook for U of M

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Against Penn State, with a freshman quarterback in a hostile environment, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis simplified his offense, cutting down on the number of plays available to be called.

But after the Irish offense marched only 144 total yards and a paltry three points, Weis isn't going to take any more "baby steps" with quarterback Jimmy Clausen.

"He's getting more jufi­fence installed," Weis said. "And he's getting more within ... what I think he can still play for. We've gone through two games without much production on offense, so you can't hit that hard. You have to make some significant changes, too, to get some production on offense."

One element of complexity that Weis wants to employ more against Michigan on Saturday is using multiple personnel groups, especially the deep running back.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's tops Comets in three

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dominated its home opener against Olivet Tuesday, 3-0 (30-20, 30-19, 30-27) to earn its first conference victory of the season.

The Belles (4-6, 1-2 MIAA) worked on teamwork all week, and coach Julie Schroeder-Biek feels they finally have come together.

"I felt that the team played very well together tonight. Our block was fantastic," Schroeder-Biek said. "We were very aggressive along the net in both our blocking and our attacking."

The Belles attacked successfully and had eight out of their 10 players get at least one kill. Totaling 51 kills for the Belles over the Comets' 34. Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Shapcrtway tallied 15 kills, while junior middle blocker Cathy Kurczak contributed 11.

Those kills can also be contributed to senior setter Amanda David, who posted 26 assists in only two out of the three games.