Campus crime shifts from 2005-06

Annual NSDP statistics show jump in liquor violations, larceny; decline in burglaries

By KAREN LANGLEY
New Editor

Though statistics from the Notre Dame Security Police annual crime report show a decrease in reported burglaries on campus from 2005 to 2006, there is also an increase in local liquor law arrests — and an even larger increase in larceny reports — between the two years.

The small number of reported forcible sex offenses also increased slightly from 2005 to 2006. The NSDP crime report, which was e-mailed to students Monday, discloses reported crimes for the 2006 calendar year, as mandated by the federal Clery Act. College and university law enforcement agencies are the only agencies required by federal law to report crime statistics, said NSDP director Phil Johnson.

An incident of theft is categorized as burglary when it involved breaking and entering. A larceny involves the wrongful taking of property from an owner. Theft from a private dorm room is thus labeled a burglary, while theft from an outdoor quad is categorized as larceny.

ND junior writes bestselling Harry Potter book

‘Mugglenet’ site draws 40 million hits each month, earns Spartz six figures per year

By MADALINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

It’s not every college junior who can plump his résumé with running a Web site that receives 40 million hits a month and co-authoring a book that spent 26 weeks on The New York Times children’s bestseller list.

But Notre Dame junior Emerson Spartz can, and it all began with Harry Potter.

The Mugglenet.com site — one of the most popular Harry Potter online sites — had already garnered Spartz significant income and an exclusive interview with author J.K. Rowling.


Spartz’s passion for all things Potter began when he was 12 years old.

“I read the first and second Harry Potter book(s) in one night, and finished the third the next day,” he said. “A month later I started Mugglenet.”

The highly successful Harry Potter Web site was a product of both passion and opportunity.

“I had just started home schooling, and had too much time on my hands,” he said.

“So I thought, what the hell, and I made a Web site.”

The site that had humble beginnings blossomed after hard work.

“I didn’t have huge plans when I started,” Spartz said.

“But when I saw what potential it had, I was determined to put in as much effort as possible to make it the biggest and most comprehensive Harry Potter site on the Internet.”

Eight years later, Mugglenet certainly is one of the biggest Harry Potter Web sites. It earns Spartz more than $100,000 a year, he said.

“There is also an even larger increase in larceny reports — between the two years.”

By KAREN LANGLEY
New Editor

The Irish Guard’s absence from this weekend’s football game at Purdue resulted from a behavior violation that occurred previously. Assistant director of bands Larry Dwyer said Monday.

The Guard routinely travels with the band to its away game performances. Dwyer was unable to specify the last band performance that had not included the Guard.

Dwyer declined to elaborate on the nature, time or persons involved in any incident because of student privacy rules.

The absences, which Dwyer declined to describe as a suspension — is not slated to extend to other planned band performances.

“I would think they will be back for the rest of the season,” he said.

Dwyer said all 10 Guards dressed for the band’s previous performance at the Sept. 22 home game against Michigan State.

Only nine Guards performed on the field at that game.

“The incident leading to the Guard’s absence Saturday...”

Irish Guard takes bye at Purdue

Squad stays home because of violation

By KAREN LANGLEY
New Editor

The incident leading to the Guard’s absence Saturday...”

Student task force chairs reported on plans that ranged from holding environmental meetings to fighting cab fare hikes during the Campus Life Council meeting Monday.

Sheena Plamoottil, chair of the Task Force on Campus Environment, said her task force is currently working on a University green summit. The first of three summits will take place Wednesday. No title or location was announced.

The purpose of the summit is for information sharing. Plamoottil said, and it will contain presentations from administrative, student and student government speakers.

She said an advantage of the summit is that it will “increase networking between environmental groups” on campus.

Assistant director of bands Larry Dwyer reported on the Task Force on Student Development. She said she will meet today with Associate Provost Dennis —
INSIDE COLUMN

We're not Jewish Camp

In the 2006 documentary Jesus Camp, a Cruz's of the evangelical Christian movement, an attempt to depict what it is like to be a child in a born-again Christian home. The film also probably the most frightening film I have ever seen.

Children are shown speaking in tongues, dancing around in army fudges and crying as they publicly confess their sins.

All the kids are attending minister Becky Fishb's "Kids on Fire School of Ministry" camp in Devils Lake, North Dakota. Fishber's message is simple — the children need to lead the conservative Christian movement charge and become part of the "army of God." The language is reminiscent of brainwashing techniques seen in fundamentalist Muslim madrasas, with these children being encouraged to "wash away sins in the blood of Jesus so that they may return."

However, as radical as this indoctrination may seem, does the Christian right have a good idea? Should all Christian institutions teach literally what their doctrine says, and ignore everything else?

There are schools where this really happens, see Markus University, a new Catholic institution in Florida founded by Tom Monaghan, the owner of Domino's pizza, was established because Monaghan felt the other U.S. Catholic universities did not have the "highest standards." This is from the same man who gave the world the wonder of the Uno pizza.

One of the things that makes Notre Dame truly special is that we are a Catholic university that does not indoctrinate. In 1972, when Father Hesburgh divided to begin admitting women as undergraduates, he sent the message that Notre Dame was truly evolving into not just one of the best universities in the U.S. We have top-notch undergraduate programs in engineering and business, as well as excellent graduate schools. Freshmen are offered courses dealing with evolution and gravitation. There is even an open dialogue about homosexuality. The decision to open up the University and allow more than just Catholic doctrine to be taught has helped Notre Dame to be truly one of the best Catholic institutions and to be one of the best universities for undergraduates.

Yet, what is truly remarkable is that all this has been accomplished while the University still continues to maintain its Catholic identity. Unlike in Asia, where students and kids are brainwashed into believing, Notre Dame allows students to choose. Fifty-five percent of Notre Dame students identify themselves as Catholics, and thousands of students go to Mass every Sunday. Perhaps most impressively, Notre Dame students are renowned for their sense of social justice, and the high participation rates of numerous service programs confirm this. Despite what critics on both sides may say, the University has been able to transform itself into the premier Catholic institution in the nation that can rival any school in intellectual standards while still maintaining a Christian faith.

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IN BRIEF

Craig Cramer will perform in a faculty organ recital tonight at 8 in Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

There will be a workshop titled "Interviewing for the Academic Job Market" Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 in 126 DeBartolo Hall. Registration is needed. Panelists will concentrate on issues related to tenure and Engineering students.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play Michigan Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

There will be an Eastern Orthodox Prayerv Service Wednesday as part of the Prayer From Around the World series. The service will be at 8 p.m. in 330 Coleman-Morse.

The Feast of St. Francis Mass will be held Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at Alumni Hall chapel. The Mass is sponsored by the Orestes Brown College Club.

A conference on "Knowledge and Religious Identity: Institutions of Higher Learning in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Beyond" will take place all day Friday at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding auditions for its annual talent show. Black Images 2007, The auditions are Monday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in LaFortune Gold Room. All talents are welcome to audition.

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

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SMC discusses curriculum changes

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Changes to the general education requirements for a Saint Mary's degree were the focus of a faculty presentation at the Board of Governance meeting Monday night.

Associate Dean Joe Incandela, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education, spoke about the importance of these changes and the need for student and faculty involvement.

“Your possibilities of success increase when you have lines all moving forward together,” Incandela said. “The more involvement we have, the more tangible good things that will come out of it.”

Faculty committee members have been reviewing possible models for the new general education requirements. After a survey they narrowed down the possibilities to two models.

These models have not yet been released to students. Incandela announced that the current general education requirements are almost 30 years old. “This is a different world and we are educating people for a different century,” he said. “What we have now is pretty good, but we can always do better.”

Incandela encouraged students to participate in the decision-making process. He stressed the importance of the student voice.

“We don’t want to write these goals about any college. We want to write them about Saint Mary’s.”

Students can see the progress that has been made and opportunities on how to become involved at the general education site: http://smcgened.blogspot.com

The site also offers details about the new curriculum’s goals, which address diversity, women’s studies, Catholic character and integration of learning.

In other BOG news:

◆ Heather Frey, assistant director of the annual fund, and Beth McKevitt, the senior chair for the Senior Gift and Quarters Campaign, spoke to BOG about the purpose of the campaign.

“The Senior Gift and Quarters Campaign is a tradition of students giving back to Saint Mary’s through scholarships or donating things like classrooms or benches,” McKevitt said.

The committee is asking each student to make a monetary donation. Freshmen are asked to donate $25 cents; sophomores $50 cents; juniors $75 cents; and seniors $2.

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Joe Incandela
associate dean

The donations will go into each class account, Frey said.

◆ The Quarters Campaign will host Karaoke Idol at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Vander Vennet Theater in the Student Center basement. Campaign members will ask for donations at the door.

The event is a spin on the reality show “American Idol,” and the campaign is asking for groups to register to enter and sing on stage.

“Talent isn’t required,” Frey said. “The judges will score you based on the criteria of costume, attitude, talent and creativity.”

Judges will be selected from Saint Mary’s faculty and staff.

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College honors Hispanic heritage

By CLAIRE FRAZIER
News Writer

While a number of Latin American countries celebrate their independence during September and October, students at Saint Mary’s have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Hispanic Heritage Month was established in 1989 and has been celebrated at Saint Mary’s ever since. The month begins on Sept. 15, the eve of Mexico Independence Day, and ends Oct. 15. Other Latin American countries that celebrate their independence during these weeks include Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Chile, and so the month is dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the diverse Hispanic cultures.

Festivities began Sept. 16 at Saint Mary’s with a Mexico Independence Day lunch. The event was filled with Mexican music and decorations, and the aroma of tamales and tacos had students transformed with colorful ornaments and a live band, Orquesta Courb. The Quarters

The newest event this year was the Salsa Night on Sept. 27. The Student Center was transformed with colorful ornaments and a live band, Orquesta Courb. Salsa dancer Kelley FitzGerald praised the idea of Hispanic Heritage Month, “I think the culture is great,” she said. “It’s family oriented and celebratory about life.”

The sponsors include La Fuerza, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Student Diversity Board, Campus Ministry, Board of Governance, ICP and Sodexo.

Upcoming events include the movie panel on Frida, starring Salma Hayek, at 8 p.m. Friday in Vander Vennet and Latin Flavors, a presentation of Latin American cuisine from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 8 in Regnabeau Lounge.

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labeled a larceny. There were 51 burglaries reported on campus during 2006—a sharp decline from the 87 burglaries reported during 2005.

Johnson said the decrease could be attributed to increased education efforts. The police have been working with residence hall staffs to increase safety measures in dorms. Residents were encouraged to lock their doors when they are out of the room or asleep, he said.

"Crimes will happen often because of opportunity," she said. "The way we live and interact with people and organize our lives may make us susceptible to crime." Through the number of burglaries dropped in 2006, the number of larcenies rose from 362 reported campus incidents in 2005 to 529 incidents in 2006— an increase of 45 percent from one year to the next. "Many larcenies on campus are committed if someone can take steps to protect their property," Johnson said.

"The undetermined burglaries may involve the attention of more than one person—the thief, he said. At least part of the dramatic rise in reported larcenies can be attributed to an increase in campus bicycle thefts, he said.

"I don't think every student at Notre Dame believes that taking someone else's bike for a joy ride is larceny," he said. NDSP encourages bicycle owners to register their bikes so that there will be a greater chance of recovering them if they are stolen, he said.

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Phil Johnson
NDSP director

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might be banned. This year, scriptwriter Sarah Van Mill, director Megan O’Donovan and assistant director Meghan Hustman wrote the script for the production—which will run in mid-November—and made a concerted effort to draw in the perspectives of both male and female actors.

In conducting her interviews, Weiskbecker focused on women and men who have starred in plays this year, however, men began approaching her during the interview process, wanting to tell their stories.

Van Mill wanted to change the title "not only because the male perspective was a critical part of the play in the first place, but also because we wanted to place a greater emphasis on the production and included the reality of those discussions, she said.

More men have been incorporated into this year's piece, and male sexual assault testi­monies will be more prominently featured in the series of skits. "Loyal Daughters and Sons" will be a series of skits that are "independent but linked," Van Mill said.

All stories are drawn from the Notre Dame community, and all deal with issues of sexual assault. An introduction prior to the series provides background and sets up the stories, while the conclusion will wrap the narratives together as one to further emphasize the performer's message.

The ordering of skits in this series may be significant, Van Mill said.

"For example, a skit that relates to post-traumatic stress disorder will follow a skit that has a person dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder," she said.

Weiskbecker's writing from last year's "Loyal Daughters and Sons" will be incorporated into this year's production. "Loyals Daughters and Sons," along with new material written by Van Mill, she said. The goal, according to Van Mill, is to keep adding fresh material to the show while still preserving some of the earlier stories.

About 60 actors auditioned on Sept. 15 and 16, and each received feedback.

"We really needed a huge cast," Van Mill said, "because a mix of background information goes into each story that is to be told.

The production team decided against casting a single actor in multiple parts, Van Mill said, because the emotionally draining scenes could make it too difficult for actors to step out of one role and into another quickly.

The cast met for a full read-through of the script one week after auditions, and individual rehearsals for each skit began this weekend and are ongoing. The production team has also been developing its focus for "Loyal Daughters and Sons" and would like students to draw new things from the performance.

"First, we want there to be a realization of the complexity and really personal aspect of sexuality, a true appreciation for the diversity of sexual­ity," Van Mill said. "Also, we want to be an awareness of the reality of sexual assault in the world, and in our world, today.

But above all, "we want it to be about healing," she said. "That is the most important part of 'Loyal Daughters and Sons.'"

This year's performances of "Loyal Daughters and Sons" will be held in Washington Hall from Nov. 12 to 16.

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Jacobs, Faculty co-chair for the Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee, along with other members of the committee, will discuss student government initiatives to increase public interest in the Code.

Brown said a possible publicity campaign will deal with the student pledge that reads, "As a member of the Notre Dame community, I will not partici­pate in or tolerate academic dishonesty." The student government is considering the idea of sending the pledge to all students.

Her task force discussed the possibility of hosting a panel discussion during this year's Ethics Week to examine cheating from an ethical perspec­tive.

Keenan senator Gus Gari presented on the Task Force on Community Relations, which examined issues related to student safety off campus.

A growing concern of the task force is how to keep charge of Gari's campaign.

Companies are charging more than the across-the-board $32 fare typically presented to students at presentations by groups like Pilatus, discussing safe ways to return to campus, she said.

The task force is currently examining and evaluating the student local contact companies.

Gari also said he has looked at a University of Virginia publication titled "The Good Neighbor Guide," which describes how to live safely and responsibly on campus. The guide contains descriptions of ordinances pertaining to noise, trash removal and alcohol, according to the UVA Web site.

Gari said he hopes to apply these ideas to Notre Dame. Hopefully the students will see something like this in the near future," he said.

Student body president Liz Brown also encouraged members of the Campus Life Council to attend the University Forum Monday rather than their usual task force meetings. "It's going to be a great event," she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebels kill 10 peacekeepers in Darfur

HASKARANTA — Rebel forces stormed a small African Union (AU) base in northern Darfur and killed at least 10 peacekeepers, leaving behind debris and burned-out armored personnel carriers in an unprovoked attack on the beleaguered mission that threatened upcoming peace talks.

More than 20 peacekeepers were still missing by late Sunday. The official death toll from the attack could rise significantly.

About 1,000 rebels from the Sudan Liberation Army—Jubabies (SLA-J) sided the town of Haskaranta Saturday after sunset when Muslims broke their daylong fast for the holy month of Ramadan, AU officials told The Associated Press Sunday at the scene of the attack. The rebels eventually stormed the base early Sunday, they said.

Myanmar refuses to meet with UN envoy

YANGON — A U.N. envoy was unable to meet with Myanmar's junta leaders in an effort to persuade them to ease a violent crackdown on anti-government protesters, but was allowed a highly orchestrated session Sunday with detailed opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The military government, meanwhile, flooded the main city of Yangon with troops, swelling their numbers to about 20,000 by Sunday and ensuring that almost all demonstrators would remain off the streets, a diplomat said.

Second day of protest in Darfur

KHARTOUM, Sudan — A new round of conflict in Darfur pitted Sudanese against Sudanese Sunday, a day after the government of Sudan's president, Omar al-Bashir, barred aid workers from entering the rebel-held region.

The United Nations warned Monday that the situation in Darfur was at risk of spilling over into neighboring Chad.

The Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

Mullen pledges to meet Iraq challenges

FORT MYER — Navy Adm. Mike Mullen was sworn in Monday as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and pledged to make sure that the nation's military is ready to meet the challenges of the future.

"The fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan will one day be over," Mullen said during his ceremony at Fort Myer, Va. "We must be ready for who and what comes after."

"This is where we've made," said Mullen. "We owe it to the American people and to all of you, our men and women in uniform and your families."

Mullen said all senior officers provide you with clear direction, outstanding equipment and focused policies you need to do your jobs.

600 nurses on strike in Appalachia

The nurses planned to strike until Tuesday, but a new round of strikes later in the month was possible if no contract negotiations failed.

The non-profit company brought in vans of nurses from temporary worker agencies to staff the hospitals as union nurses carrying placards walked pickets lines outside.

In hazard, about two dozen striking nurses carried signs that read: "Every patient deserves a nurse!" and "We demand safe staffing."

LOCAL NEWS

Young drops out of race for governor

LAS VEGAS — Nevada Assemblywoman Linda Young, D-Las Vegas, has dropped out of the Democratic vice gubernatorial candidate race. The move comes less than a week after Nevada Democratic Gov. Jim Gibbons announced his endorsement of Las Vegas County Commissioner Kathleen White for the position.

"I have accomplished what I set out to do," Young said Sunday night in a statement to the Review-Journal. "I am currently enjoying my time with my family and plan to travel to other parts of the state as the campaign continues."

Army Cpl. Anthony Bento, 23, died Sept. 24 in Bayji, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents killed his unit using small arms fire.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert B. Beckett, 27, of Maryville, Tenn., died Sept. 24 of wounds suffered when his vehicle hit an IED in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 44th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Attorney: Suspected rapist a ‘survivalist’

LASS VEGAS — The fugitive accused of raping a little girl on videotape was par­tially blinded Monday as a dangerous, knife­wielding survivalist who once vowed never to be taken alive and formerly worked as a survivalist who once vowed never to be taken alive, and then Wyoming authorities pursuing him.

"He's a survivalist type who isn't both­erred by living without electricity or water, and always carries a fighting-type knife," said Nye County District Attorney Bob Becton.

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The Associated Press:

IRAQ

U.S., civilian deaths lowest in 12 months

September figures suggest American forces could be making headway against extremists

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The number of American troops and Iraqi civilians killed in the war fell in September to the lowest level since 2006, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press from death announcements by the American military and Iraqi officials.

The Iraqi death count is considered a minimum based on AP reporting. The actual number is likely higher, as many killings go unreported.

Nevertheless, the hearten­ing numbers emerged just three weeks after a U.S. ambassador to Baghdad and his 11 staff members were killed in a roadside bombing.

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which he invests in global energy projects involving solar power. Spartz has been able to manage the site while pursuing his studies because he has learned to delegate. "I have a large volunteer staff of 120 people from all over the world," he said. "They cover a lot of the tasks that I used to have to do all on my own."

Some of the people he works with on Mugglenet have become his best friends, he said. Here at Notre Dame, he gets attention from Mugglenet fans on campus. "Everyone in my dorm knows me as the guy who started Mugglenet, and sometimes I get people walking by to look in my room," he said. "My roommates just think it's funny."

"Everyone in my dorm knows me as the guy who started Mugglenet, and sometimes I get people walking by just to look in my room. My roommates just think it's funny." — Emerson Spartz Mugglenet founder

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rules specific to band activities, he said. The set of rules applies to "behaviors which would have an impact on the band's practice, performance or public image," Dwyer said. The Guard was not at band practice last week, he said. "I expect they will be back with us Monday at regular rehearsal," he said.

Guard captain Connor Martin declined to comment "out of respect for the privacy of individuals involved." Director of Bands Kenneth Dye said the absence of the Guard was behavior-related. "They didn't do what they were supposed to do," he said.

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**Britney Spears loses custody of two children**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears hit another personal low, being ordered to relinquish her children by a judge who said she had lived a drug and alcohol-fueled lifestyle.

Ex-husband Kevin Federline will take Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, beginning Wednesday "until further order of the court," Superior Court Judge Scott M. Gordon ruled Monday. Phone messages left for representatives of Spears and Federline were not immediately returned.

This is the latest problem to plague Spears, whose fortunes have taken a very public turn for the worse since splitting from Federline, 29, last year. The two were married in October 2004. Spears filed for divorce last November and it became official in July. Since becoming single, Spears has appeared increasingly erratic and out-of-control. First, she was photographed at various Hollywood hotspots partying hard with Paris Hilton, with some photos capturing the pop star without panties. Then Spears shaved her head as part of her ongoing custody dispute with Federline. Spears also was previously ordered to meet weekly with a "parenting coach" who was to observe and report back to the court about her parenting skills. Both Spears and Federline must complete the court's "Parenting Without Conflict" class.

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In Brief

GM may close plant in Indianapolis

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. could close or sell a stamping plant in Indianapolis under a tentative contract agreement reached last week with the United Auto Workers, according to a detailed copy of the agreement. But the local union leader in Indianapolis said he has received assurances from a top UAW official that the plant would remain open.

The move is the outcome of job security pledges that the UAW won in the negotiations, including commitments for new products at 16 plants. About 74,000 hourly GM workers will vote on the pact starting this week, with a final tally to be made by Oct. 19.

Gregg Shottwell, a GM worker and frequent critic of the UAW, posted most of the contract details on the Web site of the local union official who attended a meeting Friday in Detroit. He would not identify the official, but the accuracy of its contents was confirmed for The Associated Press by a union leader who requested anonymity because members have not yet voted on the pact.

According to the detailed document, called the "Blue Book," the company will work at the Indianapolis stamping plant can be sold to an outside buyer.

Citigroup estimates profit drop for third quarter

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc. estimated Monday that its third-quarter profit will drop 60 percent, as the nation's largest bank took losses of more than $3 billion after writing down securities backed by underperforming mortgages and loans tied to corporate buyouts.

The bank also said its profit would be dampened after boosting loan loss reserves by about $2 billion.

Despite the profit decline, Citigroup's stock, already pummeled due to worries about how the bank fared during the volatile summer months, lifted modestly in early trading, with investors apparently relieved that loan losses weren't even wider.

Citigroup's announcement was the latest disappointment resulting from this year's problems in the mortgage industry and financial markets.

Belo to spin off newspaper operations

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Belo Corp. Monday said it plans to spin off its newspapers, which have been struggling to keep readers and advertising dollars, into a new company that will operate separately from its 20 television stations.

Shares of Belo Corp. surged nearly 19 percent.

Investors had pressed Belo to consider splitting up the company, arguing that the struggling newspaper business was a drag on the stock price. The TV stations are accountable for 68 percent of Belo's revenue but two-thirds of its gross earnings.

Chairman and Chief Executive Robert Decherd had resisted, however, saying the newspaper side of the company was too small to stand on its own. But the company had quietly explored a split since April, and on Monday, Decherd said the move recognized the "profound changes in both businesses and was good for shareholders.


Some companies with holdings in both newspapers and TV may face similar pressure to break up, analysts said.

"Belo's stock was at $17 a share and not going anywhere," said Edward Atkinson, an analyst with The Benchmark Co. "If I were Gannett, and my stock were down to $44 (from $90 in 2004), I'd call in my investment bankers and see if this works for us."
Amish gather in memory of shootings

Associated Press

NICKEL MINE, Pa. — Amish families sang hymns, prayed and shared a meal with state troopers and others on Wednesday to mark the first anniversary of a massacre at a one-room schoolhouse.

State Police Commissioner Jeffrey Miller was among a dozen people to attend the private, noontime gathering at the home of the Eldorado family, whose daughter, Naomi Rose, was one of five girls slain in the shooting.

"It certainly means a lot for us to spend some time with the families," Miller said afterward. "There's no other place we would rather been this morning."

Also attending were community members, state troopers and officials from Virginia Tech, where a gunman killed 32 students and faculty members in April, Miller said.

Though grateful for all the help and sympathy it has received, the Amish community is hoping to be left alone as much as possible Turn hugs and handshakes into personal anniversaries of the shootings.

The New Hope Amish School, which replaced the one torn down after the attack, was closed Monday and will remain shut Tuesday.

Children played baseball on the school's Field on Monday and those gathered at the farmhouse shared a meal with police officers, students and dessert, Miller said. He said he made brief remarks at the gathering "to share with them that they are never far from our hearts."

The families are expected to share some quiet time together Tuesday, Miller said.

A year ago, life here was largely unnoticed by the wider world — and its residents liked it that way. But all that changed the afternoon of Nov. 2, when a gunman killed five girls at the school and wounded five others.

It was about 10:30 a.m. when Charlie Roberts, a milk truck driver from a neighboring village, showed up at the door of the Amish school an hour's drive west of downtown Philadelphia. Roberts carried firearms, tubs of solvents and the hard ware he thought he might need to lock himself inside West Nickel Mines Amish church and immobilize his victims.

In a horrifying attack that unfolded over the evening's 40 minutes, the 23-year-old son of a popular Amish family was shooting the girls and then kill himself with a shot to the forehead from his 9 mm handgun.

In a brief cell phone conversation with his wife and in suicide notes, Roberts implicated his father, said he was angry with God for the death of his infant daughter in 1997 and then by the guilt of having molested two girls 20 years earlier.

He seemed to have prepared for a lengthy siege, but it was not to be. Shortly after dawn, police forced their way in, shouted and killed the girls in rapid succession.

Roberts left behind a puzzling trail of evidence that authorities today find as senseless as the day the attack occurred. He had no criminal history, but had been treated for mental illness and there seems to be nothing to substantiate his claim of having molested his two relatives decades earlier.

In Nickel Mines, where life had been marked by the predictable rhythms of the growing season and the church calendar, Roberts tripled the modern world suddenly inexplicable.

The sound quiet was shattered by the arrival of hundreds of police and emergency workers and the ominous sound of medical and news helicopters overhead.

Amid the chaos and heartbreak, the Amish instinctively reached out to Roberts and his family, Marie, the three children he left behind and his parents. Even before their own five daughters had been buried, the victims' families were showing Roberts' family kindness, condolence and compassion. At the end of the week, a series of horse-and-buggy corteges carried the dead girls' coffins from private funeral ceremonies, past the Roberts' home and on to freshly dug graves in the Bart Township Amish cemetery.

Roberts' family quietly laid him to rest in an unmarked grave five days after the murders, beside the body of his late daughter in Georgetown.

About half the 75 mourners at Roberts' graveside were Amish, including family members of victims, and the Amish later designated a portion of the millions in donations they have received to benefit Roberts' children and widow.

On Oct. 12, the Amish had the schoolhouse torn down before dawn, converting the site where it stood into pasture. It only took a few months to erect a new and more secure school nearby.

Community outside Philadelphia remembers children murdered last year

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PESHAWAR — A woman detonated explosives hidden under her burqa at a police checkpoint Monday, killing herself and 14 others in what appeared to be Pakistan's first female suicide attack, officials said.

The blast in the troubled town of Bannu underscored the growing Islamic militant threat in Pakistan, five days before President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a U.S. ally, seeks re-election.

Militants attacked a security post in the same northwestern region later Monday and 24 policemen were feared trapped, officials said.

The suicide bomber was in a rickshaw when it was pulled over by police at a checkpoint in Bannu, said Amna Mumtaz Mabsud, the local police chief.

Investigators determined that it was a suicide attack and that the bomber was a woman who wore the head-to-toe burqa well common in Pakistan's northwest and in neighboring Afghanistan, Mabsud told The Associated Press.

There was no claim of responsibility. Forcible experts would examine the attacker's dismembered body for clues to her identity, Mabsud said.

However, he said it was possible that the bomber came from the nearby tribal belt along the Afghan frontier, where militants affiliated with the Taliban and al-Qaeda have seized considerable control.

While there have been reports of women being trained to carry out suicide bombings in Pakistan, Monday's blast appeared to be the first confirmation of such an attack in either Pakistan or Afghanistan.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad said the dead included four policemen and 11 other people, among them the bomber. Mabsud said many of the casualties had been crowded around a nearby bus stop.

Some 150 militants attacked the Richi Fort security post west of Bannu on Monday evening with rockets and gunfire, according to an intelligence official.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said the insurgents overran the post and captured 24 paramilitary police officers. Arshad confirmed the attack but said he had no confirmation that anyone was captured.

Bannu is near the North Waziristan tribal region, about 110 miles south of Peshawar.

In recent months, militants have staged almost daily attacks on security forces in North Waziristan and surrounding areas since the breakdown of a peace agreement.

The 2006 agreement had drawn criticism from the United States that it had given al-Qaeda breathing space to regroup and perhaps plot new attacks on the West.
Associated Press

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Federal authorities have begun deportation proceedings against an 85-year-old suburban Atlanta man who they say served as a Nazi guard and trained and handled attack dogs at the Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps.

The Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security allege Paul Henss, a German citizen who lives in Lawrenceville, about 30 miles northeast of Atlanta, entered the U.S. in 1955 after hiding his concentration camp service.

According to the charging document, Henss joined the Hitler Youth organization in Germany in 1934 as a 12- or 13-year-old boy and joined the Nazi Party in 1940. He entered the Waffen SS in 1941 and volunteered the following year to become an SS dog handler, serving from 1942 to 1944 at the Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps in Germany, the immigration document states.

"I hate to rush to judgment ... But it seems he's in denial. He seems surprised this came to light, a little taken back about being discovered," Rabbi Ronald Bluming Lawrenceville spiritual leader

Feds attempt to deport 85-year-old Atlanta man

German-born citizen condemns Holocaust, denies accusations of being a former Nazi guard and dog handler

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Associated Press

PHOENIX — A woman who died after being handcuffed and detained at the Phoenix airport was on her way to an alcohol rehabilitation program in Tucson, her family said Monday, accusing police of manhandling her during the ordeal.

Carol Anne Gotbaum, 45, was detained at the airport last Friday after a flight Friday and became angry when a gate crew didn’t let her on the plane. Officers handcuffed her behind her back and took her to a holding room, where she kept screaming, authorities said.

A Gotbaum family representative will be present at an autopsy on Tuesday, said their attorney, Michael Manning.

"She was a loving and devoted mother of three children under the age of nine who was on her way to an alcohol rehabilitation facility to seek treatment," Betsy Gotbaum, the victim’s stepmother-in-law in a statement.

Carol Gotbaum "appears to have been manhandled by the Phoenix Police Department," said Gotbaum, New York City’s public advocate. "She cried out for help at the airport, but her pleas appear to have been met by mistreatment."

"We are not jumping to any conclusions, but the circumstances surrounding Carol’s death appear to be unusual enough to raise serious questions and warrant a thorough investigation," Betsy Gotbaum said.

Police spokesman Sgt. Andy Hill said officers checked on Gotbaum regularly while she was detained. During one of the checks, officers found Gotbaum unconscious with her hands “pressed against her neck area,” Hill said.

In a statement released later Monday, Hill said Gotbaum had been shackled to a bench as well as being handcuffed. The shackles’ chain ran from an eyehook and the other was connected to the chain on Gotbaum’s handcuffs.

Hill said officers followed established policy while detaining Carol Gotbaum. He added that police procedures for arresting someone at the airport haven’t changed since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "It doesn’t make any sense," he said. "She was handcuffed behind her back and shackled to a table."

Manning, a high-profile lawyer who represented the government against failed savings and loan executive Charles Keating, has previously won settlements against Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio in wrongful-death lawsuits.
Anorexia and the devil

My last summer at Notre Dame, a philosophy professor sponsored a contest, soliciting papers about the "culture of death." To most people, that expression means things like, well, pseudo-doctors pulling babies three-fourths out the birth canal, puncturing their skulls and suctioning out the contents. But I thought partial-birth abortion was too easy a target. You could even say it's a no-brainer.

I never submitted a paper — I'm too lazy and had no chance anyway. But I did come up with a topic which I thought was original, more pleasant than partial-birth, and one which I think I'd like a lot about anyway: Women's physiques. (woo-hoo!)

You don't have to be the most observant cultural critic to notice that popular standards of women's beauty have changed drastically over the past 50 years or so, especially over the last 20. Numerous commentators have remarked that if Marilyn Monroe wanted to be a beauty icon or sex symbol today, she'd have to lose at least 30 pounds. I could waste this whole space restating examples of how extreme these modern standards for women are, but sadly, I don't need to. They're all around us — in the movies and on television, on posters and billboards, in Victoria's Secret catalogs and on too many magazine covers.

I could spend not just this article, but my whole column this semester discussing the damage these distorted appearance ideals cause for so many healthy, normal women. That wouldn't be necessary either. I've known women just about everywhere I've gone, including Notre Dame, who've suffered terribly as a result of trying to look the way they think society tells them they should look. Who doesn't know such women?

What's ironic to me is that these beauty standards, however unrealistic and hurtful, aren't even beautiful. Of course, I can only speak fully for myself, and partly for guys I know well, but without having done any serious scientific survey on the matter I'd say men generally aren't attracted to muscular abs, prominent collarbones, or hard faces. Sure, some guys find lean women attractive, but they've been conditioned to. That, and they tend not to be the kinder sort, from what I can tell. A glorious war was fought by heroines like Ajax and Achilles over Helen of Troy, and I guarantee she never stepped onto a treadmill. Real men like real women.

There's a silver lining in this particular cloud. Mainly at the gym, but also at the store — hell, sometimes at Mass — many girls dress like Amazons, showing about as much of themselves as the law permits. This angers me because women usually flaunt their attractiveness, such as it is, not to bring joy to anyone's heart — which it would in the context of a loving, committed relationship — but rather to dominate men who see and desire them. niece the priest who observed: Man's desire is for woman, but woman's desire is for man's desire. Fortunately, though, I hope we'll see our upside-down notions of what's attractive, it's almost always the girls with the least to show off who show off the most. And often they have tattoos, too, which makes them even less tempting. Meanwhile, those who'd really put souls in danger are all ashamed that their ribs aren't sticking out.

So contemporary beauty standards cause health problems, psychological and physiological, for vast numbers of women, and it's arguable that they don't even make women better-looking anyway. But I'd say it's part of a creeping andragogy that threatens men too. But that's a different gripe!

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Quote of the Day

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was there first." — Mark Twain

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I asked this question not in shock, nor to exaggerate, but to offer a dose of reality in preparation for risk rape or death ... for a job?

Oct. 2. As we made our way through the fall semester, precariously balancing football Saturdays and study-filled Sundays, it is important to step out of the "bubble" and remember the broader issues that grip our nation and world.

Immigration, too often described as today's "hot-button issue," is about more than politics or economics. It is about people, social justice, and solidarity. Immigrants are more than passive actors in a cost-benefit analysis; they are determined, hard-working, and strong human beings. They are not invaders, looking to gobble up our tax dollars or steal our jobs. Rather, they are here to make a better life for themselves and their families, and many hope to eventually return to the countries they came from.

Over the summer, I was able to spend eight weeks volunteering and studying in Tijuana, Mexico, thanks to the Center for Social Concerns' International Summer Service Learning Program. For four of those weeks, another Notre Dame student, Ally Brantley, was working with the Casa del Migrante of Tijuana. And even if you've only been to Cancun for spring break festivities, you can guess that the Casa del Migrante is just as it sounds: a house for migrants.

Each night, the Casa del Migrantes houses between 100 and 130 migrants, all men, the majority arriving with a recent deportation order from the United States. We provide them beds, clothing, food, showers, spiritual guidance, medical aid, and opportunities for work. Our guests can only stay for up to 14 days, providing them time to decide whether to stay in Mexico or to cross the border yet again.

With operating hours from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., I spent most of the day spending time with migrants, answering their questions and (or/and) trying to pretend I fully understood what they were saying, cooking, cleaning, doing laundry, passing out other needed learning about their lives. Each migrant entered with the same look on his face: Dejected and tired. Some broke down in tears with worry about their families in the United States. They never got to say goodbye.

Although the migrants I encountered had faced enormous hardships, they found it incredibly important to help with chores and eager to share stories with myself and other volunters. One migrant proudly read poetry he had written while in jail. Many recounted their stories of crossing the border, some being left by coyotes (guides) in the desert. Others traded deals only after walking for days and the day, without food, water, or shelter.

One night, a migrant stumbled into the Casa, disoriented and hungry. In the middle of the night, he had a violent seizure, resulting in the intense stress and exhaustion of his deportation. After living in the United States for nearly 30 years, he was pulled over, failed to produce proper identification, and was told he could not return for another 30 years.

At the end of my four weeks at the Casa, I found myself disillusioned with my own country. I had heard too many stories of racial profiling and violence by authorities towards migrants. I had seen too many migrants broken by hard physical labor or years in prison for the crime of being illegal. And too many would return to the United States, despite deportation and a "threatening" wall. I had lost faith in a country that measures immigrants' value by economic standards and beeps up border security, but does little to provide for migrants being exploited deep within the United States.

But with the help of more than a few people at Notre Dame, I found hope and comfort. I realized that change begins with an understanding of solidarity, or the ability "to look into the eyes of another person and to see the hopes and anxieties of a brother or sister," in the words of Pope John Paul II. It often takes an understanding outside of our own to truly understand this, to attempt to live in other's shoes. It is only by walking for days without food, water, or shelter.

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The Kingdom

Directed by: Peter Berg
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner and Jason Batemen

By CLAIRE REISING
Scene Writer

Imagine the trigger-happy fight scenes of S.W.A.T., combined with the intrigue and cultural message of Syriana. Here comes Peter Berg attempts to blend these two elements in The Kingdom, but the plot and characters lack the depth needed to deliver a strong political message, and the film reverts to a stereotypical action flick.

The Kingdom sets up the storyline with a montage of America’s relations with Saudi Arabia, compressing the 1970s oil crisis, the Persian Gulf War and 9/11 into a mere five minutes. After this brief history lesson, the conflict begins as a Saudi Arabian terrorist group led by Abu Hamza (Iyad Safdieh) attacks an American neighborhood in Saudi Arabia, killing hundreds of civilians and an FBI agent. When the FBI hears the news, agent Ronald Fleury (Jamie Foxx) convinces authorities to send a team to Saudi Arabia to investigate the attack, but the team must overcome culture shock and an inadequate government to succeed in the mission.

With grandiose action sequences, Berg relies heavily on special effects, complete with a car chase and exploding buildings. During the terrorist scene at the beginning of the film, the effects contribute to a breathtaking array of explosions and machine gun rounds assaulting viewers’ eardrums.

The Kingdom’s plot shines during suspenseful moments, however, such as a kidnapping and hand-to-hand combat. These personal, intense fights engage the audience more than haphazard machine gunfire, since the characters must depend more on their strength and judgment and less on high-tech weapons.

Ironically, Berg strives to deliver an anti-violent message in the midst of the carnage, but these efforts sometimes get lost in the film’s us-versus-them mentality. The Kingdom establishes a pro-American bias, contrasting Agent Fleury’s friendly visit to his son’s elementary school with a brutal Saudi Arabian police interrogation. Also, instead of trying to learn Islamic customs, the FBI agents view these practices as inconveniences, such as when American forensic scientists cannot touch the bodies of dead Muslims. In an “attempt” to understand Islam, an agent peruses The Complete Idiot’s Guide to the Koran while joking about meeting virgins in Paradise.

During one scene, Berg shows the thoughtful side of the Islamic community by briefly portraying a Muslim family praying with peaceful music in the background. However, this scene seems detached from the rest of the characters and plot. The Kingdom better succeeds in bridging the cultural gap through the friendship between Fleury and Colonel Faris Al Ghazi (Ashraf Barhom), the Saudi Arabian official who aids the FBI team. This is one of the film’s only dynamic characters, and Barthom powerfully portrays his relationship with Fleury as the two characters share stories about their sons. When the FBI team first arrives, Faris is reluctant to talk, but his stubbornness gradually erodes, and he develops into a likable character.

The other roles, while entertaining, become stock characters to fit the action movie mold. Foxx portrays Agent Fleury as the typical, imperable, tough-guy hero, and this character lacks the complexity Fox shows in some of his former films, such as Ray and Collateral. Besides developing a friendship with Faris, Agent Fleury does not change much throughout the film.

Jennifer Garner and Chris Cooper also join the cast as members of the FBI team, portraying cookie-cutter Americans. Garner’s willful forensic scientist clashes with Islamic customs, and Cooper’s cowboy-like explosives expert clumsily handles the language barrier.

The Kingdom gives American audiences a thrilling, reassuring story, in which the “good guys” inevitably prevail. However, viewers looking for political or cultural insight will not find much in this film.

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Commercial success: Cavemen make leap to sitcom

By MARK WITTE Scene Writer

The famous Geico Neanderthals have a new home — the 8 p.m. time slot on ABC.

The show will focus on the lives of three Neanderthals, Joel (Bill English), Andy (Sam Huntington), and Nick (Nick Kroll) living as "the world's smallest minority" in modern day San Diego.

According to ABC Medianet, "Joel, Nick and Andy have to overcome prejudice from most of the homosapien world and the misconceptions that modern society has of its earliest ancestors."

Three years ago, the car insurance company that became famous for its slogan, "fifteen minutes could save you fifteen percent or more on car insurance," hit television airwaves with a series of Neanderthal-themed commercials advocating the company's simplicity.

The commercials revolved around Neanderthals taking offense to the slogan "Geico. So easy a caveman could do it."

Created by Joe Lawson of the Martin Advertising Agency, the commercials were popular enough to merit 11 different ads over a three-year period, as well as the creation of an interactive online site, "The Caveman's Crrib." One of the commercials even made a cameo during Super Bowl XLI.

However, Lawson and Geico's biggest Neanderthal accomplishment may have yet to be seen.

In March, ABC gave the go-ahead for production on a Lawson-scripted pilot inspired by his Geico commercials. Under "Blades of Glory" directors Josh Gordon and Will Speck, the pilot was picked up by ABC.

"It was slated to run for 13 episodes. Tonight at 8 p.m., Lawson's "Cavemen" will make the transition from a 30-second time slot to a 30-minute one."

The show promises to pose a unique perspective on political correctness, but can it stand up to the Tuesday night competition?"

"The View," "WandaVision," "Frasier" and "The King of Queens" have run for three and five seasons, respectively, and the shows have had a consistent and fervid following. The "Cavemen," which aired for the first time in July, received the second highest rating of that week, second only to the 2007 MLB All-Star Game. This fact does not bode well for the fledging "Cavemen" and ABC. It is likely that the competition will not be friendly to these ambitious Neanderthals.

Despite the popularity of the advertisement, whether the caveman joke will continue to be funny and popular enough to support a full-fledged sitcom remains to be seen.

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Iowa, Michigan, and Indiana come to the Carrier Dome to complete in individual singles and doubles matches that were started last Saturday. Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said he was impressed with the play of his five men.

"The good news is that we have five freshmen, who hard workers, and willing to learn," Bayliss said. "The bad news is we have five freshmen, who are still learning, and we're still learning about them."

On Friday, freshman Tommy Davis defeated Paul Foley of Purdue, in a super tiebreaker, 5-7, 6-3, 1-0 (11-3, 13-11). Fellow freshmen Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl won more easily. Havens defeated Buckmale defender Griffin Nieberg, 6-4, 6-1, while Stahl beat Eric Barnes of Purdue, 6-2, 6-2.

The last two freshmen had a tougher go in their matches. David Anderson lost to Alex Birchmeier from Western Michigan, 6-2, 7-6, while sophomore Kyle Johnson lost to Michael Calderon, also from Western Michigan, 6-4, 7-5.

Notre Dame's veterans also had trouble. Sophomore Sean Corrigan took down Iren Turkmenke of Purdue, 7-5, 6-4, junior Santiago Montoya easily beat Buckmale defender Jose Fernandez, 6-4, 6-2, sophomore Graham King defeated another Purdue player, D.J. Johnson in a super tiebreaker 6-2, 1-0 (10-7), and junior Bret Helgeson defeated Indiana's Migo Gruber, 6-2, 6-4.

Howard also defeated Kazuya Komuda from Western Michigan, 6-1, 6-0.

Sophomore Patrick Callaghan suffered the only defeat among Irish starters when he lost 6-2, 7-5 to Indiana's Peter Antoni.

In doubles play Friday, Helgeson and Montoya beat Jorge Rodriguez and Eduardo Pavia from Iowa. Iowa's Dave and Havens teamed up for an 8-2 win over Walker Grimes and Gregory Holm of Iowa.

On the second day of play, Notre Dame posted a 7-0 singles record in the final round on Sunday. Helgeson again led the Irish with a dominant 6-0, 6-1 victory and earned Most Valuable Player honors for the tournament. Stahl, Davis and Havens joined Helgeson on the All-Tournament team.

Stahl was victorious in a three-set marathon 7-5, 4-6, 10-6, defeating Iowa's Parbhoo.

The Irish will take this weekend off and travel to the ITA lignaling Championships next Saturday. Senior Sheeva Parbhoo and Andrew Roth did not play in the conference tournament, but Roth was out with an ankle injury, but he did attend the conference tournament.

"We're waiting on the results from the orthopedist (on Roth)," Bayliss said. "But I think he may need an MRI or what kind of exam at that point.

When Parbhoo is healthy, Bayliss said, he will be one of Notre Dame's top players.

"Essentially I have two number ones," Bayliss said, referring to Helgeson and Parbhoo. "They played two and three singles last season, and were great for us.

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The Patriots remained unbeaten teams Monday. Expect anything less? Patriots receiver Randy Moss, left, bumps chests with teammate Donte Stallworth after catching a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter of New England's 34-13 win over the Cincinnati Bengals Monday.

In Brief

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Associated Press

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Marshall at Memphis 8 p.m., ESPN

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Wednesday, October 3, at 8:00 p.m.
Mixed live and projected on a triptych, Rebirth of a Nation galva-
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Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.
Youth gangs took over the slums of Rio de Janeiro during the
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CITY OF MEN

Thursday, October 4, at 10:00 p.m.
Fans of hard-hitting Brazilian films such as City of God should
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As two teenage boys grow up in a dangerous Rio de Janeiro
slum, they encounter events that will change their lives forever,
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dash of humor as they enter into some of the darkest moments
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Filmmakers Leandro Firmino da Hora and
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Ultimate rugby teams post successful weeks

By JARED JEDICK and MEGHAN McMATHON
Sports Writers

McGill vs. Pasquerella East

McGill and Pasquerella East want to prove different things to the rest of the Blue League but approach tonight's game with equal intensity. Despite putting together a promising drive near the end of last week's game against Cavanaugh, the Shamrocks didn't have enough time to score and left with a heartbreaking 6-0 loss to the Chaos. Tonight, winless McGill hopes to enjoy what will likely be its final game.

"We have had a lot of fun this year, despite all of our losses," senior captain Taryn Lewis said.

The Shamrocks hope an improved passing game will finally earn them a win and build some momentum for next season.

The offense is led by junior quarterback Sarah de Groot and sophomore running back Tina Noronha.

It has been a tough year for the Shamrocks, but they believe their freshmen-laden team has a bright future.

"We hope that the freshmen make a good core for next year," Lewis said.

Still, as a senior, "I would like to go out with a win," she said.

On the other side of the field, the Pyro come into the game 0-3-1 with losses in Walsh, Farley and Cavanaugh, as well as a tie with Howard.

Leading the Pyro offense is talented freshman quarterback Caleb Lynch. Lynch hopes to find openings in the Shamrock defense and connect with senior captain and wide receiver Caroline Nally.

It is possible for both these teams to sneak back into playoff contention with a win tonight and a loss from Howard.

But it does not necessarily mean that Howard is without a chance for playoff contention, the matchup is now out of their hands.

McGill and Pasquerella East meet tonight at 7 on Ritter Field.

Cavanaugh vs. Howard

Cavanaugh takes on Howard tonight in a game with great impact on post-season play.

As the playoffs near, the Chaos (1-2-2) hope to seal the second-place spot in the Blue League. A Bucks victory would keep Howard in playoff contention, but a loss would be fatal.

Cavanaugh's two losses were against the defending Blue champions; the Chaos fell 7-6 to both Walsh and Farley.

The Chaos made their first conversion of the season Sunday against FE and went on to defeat the Pyro 13-7.

"Sometimes when the pressure is on, we get a little flustered," senior captain Tarah Brown said. "When we get in the zone and our offense is dialed in, we don't always come through."

The Chaos are preparing for Howard by perfecting their ability to both make and stop extra-point plays. With the leadership of junior quarterback Katie Damm on offense and senior Liz Brown on defense, Cavanaugh looks to acquire its third win of the year with a strong effort from every player.

The Bucks (1-2-1) have also fallen victim to close games. Like Cavanaugh, they lost to undefeated Walsh by only two extra-point conversions.

"We have no seniors on our team this year," sophomore captain Mary Jenkins said. "We're kind of young and inexperienced, but we sometimes have a hard time taking advantage of opportunities like extra points."

Despite their age, Howard's young players are filling leadership roles well. Freshman Kayla Bishop leads the offense at quarterback, and sophomore Emily Stewart averages one interception per game for the Bucks.

Jenkins said the Howard offense has great chemistry and works well together. It will be interesting to see how it performs against a tough Cavanaugh defense.

Despite their early record, the Chaos have outscored their opponents by 10 points and have only allowed 21 points all season.

The teams will match up tonight at 9 on Ritter Field.

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Winless squads face off

McGill, P.E. look for first victory; Cavanaugh takes on Howard

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With discussion to follow:

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Donald L. Stelluto, Ph.D., Executive Assistant to the Dean, College of Arts and Letters

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**Pangborn**

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touchdown of the day — a pass to freshman Mary For. The Orians reversed the extra point to make the score 7-0.

The Phoes failed to answer on their next two drives, but interceptions by freshman Kathy Pieplski and sophomores Megan Bescher gave Pangborn excellent field position.

Pangborn brought the score to within one on a touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Gabby Tate to sophomore Annie Kotz. Another connection, this time Bescher for the extra point, brought the teams to a tie.

"The Provider did a great job of getting open. They had a lot of pass rush, but our offensive line did great," Tate said.

The Purple Weasels made a risky call to go for it on fourth down in their own territory late in the first half, and it cost them a turnover on downs.

Taking advantage of the mistake, Tate threw for another score to Bescher in the corner, giving the Purple Weasels a 13-7 halftime lead.

Pasquerilla West strolled on its next drive deep in Pangborn territory before turning the ball over on downs for the second time. The Weasels were held to 18 total rushing yards in the half, struggling to move the ball throughout.

"The defense did a good job this week. We just need to work on the offense by using more short quick plays," Tate said.

"We have a good team effort," Chicks' head coach Mike Kiser said. "We need to work on getting the win and that's all that matters."

Pangborn's offense was held to 24 total yards for the first two drives, but inter­cepted their next two drives, but interception by sophomore Mary Claire Rodriguez. The second two touchdown passes went to junior Krity Scarece.

"A win is a win," Gargula said.

"We still need to keep working and improving, but we got the win and that's all that matters."

Pangborn's defense allowed only a fourth quarter touchdown. After one interception, one turnover on downs and three sacks.

"I thought the defense played great as usual, shutting down for most of the game, and the offense did well executing the plays," Kiser said.

For Pangborn, the game plan was to get the ball into the hands of its two playmakers, freshman running back Neva Lundy and sophomore quarterback Claire Connell. For Pangborn, it was a chance to get on more than half of the offensive plays, but the Welsh Family defense was able to contain the duo and hold them to the single touchdown.

"We came out strong, but we just weren't able to execute on offense," sophomore wide receiver Judith Kaczmarek said. "That will be our last loss this season."

Among Pangborn's highlights of Manuso's speech included comparing Welsh Family's large roster to the popu­lation of China and describing the Lyons team as a "streaming heap of perfection with a side of mash potatoes."

On Thursday, undefeated Welsh Family defeated Lyons East 20-0 to win the score of 13-7.

"We had a good team effort today," senior captain Tarah Brown said. "It was our best offensive game for the year and we also scored our first extra point of the year.

Pangborn came out strong on its first drive, with junior quarterback Katie Dunn completing her first five passes on the game. The drive culminated with a touch­down pass from Dunn to Brown. The Chicks were unable to convert the point after the touchdown, however, leaving the score at 6-0.

From that point until the five-minute mark in the second half, the game turned into a defensive battle. On the first two drives, Pangborn forced a turnover on downs and interception. Pangborn's first two possessions after its opening scoring drive.

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the defending champions.

Two long passes from senior
quarterback Aidan Fitzgerald, include one for a touchdown.
Fisher continued to dominate
offensively in the second half, rip-
ing off a 13-play drive to get
within field goal range. The O'Neil
defense came up big when it
mattered, blocking the field goal
attempt.
Even after the big defensive
stop, Sorin's offense continued to
have trouble holding on to the
ball. Sophomore running back
Bob Gallic fumbled the ball on the
Green Wave's half of the field
on the Sorin 25-yard line. Fisher
again made the most of Sorin's
miscue, punching the ball into the end
zone in six plays and, after a
delayed two-point conversion, giv-
ing the Green Wave a 12-0
advantage.
After the game, Bove attributed
the loss to the two key turnovers and
expressed disappointment at
Sorin's 0-2 start.
"I'm at a loss for words right
now," Bove said. "We're just
going to have to go back to
sorin's momentum and

Sorin's offense led the way to
another devastating victory, de-
feating Dillon 6-0. The key was
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an early 7-0 lead.
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eight reception set up a

Sorin's defense went
together in running
down the Griffs' defense
and powered into the
touchdown pass to
quarterback Matt Briggsman.
Overall, the game was
an ugly win, but said
that this kind of defensive
effort was just what the
Similitude needed.
"We're in each game as a team
no matter what," Wang said. "If our
offense isn't doing hot, our
defense had better bail them out
and vice versa. We have full
confidence in each other.
Freshman quarterback Matt
Abele did throw two intercep-
tions, but as its demand,
the St. Ed's defense bungee
cord, with three picks of
its own, the first by
Murphy, the second by
Sophomore defensive end Joe DeMotsi, and
the third by Costanzo. Wang
credited the entire defense for
keeping the turnovers.
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takeaways and also keep
the offense away from
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whelmed by getting thrown all over the place."

Fowlkes "great presence," Waldrum said, helped her find success in the defensive third.

"She's very good in the air, and physically very strong," he said.

The other defenders have responded, looking more at home in the new backfield, Waldrum said.

"I think they're comfortable with it. I think you can see it. I think we're starting to settle in a little bit more," he said. "I do think it has brought some confidence to all the players and kind of settled things down for us."

Waldrum said the play of the center backs has a trickle-down effect on the rest of the offense. Center backs who are able to control the ball, like Fowlkes and Dew, inspire the outside defenders to take more chances — all the while having confidence that the center backs can handle the repercussions.

"When you've got two center backs like that who can hold the fort down defensively, then you can take more risks coming out of the back," Waldrum said.

"I think that's why you want two good center backs who can handle the ball, so you can take risks with your outside backs to get forward. And when you've clearly done that, the other people have to step up and fill in and do their part."

The Irish came out of the weekend with an 8-1 scoring margin, out-shot their opponents 36-10 and 20-3 in shots on goal and had an 8-3 corner kick margin. Waldrum said that the 4-3-3 scheme — which features four defenders, three midfielders and three forwards — the team must use its outside defenders on offense.

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Tough second round drops Irish to sixth

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Irish slipped Monday after a promising start at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at the Warren Golf Course, falling from third to sixth place after a rough second round.

After a solid opening round of 289 put Notre Dame in third place — just four strokes behind leader Michigan State — the Irish fell three places with a round of 295 (15-over).

While the Irish struggled, the Spartans fired a six-under 274 to open up a 14-shot lead over Baylor. Notre Dame also trailed third-place Arkansas, fourth-place Lamar and fifth-place North Florida entering the final round today.

"We wanted to get into that final pairing and trust our preparation and course knowledge could get us an opportunity to get a win," Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said.

Unfortunately for Notre Dame, the team will have to make up 25 shots to catch the Spartans. Irish sophomore Doug Fortner, who entered the day tied for first, fired a 72 to enter a four-way tie for second. Despite a rocky front nine, Fortner rallied to eagle three of the last six holes to finish at two-over on the round.

Fortner trails leader Ryan Bruley by four shots after the Spartan fired a six-under second round Monday. Bruley is at four-under par for the tournament entering the third round. Tied with Fortner at even par are Michigan State's Jack Newman, Baylor's Cody Paladino, and Georgetown's Victor Naliva.

Junior Josh Sandman is second among Irish golfers, currently in a tie for 15th after a second round of 73. Sandman, who shot an opening round of 71, was in second place entering the final hole but finished with a double-bogey.

One shot behind Sandman were freshman Tyler Hock and sophomore Kyle Wills. Together, the Irish underclassmen are at five-over but are competing as individuals in the tournament.

After Fortner and Sandman, however, the Irish starters struggled throughout the second round.

"Warren Golf Course is a treacherous test," Kubinski said. "The conditions were tough as well."

Wet conditions from overnight storms led tournament officials to invoke the "lift, clean, and place" rule for the second round.

Irish senior starters Greg Hodges and Eddie Pevkski are tied for 41st at 10-over after rounds of 76 and 74. Sophomore Carl Santiss-Ocampo is the last of the Irish starters, tied for 65th at 20-over.

Virginia and Colorado State are tied for seventh behind Notre Dame and trail the Irish by six shots. Iowa ranks ninth of 12 teams with a total of 36-over.

The two rounds of the MIAA tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. today at Warren Golf Course, with Irish starters teeing off the first tee in 10-minute intervals.

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Pangborn knocks off defending champ PW to stay in playoff hunt

By JARED JEDICK, ALEX BARKER, PETER REISENNAUR, MIKE GOTIMER AND MEGHAN MCMAHON

Pangborn, 13-9 in the regular season, held Notre Dame scoreless in the second half to win 3-0 Tuesday night.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lineup change pays off

Fowlkes' shift from midfield to defense helps stabilize team

By BILL BRINK

Before the Irish began Big East play on Sept. 21, they were 2-3-1.

They struggled finding their identity on defense and had difficulty converting scoring opportunities.

After a 4-0 win over DePaul, however, the team turned around. Since that game, Notre Dame is 3-1 and has allowed 0.75 goals per game.

Part of the reversal may be due to a position change — the Irish moved freshman Lauren Fowlkes from midfielder to center back.

The Irish defense had been suspect all season. Injuries account for some of the problems; junior Carrie Dew is still suffering from a knee injury, and sophomore Haley Ford has missed the past six games with a hamstring injury.

In light of these deficiencies, head coach Randy Waldrum said moving Fowlkes to center back gave the defense a much-needed boost.

"I think what she's probably done for us is just given us some stability back there," Waldrum said. "She just gives us another player that's composed with the ball. She has a calming effect with the team."

Waldrum said Fowlkes has adjusted well to the new position.

"When we recruited her, we saw her play all over the field and all kinds of different positions," Waldrum said. "Surprisingly for a freshman, she's not over there."

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look for better result against Adrian

The Belles huddle before facing Olivet Sept. 11. Saint Mary's won the match 3-0.

By SAMANTHA LEONARD

After losing to Adrian in its MIAA opener almost a month ago, Saint Mary's will face off against the Bulldogs Tuesday for the second time this season.

"We have made a lot of changes since we played them a month ago," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We had our worst attacking match ever against Adrian."

Adrian is coming off two victories in the Olivet Triangular, where it defeated conference contenders Olivet and Kalamazoo.

In the second game, against Kalamazoo, three Bulldogs had double-digit kills: senior outside hitter Lindsey Zollman (19), junior outside hitter Jenny Carlson (13) and senior middle hitter Sara Morningstar (10). Six Bulldogs had at least 14 digs in the victory as well; Merry led the way again with 27.

Adrian improved its record to see ADRIAN/page 22