Panel discusses diversity in workplace

Mendoza College of Business hosts forum on employers’ duties to increase awareness

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

A panel of six business professionals from various backgrounds agreed Friday that diversification in the workplace is the duty of the employer and that it is a process that is never completely concluded.

As a part of its first MBA Diversity Conference, the Mendoza College of Business hosted the panel in a discussion titled “Diversity as a Strategy, Making a Difference in Mainstream Business,” at Mendoza’s Giovanni Commons.

“Addressing the issue of the importance of diversity in the workplace,” Jennifer Crittendon, the director of institutional equity at Notre Dame, said that the importance lies in three different categories: social justice, legal and regulatory compliance and application to certain business cases.

“(Maintaining diversity in the workplace) is just the right thing. It allows equal opportunity for education and employment,” Crittendon said. Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., Crittendon added: “Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated.

Crittendon said businesses enjoy many advantages in diversifying their workforce. “Companies need to understand that diversity can mean improvement,” she said. “With more immigrants and minorities entering the workforce, there is a war for talent.”

She added that businesses should strive to be the not only the employers of choice, but also the providers of choice, “for its products and services.”

Andrew Givens, vice president of partnership marketing for ESPN, said business is not as effective “if everyone looks and thinks alike.” Speaking of his experience in the television industry, Givens said that Time Warner, Nickelodeon and MTV all have done good jobs in diversification.

Ricardo Hernandez, Director of ITM Controlling and Supply Management and a native of Mexico City, said diversity is not always visible, making it hard to fully diversify. “If different backgrounds are not represented in the

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Jumping the holiday gun

Christmas falls on Dec. 25 every year, except every year it seems to creep up earlier and earlier. Before we even get a chance to digest our Thanksgiving turkey, we are bombarded with Christmas-dominated radio stations, holiday door-husters and movie marathons.

I love Christmas as much as the next person. Actually, I love Christmas probably more than the average person. But, I refuse to acknowledge the date until Thanksgiving.

On top of that, I don’t think it’s fair to Thanksgiving. I think about it until we have enough stuffing and cranberry sauce to last us the rest of the month.

Thanksgiving is a great holiday and one of the only times each year you can eat until you pass out and not feel bad about it. I’m in no rush for that to be over.

But that’s not the point. The point is that by jumpstarting Christmas in early November, when it finally comes on Dec. 25, it feels like it’s over before it even began.

For as many years as I can remember, I wake up on Christmas morning to Christmas carols and stocking stuffers, open a few presents, go to church and then suddenly realize that Christmas — the day for which I have been waiting and preparing for months — is over.

We spend hundreds of hours and usually thousands of dollars getting ready for Santa, but we forget that Christmas, like all days, is only 24 hours. It is just another day.

The stretch of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas within two months of each other is the best span of the year, only to be topped off with New Year’s. People need to understand that getting ahead of ourselves is the very reason every Nov. 1, Nov. 25th, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1 that we’re scratching our heads wondering where the time went and saying “What a shame. That wasn’t as fun as it used to be.”

In addition to over-preparing for Christmas, thereby decreasing its overall luster, people are let down by what they see.

And who do we have to blame for that? Storefronts putting out Christmas decorations in November, starting the “25 Days of Christmas” 45 days early, movies and commercials for buying now — all eclipsing Thanksgiving.

I ask you to enjoy each holiday, preparing for no longer than the window preceding them. Believe me, Christmas (and Thanksgiving) come but once a year. You might as well get your money’s worth (or your mashed potatoes worth).

I am all for welcoming the spirit of Christmas early. I like putting up decorations weeks in advance. However, there must be a line drawn so that the Christmas holiday monopoly does not infringe on Thanksgiving. The pilgrims wouldn’t have wanted it that way and neither do I.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What would you like to throw at ND home games?

*Steph Martinez: sophomore*  Lyons

"I’d like to throw some punches."

*Alex Stackley: sophomore* Morrissey

"A party afterward."

*Michele Perone: sophomore* Walsh

"Touchdown passes."

*Mike Benz: junior* Alumni

"Fake Heisman trophies."

*Bill Diplero: junior* Knott

"Words of encouragement to the players and coaches."

*Ashley AHN: junior* McClain

"Warm thoughts of hippy love."


**OFFBEAT**

Man, 70, charged in Pa. bank holdup

ERIE, Pa. — Police say a 70-year-old man told them he tried to solve his financial problems with a grocery bag, bandannas and a 50-year-old handgun that doesn’t work.

Instead, Donald Cesare is in the Erie County Prison on federal bank robbery charges stemming from a holdup Thursday at the First National Bank in Millcreek township.

Authorities say Cesare has no criminal record and immediately apologized for the robbery when they tracked him down based on his description. Cesare also wants to apologize to the teller, police said.

"Mr. Toilet builds commode-shaped house"

SEWON, South Korea — Sim Jae-duck has made his political career as South Korea’s Mr. Toilet by beautifying public restrooms. Now he’s got a horse buttling his title: a toilet-shaped domicile complete with the latest in ladies’ loo comforts.

Sim is building the two-story house set to be finished Sunday to commemorate the inaugural meeting later this month of the World Toilet Association. The group, supported by the South Korean government, aims no less than to launch a “toilet revolution,” by getting people to open their bathroom doors for the sake of improving worldwide hygiene.

Representatives from 60 countries will gather in Seoul to spur the creation of national toilet associations of their own and spread the word about hygiene. Organizers argue the issue deserves greater attention and cite U.N. figures that some 2.5 billion people live without proper sanitation and drinking water supplies.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Want to be a model? MCAC is holding model tryouts for its annual Fashion Show 2008. Ladies please attend Sunday, Nov. 18, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and gentlemen please attend Tuesday, Nov. 20, 8 to 10 p.m. Both tryouts are held in Washington Hall.

Men’s basketball will play Long Island tonight at 7:30 at the Joyce Center.

There will be a luncheon with Notre Dame Law School Admissions tomorrow at noon. Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students who are considering Notre Dame Law School are invited to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon. Contact Margaret Edgington, Senior Staff Assistant, with questions or to RSVP, lawmail@nd.edu.

Notre Dame women’s basketball will play in the second round postseason WNIT tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Tony Kushner’s “A Bright Room Called Day” will be performed tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Deccio Mainstage Theatre, Dellarco Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $5. Performances will run Nov. 13 to 16 and Nov. 18.

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily and is open to the public.

The film “Working Women of the World” will be shown Wednesday at 7 p.m. in C100 Heisburgh Center Auditorium as part of the film series “International Labor/1st World — 3rd World Global Economy.”

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

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Laneman receives PECASE award

Engineering prof recognized by President, also up for NSF honor

Special to The Observer

J. Nicholas Laneman, assistant professor of electrical engineering at Notre Dame, has been named one of the 58 recipients of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) and one of the 20 honorees nominated by the NSF from among the grantees of its Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program. He and the other PECASE recipients were recognized in a ceremony Nov. 1 at the White House.

The PECASE program, which was established in 1996, identifies and honors outstanding young researchers and is the highest honor that a beginning scientist or engineer can receive from the U.S. government. Selection is based on innovative research and community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, education or outreach. Nine government agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), nominate candidates for the PECASE program.

"Because the PECASE honors young scholars for their outstanding research and teaching accomplishments and recognizes the potential impact they may have on future generations, it is an extraordinary award for a young faculty member," said James L. Merz, interim dean of the College of Engineering and the Frank M. Freiman Professor of Electrical Engineering. "We are delighted that Professor Laneman has been honored in this fashion."

Laneman, who joined the University in 2002, specializes in the areas of communications and signal processing, with a particular emphasis on wireless communications and networking. He is widely credited as a pioneer of cooperative diversity, an area of communications that deals with making wireless links more reliable through the use of signal relays, his seminal papers on the subject have been highly cited by other communications researchers.

Laneman's award-winning CAREER (and subsequently PECASE) project, "Toward a Robust Information in a Large Blocklength Information Theory," focuses on fundamental performance trade-offs of communication systems and networks for applications, such as wireless, in which transmission intervals are limited relative to the bandwidth of the communication medium. Longer intervals enable more reliable communications, but they also contribute to delays. Users who accept long delays for some applications, such as text messaging or e-mail, find them unacceptable for other applications, such as cell phone calls or video streaming. The goal of the project is to provide a mathematical and computational framework for characterizing such trade-offs and designing more efficient systems.

As part of this effort, Laneman's team has obtained funding from the National Institute of Justice to develop SDR technology in order to help public safety and emergency response personnel better communicate, especially during catastrophic events, when traditional infrastructure is unavailable or inoperable. Laneman earned bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Dame’s ROTC were in atten-
dance at Thursday’s annual Veterans Day ceremony wearing their formal uniforms of green (Army, Navy) and black (Air Force).
Hesburgh addressed the crowd gathered outside on an overcast, windy afternoon.
His address was focused on tradi-
tion: He said Notre Dame’s tradi-
tions of educating soldiers were passed to Notre Dame’s founder, Father Edward Sorin. The tradition and Notre Dame were not only dedicated in educating young men, but also those who would live lives of value.
Reflecting on the days of his early priesthood when he was chaplain for the soldiers serving in World War II, Hesburgh said that the highlight of his time at Notre Dame was during World War II when over 10,000 naval cadets were there. They were fighting for freedom and the welfare of humanity.
Hesburgh also emphasized the importance of the Clarke Memorial Fountain as a symbol to those who have given ultimate sacrifice to our country’s service.
“While the fountain is a hallowed spot on Notre Dame’s campus,” Hesburgh said, “This monument represents those who gave the highest thing one can give — one’s own life — for this country and for peace.”
Over the years, many higher education institutions have debated expelling ROTC programs under political pressures. Hesburgh said, “Yet the ROTC program at Notre Dame endures.”
In a time when the military is under heavy scrutiny and criticism, Hesburgh said, “Notre Dame has stood strong sup-
porting soldiers in a cause for peace, freedom and patriotism.”
When addressing the cadets, who were standing at full attention, Hesburgh told them that they “are the frontline of America — marching forward, protect-
ing and even giving life if needed. For that we give you our gratitude.”
In his closing remarks, Hesburgh reminded the audi-
ence that “as long as we stand strong for this country, this country will move forward with pride and security.”
Following his address, Hesburgh was given a gift from Lindsey on behalf of the ROTC program, for his continued support of the program.
“Taps” was then played in remembrance of all the sol-
diers who have given their lives during service.
The Veterans Day Ceremony has been an annual tradition for Notre Dame since Veterans Day — then called Armistice Day — was proclaimed in 1926.
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Meyer-Lee said, “One of the speakers is from the National University of Ireland at Maynooth, as part of our celebra-
tion of the year of gender equality and the celebration of our tradition in Ireland Program.”
She hopes for a strong turnout at the various events throughout the week, but she rec-
ognizes that scheduling can sometimes be troublesome. Certain departmental programs, how-
ever, require students to attend some of the events.
“The intercultural learning showcase is required for all stu-
dents who want to apply for a CWI grant next semester, and the study abroad fair — and pre-
departure orientation — draw a lot of students because Saint Mary’s has a number of gender equality and diversity programs,” Meyer-
Lee said.
“We aim for quality of engage-
ment rather than quantity and with a wide variety of events, we have intentionally orchestrated a broad range of activities rather than focusing on one major keynote so there is something of interest for everyone,” she added.

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workforce,” he said, “the company is going to miss out in the market.”
Gina Shropshire, a 1983 Ph.
D. Notre Dame graduate with a B.
A. in American Studies, empha-
sized the need for continuous evaluation within companies to achieve diversity.
Shropshire said that evaluation within a company can be a fixed issue.
“Companies are letting the moment pass, and the companies are diversity not something that is ever done. We need people who can communi-
cate the ideals of a company,” Shropshire said.
Hernandez echoed this idea of continuous evaluation as a com-
mitment to diversity, he said.
“Companies have to walk the talk, otherwise they will not work,” he said.
Emphasizing the idea of valuing the contribution of each individual employee, James Summers, president of Summers Consulting in South Bend, also said that two of the most important issues for business are organizational effectiveness and sustainability.
He said the responsibility of having workers be as effective as possible is that of the employers. The innovative ideas of employers, he said, bring the company higher profitability.
The impetus for the confer-
ence came from Nick Gants, a gradu-
ate student at the Mentor College of Business. A humanity friend of his at the University of Michigan informed him that the conference Michigan had been hosting for nearly 30 years, “No I thought, ‘Don’t we have something like this?’” he said.
Gants hoped to hand over the reigns to another business student this year to keep the conference going for years to come.
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Iraqi PM says suicide attacks down
ALBANY, Calif. - Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-
Maliki said Sunday suicide attacks and other
bombings in the Iraqi capital have dropped dra-
matically since last year's high, calling it a sign of
the end of sectarian violence. A top U.S. general
has said he believes the drop is sustainable, as
Iraqis turn away from extremists.

Al-Maliki said "terrorist acts" including car
bombings and other spectacular, al-Qaeda-style
attacks dropped by 77 percent. He called it a
sign of progress as the Sunni-white violence was
generally gone from Baghdad.

Accidental killing sparks soccer riots
ROME — A police officer accidentally shot and
killed a soccer fan Sunday while trying to
break up a fight by a Tuscan highway between
supporters of rival teams, authorities said.

The Associated Press

President Bush and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discuss Pakistan's recent
declaration of emergency rule and Iranian nuclear proliferation on Saturday.

BUSH DECLARES TRUST IN MUSHARRAF

Iraqi PM Nouri al-Maliki's statement comes in
the wake of a meeting in Washington between
Bush and Merkel, who insisted that the U.S.
must not allow Pakistan to go "rogue" because
of its nuclear weapons.

President Bush said he believes the drop is sus-
tainable, as Iraqis turn away from extremist
actions.

Merkel arrived Friday with her husband, Joachim
Sauer, for an overnight visit at Bush's remote central
Texas ranch. Their talks spanned the global
situation.

Bush also told a group of students that a nuclear-armed Iran
could lead to World War III.

LEGAL DISPUTES ENSUE OVER DESEGREGATION

A dozen antiriot protesters arrested

OLYMPIA, Wash. — At least a dozen people
were arrested Saturday for blocking military
cargo ships arriving from Iraq at the port in
the state capital.

A crowd of predominantly black protesters
were arrested Saturday for blocking military
freight from a warship.

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sidered a great religious writer, is not an important sense, not a religious writer at all.”

Fallon combined his knowledge of Milton’s literature and life to argue that, although Milton explored theology in his writing, he did not write religiously.

Milton, a Puritan in the 17th century, is most known for his work “Paradise Lost.” He, however, also wrote poems, sonnets, other prose and an autobiography. His work focused strongly on religious topics. Fallon said Milton believed he wrote “divinely inspired truth, and he believed he could surpass Homer and Virgil because his epic would be true.”

Fallon admits that his idea that Milton is not a religious writer has gotten some varying reactions.

“Some say, ‘There goes another anti-religious university professor, trying to recruit a great author to his cause.’ Or, from the other side, ‘There goes a Notre Dame professor sniffing at Milton for being anti-Catholic and unorthodox,’” Fallon said.

However, Fallon argues that his criteria come from information available in Milton’s autobiography and the characters in Milton’s poetry that resemble the author.

“The only interest in whether Milton was religious as he writes, and the answer there, I think, is no,” Fallon said.

He went on to discuss Milton’s own views on sin. Fallon said Milton believed that he was sinless. He believed that his works were divinely true.

“Milton’s work revealed lack of sin came into question when his first marriage fell apart. He then claimed that divorce is justifiable in the Bible.

“His story is impossible, so it begins to disintegrate when it is met with real life.”

Stephen Fallon
chairman
liberal studies department

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the faculty and students.

“Once the colleges are done, that information is forwarded to the registrar’s office. We hand it from the University’s perspective,” he said. “We look at the schedule primarily from a classroom-resources perspective, which means, we ‘are we have enough classes available for all the people that want to teach at a certain time?’” he said.

That perspective is complicated because certain time-slots are ‘inherently desirable.’ The time slot on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. is the most popular, for both students and faculty, he said. But only so many classrooms are available at that time. "There’s definitely competition for the popular time spots,” he said.

College deans decide which classes, such as college-level English, are ‘inherent’ to the registrar’s scheduling has-sle.

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Chris Temple
assistant registrar

Sara Maurer, an assistant professor in English, does not avoid early morning classes for fear of lack of attention by the students.

“I have honestly haven’t noticed that students are any less awake in morning classes,” she said. “But I’ve never taught an 8 a.m. class.”

Maurer said some classes have bad days, but that hasn’t appeared to be caused by time of day. She also was sympathetic to the registrar’s scheduling hassles.

“There are so many issues to consider, to offer a decent selection, to distribute required courses and then faculty commitments,” she said. “It’s very hard to accommodate everyone.”

The English department’s scheduling process is "very upfront," so faculty do not feel so disadvantaged if they don’t teach at their preferred times, Maurer said.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
Respecting to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa:

The Power of Academic Partnerships

A slide presentation by
Dr. Robert Einterz
Professor of Clinical Medicine and Associate Dean for International Affairs
Indiana University School of Medicine

7 p.m., Thursday
November 15, 2007
Jordan Hall of Science
Room 105

Reception will follow

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**IN BRIEF**

China confirms "date rape" toys

BEIJING — China's safety watchdog confirmed Saturday that toys recalled in the United States after containing a chemical contain a substance that can turn into the drug after ingested.

The toys, coated with the industrial chemical di-butylenetriamine, appeared in eight shows not affected by the date rape scare. The toys, which are being recalled in those countries as well as Britain, Malaysia, and Singapore, will affect its fourth-quarter results.

Millions of units of the popular toys, which are sold as Aqua Dots in the United States and as Rolo in Australia, were recalled in those countries as well as Britain. Malaysia, Singapore and elsewhere this past week after children began falling sick from swallowing the toy's bead-like parts.

**CHINA**

Coal boom promotes unsafe mining

Coal mining remains one of the world's most dangerous trades. In China, more than 4,700 people died last year in coal mines.

The deaths underscore the immense cost of a worldwide boom in coal use, driven by economic growth in China and India and a return to coal for cheap electric power in the U.S. and elsewhere. While Chinese miners toil for a couple hundred dollars a month, mine owners in Taiwan, the sooty capital of Shanxi province, drive BMWs and invest in real estate in Beijing, the capital.

Miners themselves are often critical of the deadly bargain. Many face reprisals if they report accidents. And some do not want to see their mine shut down for an accident, investigation, depriving them of work.

"Some miners fear poverty more than mining disasters," said Cao Yu, a senior at Hunan Normal University who conducted surveys among miners in Huan county in 2005 and 2006. "Mining accidents create great stress. For them an accident means a colleague has departed the world but also means the mine will stop paying them."
Worry about hiring solely Catholics

A recent Observer article ("Professors discuss hiring," Nov. 8) reported a "broad sense of disquiet among [the faculty] surrounding the idea of hiring with religious affiliation in mind" and quoted the chair of the Faculty Senate as saying that "faculty members... are worried that [by trying to respond to the decline in Catholic faculty] the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit." It seems to me that this is precisely the problem — like the diverse faculty committee that recently produced a helpful report on strategies for Catholic hiring — have always been clear on this crucial point. The University's goal is and should be to identify, identify and recruit Catholic faculty — and non-Catholic faculty who embrace Notre Dame's mission — who are, by every standard measure of "merit," outstanding. The goal is not, should not be and never has been to settle for second-rate scholars who happen to be Catholic or to designate the achievement and contributions of non-Catholic faculty. Notre Dame aspires not only to hire outstanding Catholic scholars, but also to increase the ethnic, gender and socioeconomic diversity of its faculty.

This is, of course, however, is not seen as cause for worry that "the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit." Similarly, a concerted effort to deepen Notre Dame's Catholic identity through faculty hiring need not trigger "disquiet" about the University's commitment to excellence. Indeed, there are good reasons to expect, and recent high-profile hires confirm, that it is precisely by emphasizing that which makes Notre Dame distinctive that the University will be able to attract and retain increasingly accomplished scholars, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Certainly, the more that a faculty member is clearly identified as Catholic, the more he or she risks being a "good Catholic" and not just a Catholic of their own department-philosophy, for example, or history and not just a Catholic of the interdisciplinary Center for Global Conversations and world-renowned individual scholars who focus on specifically Catholic topics. Nor is it enough to assure that Notre Dame works visibly — as all universities should — to alleviate poverty and promote social justice. Certainly, more than Catholic faculty are required, but Catholic faculty are required. Certainly, efforts to identify and hire Catholic faculty should be reasonable and careful, not clumsy or naive, and given the task is not an easy one. Still, the facts remain: Without a community of Catholic scholars, working in a wide range of disciplines, Notre Dame will not achieve its meaningful, Catholic, and therefore would not matter.

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November 11

EDITORIAL CARTOON

You may kiss my ring...

...and y'all kiss, KISS our...
Weis should pay

Another home loss for the Irish. The total now stands at six for the season. In reality, the first Notre Dame team to win inside the House That Rockne Built this fall might be the winner of the Intercal Football Championship. We can watch that game for free, unlike the games of our Division I team, which cost each Notre Dame student $217 for the season. As a finance major, I view this as a bad investment. In business, people do not continue to invest in an entity that does not produce positive returns.

Approximately 11,000 students purchase a student ticket booklet each season. At $78 per ticket, that sheet of paper spends them $34.8 million on football tickets. I would like Charlie Weis to reorganize our ticket system — like a fund director offering incentives — by paying for our tickets next season. His job is to make Notre Dame a $2.4 million organization. Why not protect his own $34.8 million investment and the cost structure? What do you say, Charlie?

Matthew Queering

Crack down on drunk driving

Everyone knows that drunk driving is inherently a part of driving. However, some people make choices that drastically increase the risk to others on the road. In my opinion, and in the eyes of the law, drunk drivers really are criminals.

Drunk driving is not a "mistake." It is a crime. A drunk driver (sometimes underaged) chooses to drink alcohol and then get behind the wheel of a car. I am sick of excuses. Call a cab or stay where you are. There is absolutely no excuse for drunk driving, and in my opinion, neither Notre Dame nor Saint Mary's has done enough to punish students who receive a DUI on or off campus.

Fines and community service are not enough. I believe that all three schools need to partner up with the South Bend and Mishawaka police departments to make the registry that alerts the schools when a student receives a DUI. That student should then be expelled from the University or College, just as he or she would be for committing any other heinous crime.

Drunk driving is not a joke, so we need to stop treating it like it is. Students who choose to drive drunk and gravely endanger the lives of those around them and innocent people in other cars must be punished justly. I urge the schools in this area to seriously reevaluate their policies on off-campus DUIs and institute a much more strict policy.

Kelsey Robertson

U-Wire

Same heart, different body

Whether subconsciously or consciously, many people are of the belief that "I need to feel safe, I need to fit in and I need to be accomplished." When we see someone else who may not fit this mold, we sometimes criticize and poke fun in order to ingrain ourselves that we are better, we are not and cannot be like that. It's unfortunate because in order to secure this ideology we go after others and their appearances — so we detach, we categorize and we judge ourselves to protect ourselves. I am OK. I am normal.

Today there are repercussions for prejudice against race, gender and religion in our society. Yet what's not recognized is this discriminatory attitude many Americans hold toward that others look like and those who may have weight issues.

This is unfortunate because obesity is on the rise in America. Yet, so is this aggressively rude attitude towards people who are different. Do you see a problem?

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Campus Press

Lyric change long overdue

A few weeks ago, I read a letter in The Observer discussing the gender-exclusive March lyrics ("Reconsidering the Victory March," Oct. 30). "A fun read," he addressed the subject. Indeed, I chuckled as I started down the column. I could picture the scene in my mind vividly: Two women incensed at the omission of "daughters" in the Victory March, then marching off (to The Observer!) to pen their "new idea" that the Victory March is not gender-inclusive! New idea? Hardly. I recalled the very same debate when I was a student in the early '90s. Like the Schneemanns (although amusing) didn't change a thing. At the end of the day, I knew who I am. There are much bigger battles to fight in this world.

First, despite the fact that Notre Dame traditionally an all-male university, it did become co-ed, with Father Hesburgh's blessing and instigation, in the 1970s. The change in allowing women to attend necessitated many structural and intellectual changes. For example, we built female dorms. More than that, some "traditional- ly" male dorms (such as Farley, where Father Malloy stayed as an undergraduate, but in which my own daughter stayed from 2000-2001) became female dorms. And new traditions were born. For example, at the dorm orientation for my daughter, I met a freshman female who was a legacy of the family that had lived in Farley dorm during her own undergraduate years.

Arguing that we must keep things "as they are," (or, really, "as they were") is specious. "Traditionally," the United States of America was granted full "equality" (specifically, in terms of the right to vote), to white, land-owning males. Our constitu-

tion relegated African-Americans to being 3/5 human, Native Americans were dis- criminated as "savages" and women weren't considered at all. But our country expand- ed ethically and extended full civil rights to African-American males, then females and ultimately people of all religions and races. Obviously, "tradition" didn't count — unless it was the deeper, abiding tradition of advocating freedom and inclusion (precise- ly what Notre Dame has done by eventually admitting minorities and women as well).

Clearly, our constitution's words were changed with Amendments. A song cannot be changed in that way. However, its lyrics can be readily changed to reflect the spirit of inclusion that began many decades ago. The change is simple. The current lyrics have a certain number of syllables whose stresses fall on certain counts: "while her loyal sons are marching onward to victory!" Replacing "sons" with "marching" and "sons and daughters" keeps the exact num-

er of syllables and stresses. Changing "forward to victory" to "march on to victo-
y" does the exact same thing. No need to change the rhythm. No awkward holds or pauses. Just a simple change reflecting the spiritual inclusiveness in a place that has been, even since I came here, increasingly committed to genuine "Catholicity" in its Catholic vision.

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Scene on Campus

Asian Allure 2007

By Ryan Raffin
Scene Writer

Premonitory is a word that seems to get tossed around fairly often when describing post-hardcore outfit Thrice. After naming their 2006 effort "Vagabond" in reference to Thomas Pynchon’s novel "V.,” use of the word only increased. So when Thrice announced in late 2006 that they were recording four EPs, each thematically connected to one of Aristotle’s four elements (fire, water, earth and air), the haters had plenty of fuel. How dare Thrice attempt something so ambitious? Have they care for the fans? Luckily, the band paid no attention and produced the excellent first entry of the two-part set, lengthily titled "The Alchemy Index, Vols. I & II: Fire & Water.”

This is admittedly a little confusing, the two EPs are packaged together, but they are not meant to be heard as one album. Each has 6 songs that are lyrically and musically distinct, two different sets of 20 odd minutes that go by too fast for the listener to even tire of.

The “Fire” EP is what you might guess based on its name. The louder, angrier side of Thrice, it’s slightly reminiscent of their hardcore punk roots. Huge sounding choruses are everywhere — this is stuff that sounds good in a stadium. “Firebreather” starts things off with some of the heaviest riff the band has ever recorded and with front man Dustin Kensrue singing an anthemic verse. The song even does a choir. Right off the bat, the listener is given the rules. This is the new school — expect to hear different things. A programmed beat opens “The Messenger” before exploding into Kensrue’s shouting and subsiding again. It’s an ebb and flow, creating one of the best songs the group has recorded.

The subtle touches and flourish of electronics are abundant throughout the album. Such has been present in Thrice’s sound for a couple of years now but is best realized on "The Alchemy Index.”

Another complaint that has been leveled at the band recently is that lead guitarist Teppi Teranishi no longer plays guitar solos quite as often as he used to. This may be true, but the instrument work here is consistently tighter and more complex than ever before. Kensrue’s vocal work is similar, as usual; he knows exactly how to sing or shout in order to best fit the song. As the EP closes out on the powerful “The Flame Begins,” it’s tough not to be left breathless. These six songs are so strong that it’s tough to imagine how the “Water” EP can match them.

Subdued from the start, “Water” doesn’t hit you immediately like its counterpart, though it is just as good. The electronics and various effects used on "Fire" continues, evident immediately upon listening to first single, “Digital Sea.” Keyboards are also very important for this EP, as nearly every song utilizes them in some way. Just like the concept of flame was central to its counterpart, there is an aquatic motif in the lyrics and music. Unlike “Fire,” though, this sounds almost nothing like what Thrice has done before. Melodic and tranquil, the band fully succeeds in creating an oceanic soundscape.

The group’s influences really show through here. Radiohead comparisons are inevitable, but wait for "Night Diving” for some very Pelocon-esque guitar work. The song shimmers, and normally you wouldn’t expect a six-minute instrumental to grip the listener quite like this does. The whole EP seems like Thrice’s interpretation of how alternative music should sound, almost like a challenge to other bands. If “Fire” is Thrice proving they can make music as loud and powerful as before, “Water” is the band showing that they can do whatever else they want as well.

A lot of fans want the old “Thrown back. They want to go back to the days of fast, hard and loud. Sorry to disappoint, but it’s not happening anytime soon. “The Alchemy Index” is Thrice’s latest progression, showing that the band is capable of creating any music they can think of, and doing it well. If the fans can’t keep up with innovation, it’s their loss. When there’s music this good out there, someone is going to hear it. This is one of the year’s best — don’t be left behind.

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With the new “Fire” and “Water” portions of “The Alchemy Index,” Thrice is embarking on an ambitious, Aristotle-inspired musical venture.
The frustration Notre Dame has experienced all season can be summed up with one kick.

When defensive end Trevor Laws booted the penalty flag after the Falcons' fifth touchdown of the game, it was a symbol of the team's dissatisfaction with a historically bad season.

"This is a competitor, he competes out there so much and runs so hard," Laws said. "He wants to play as many yards as he can every play. He's out there loving what he's doing.

Air Force improved to 8-3 on the season, coach Troy Calhoun said. Calhoun's first with the Falcons. Notre Dame dropped to an all-time low of 1-9.

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen had his best game of the season, completing 22-of-30 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns. He didn't have the help of his receivers, however.

"You turn around and see the corner of the end zone on a play-action fake, and the Irish tried the score at 10-10. I thought that we were back in it," said Clausen, who had four completions for 57 yards and the touchdown. "I hoped we'd start rolling and score some more points.

The Falcons' running game caught fire on the next drive, culminating on a 21-yard touchdown that gave the Falcons a 31-10 lead with 1:31 left in the third quarter.

Clausen found a rhythm when Notre Dame forced a three-and-out and got the ball back for a 65-yard drive when Carney rolled right and hit tight end Steve Smith at the line, forcing a Brandon Grimes on fourth-and-9 to make the incompletion pass. Clausen hit wide receiver Sean Quintana in the corner of the end zone on a 32-yard sideline pass to wide receiver David Grimes on fourth-and-9 to make the score 31-17.

"If we knew why, we'd win games," Laws said. "I don't know why we're not playing as well as we should be. I wish I did know."

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Football teams have 11 players on the field at any given time. Each one has a job to do on every play.

When a team is playing well, those 11 players can seem like one smooth unit, moving seamlessly together down the field.

That has not happened this season for Notre Dame.

It doesn't have to be a total team breakdown. A lot of times, especially recently, the problem has been only one or two players.

And they're different players on every play.

But this is a team game, and if just one player fails to do his job, a play can break down.

Take a couple examples from the 41-24 loss to Air Force on Saturday:

In the third quarter, quarter-back Jimmy Clausen dropped back to pass. He was well protected, he scanned his progressions and he rifled a perfect pass. Meanwhile, wide receiver David Grimes ran a crisp route and was open. But when the ball arrived, he dropped it.

A perfectly executed play — and a promising drive — was derailed by a dropped pass from a player that, otherwise, had a good game.

The problems aren't always physical. Early in the second half, Air Force ran what looked like a quarterback sweep to the left side. But instead of cutting up the field, signal caller Shaun Carney suddenly dropped back. Irish cornerback Rashawn MeCneill came up to defend the running play and completely lost track of Falcons wide receiver Mark Ruth. The result was a 29-yard pass play that led to an Air Force touchdown.

McNeil was fooled by the misdirection, so his mistake is understandable. But some other mental mistakes came despite several repetitions in practice.

Clausen was blindsided two times in the first half because running backs didn't step up and block outside blazers. But coach Charlie Weis said the Irish worked on picking up that exact blitz package in practice.

"We said, 'It's the blitz they run, and the linemen's going to get the first guy and the back's going to get the second guy,'" he said. "But it didn't happen that way, and the quarterback got hit."

So what is causing these problems?

Sometimes as many as 10 players are doing their jobs effectively, but at least one man is making a physical mistake, getting fooled by the opposition or forgetting what the team worked on in practice.

Part of the answer is youth. The imbalance toward the younger classes on this team's roster has been well documented.

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But when Grimes is dropping passes and fifth-year senior running back Travis Thomas isn't stepping up to block the right person, the problems aren't only with young players.

So in the problem coaching? Possibly, although Darius Walker didn't have any trouble learning blitz pickup, Maurice Stovall improved dramatically at catching the ball with his hands and Mike Richardson developed into a solid cover corner, all under this staff.

Why aren't some players improving the same way? There have been flashes, but then things regress again.

"The improvement has been too spotty. One of the improvements you'd like to see is more consistency," Weis said. "One of the things I'm most disappointed in as a coach is that when you have intelligent young men, that as the years go on, there would be some consistency that progresses from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."

Even the players themselves are dumbfounded.

"Look at the coaches' pedigrees," tight end John Carlson said. "They're good teachers. And the players are students at the University of Notre Dame. You'd think that we're all fairly intelligent individuals. But something isn't clicking, and I don't know what it is."

At least part of the problem is confidence. Notre Dame has many contributors that didn't play a lot last year. They've never had success without Brady Quinn or Jeff Samardzija on the roster.

One thing that can cure that is winning. For them, it would be best to start next week against Duke or the week after against Stanford or at least next September against San Diego State.

And once this season is over, the Irish coaching staff can redouble its efforts to fix this team's problems, correct the mistakes and get the 11 players on the field playing like one again.

In the meantime, as Carlson said after the game, all these teams have to play for pride. If that pride means that just one person on every play does his job a little better than he did the play before, then this Notre Dame team might just end the season on a high note and get some momentum for 2008.

But every player on this team needs to have that pride, because at any time, they could be called upon to be one of those 11 players on the field.

And it takes all 11 to succeed.

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Sports Editor

Winning takes all 11 players

Ranking of Notre Dame's pass defense out of 119 Division I FBS teams. The Irish are 53rd in the nation in total defense.

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Winning takes all 11 players
Weis: "We got ourselves a quarterback"

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen, left, throws to Irish fullback Asahp Schwapp during Notre Dame's 41-24 loss on Saturday to Air Force.

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- Ryan Harrison 1-yard field goal with 1:31 remaining.
- Drive: 14 plays, 56 yards, 6:11 elapsed.
- Air Force 10, Notre Dame 0
- John Salvadore 19-yard fumble recovery with 00:00 remaining.
- Drive: 8 plays, 41 yards, 4:43 elapsed.

Second quarter

Air Force 10, Notre Dame 3
- Brandon Walter 28-yard field goal with 8:29 remaining.
- Drive: 13 plays, 52 yards, 4:27 elapsed.

Air Force 10, Notre Dame 10
- John Carlson 2-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 2:32 remaining (Walter kick).
- Drive: 7 plays, 10 yards, 3:06 elapsed.

Air Force 17, Notre Dame 10
- Spencer Armstrong 8-yard run with 1:19 remaining (Harrison kick).
- Drive: 7 plays, 46 yards, 1:23 elapsed.

Third quarter

Air Force 24, Notre Dame 10
- Sean Quintana 7-yard pass from Shane Carney with 12:45 remaining (Harrison kick).
- Drive: 7 plays, 47 yards, 2:11 elapsed.

Air Force 31, Notre Dame 10
- John Melekin 5-yard pass from Shane Carney with 1:31 remaining (Harrison kick).
- Drive: 9 plays, 65 yards, 4:14 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Air Force 31, Notre Dame 17
- David Grimes 27-yard pass from Clausen with 1:41 remaining (Walter kick).
- Drive: 10 plays, 57 yards, 3:24 elapsed.

Air Force 34, Notre Dame 17
- Harrison 37-yard field goal with 10:07 remaining.
- Drive: 7 plays, 13 yards, 3:24 elapsed.

Air Force 34, Notre Dame 24
- Armando Allen 5-yard pass from Clausen with 7:36 remaining (Walter kick).
- Drive: 8 plays, 71 yards, 2:11 elapsed.

Air Force 41, Notre Dame 24
- Shane Carney 1-yard run with 1:55 remaining (Clausen kick).
- Drive: 7 plays, 25 yards, 2:25 elapsed.

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Notre Dame all-time worst 0-6 at home

Kamara sits because of academic reasons

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

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Kamara out for academic reasons

Freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara missed Saturday's game due to academic reasons. Irish coach Charlie Weis said Kamara missed too much practice time to play because the issues were not resolved until the end of the week.

"I'm never going to be a hypocrite when it comes to academics," Weis said. "They are always going to be the forefront, and I understand it very clearly that that's the way we've got to be." Weis said.

Kamara's comments this week made it clear that he was not going to play.

Maus to take over punting job

Sophomore Eric Maust took over the punting job from senior Gregor Price after Price strained a muscle in his leg in practice Thursday.

Calhoun calls for different officiating crews

Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said he hoped inter-conference games will use officiating crews from a third conference to avoid "putting officials in a bad position.

"We didn't get to a point where you go play a game where there's no residue at all," Calhoun said. "There are no visages. At some point, that maybe occur? If Oregon goes to play at Michigan, then take the Mountain West Conference?"

Taylor honored for athletic, civic excellence

Notre Dame presented former offensive line All-American Aaron Taylor, who graduated in 1994 and played in the NFL, with the Harvey C. Foster award for athletic endeavors and civic or University excellence.

Taylor has established LegendsOfSouthEnd.com, which is a for-profit "social-profit" limited liability corporation that will donate money to create a scholarship fund at the University.

Former ADs commemorated

The University dedicated plaques honoring former athletic directors on the North Tunnel Plaza north of Notre Dame Stadium's tunnel entrance.

Jesse Harper, Knute Rockne, Elmer Layden, Hunk Anderson, Frank Leahy, Edward "Moose" Krause, Gene Corrigan and Dick Rosenthal all had plaques in their names placed on the wall around the plaza.

Corrigan and Rosenthal themselves, along with family members, represented the others, received replicas of the plaques on the field before the game.

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Military blunders

Notre Dame was coming off a hard-fought, overtime loss to Navy but looked flat in the first half against Air Force on Saturday. The Irish fell behind 10-0 in the first quarter, but were able to respond with a 24-yard field goal and a touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen to tight end John Carlson to tie the score at 10. But the Irish could not keep pace with the Falcons in the second half — or Falcons running back Chad Hall. The junior had 7.4 yards per touch as the Falcons tailback and kick returner set up every Air Force offensive touchdown. The Falcons racked up 21 unanswered points to raise their lead to 31-10. Clausen, however, mounted a comeback with touchdown strikes to wide receiver David Grimes and running back Armando Allen to bring the Irish within 10 points. The Irish then had a chance to make it a one-score game in the fourth quarter, but Clausen failed to convert on a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-one, sealing the win for Air Force.
Microwave noodles get a makeover

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Ramen is the quintessential college food. It requires only what author Eric Hites calls a "fair amount of hunger," an eating utensil and the ability to boil water, which even the most domestically challenged undergraduates can usually manage.

In his book, "Everybody Loves Ramen: Recipes, Stories, Games and Fun Facts About the Noodles You Love," author and self-described "noodle guru" Hites converts college cuisine into haute cuisine with over 50 different recipes involving all manner of styles, ranging from Asian food to Italian food to American-themed fare.

For Ramenites accustomed to the traditional variety of flavors the noodles come in Chicken, Beef, Shrimp and Oriental flavors, among others) "Everybody Loves Ramen" offers a veritable smorgasbord of different recipes. There are healthy Ramen recipes (Cholesterol-Killer Ramen), unhealthy Ramen recipes (911 Heart Attack Ramen), vegetarian Ramen recipes (Vegetarian's Power Dish), regal Ramen recipes (Fit-for-a-King Salad), popular Ramen recipes (Cheap-as-It-Gets Ramen) and even Ramen for the college student desperate for a fix. However, he still understands that the key attractiveness of Ramen (and its status as a college diet staple) relies on how easy it is to make. So even as you rock out with your wok out or break out the pots and pans, you'll only spend about 15 minutes maximum on any given Ramen recipe.

Everybody Loves Ramen
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Bears win as Grossman replaces injured Griese

Associated Press

(OAKLAND), Calif. — With one perfect deep pass, Rex Grossman just might have won back his starting quarterback job and saved the Chicago Bears' season.

Grossman replaced an injured Brian Griese and threw a 59-yard pass to Bernard Berrian for the go-ahead score with 3:11 remaining, leading the Bears to a 17-6 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

"It was unbelievable, something you can't describe to someone who hasn't been in that position," Grossman said. "It's a great feeling to come in and be able to pull one out.

"We were trying to get the right matchup all game, and we couldn't get it, and then it happened," Berrian said. "At that time of the game, we needed anything to happen, a long run or a long pass.

The Bears took advantage of man coverage by a backup corner forced to start in a starting role because of injuries to Nadimi Asomugha and Fabian Washington. Carr was solid for the entire game, with six tackles and one pass breakup, but got beat on the one play that mattered most.

"They did a very good job of selling me on the go route," Carr said. "He gave me a little hesitation and I wasn't running as fast as I should have been running. He got a step on me, he got me.

Grossman, who had been 5-for-12 for 72 yards in the first half, threw his only touchdown passes to Berrian (4-for-5) in the Super Bowl last season instead of the one or two turnovers he was more used to on a day when another offense could move the ball.

Then Grossman, who had struggled in his first game since Sept. 23, turned back into Good Ole Grossman, the quarterback who helped lead the Bears (4-5) to the Super Bowl last season instead of the one or two turnovers he has cost him his job earlier this season.

After the Bears almost botched the kickoff, Grossman hit Cerdic Benson on an 11-yard pass over the middle. On the next play, Berrian sprinted past Chris Carr, caught the deep pass in stride and went 69 yards down and zone with the go-ahead score.

"An anonymous Dolphins fan reacts with displeasure during a 13-10 loss to the Bills Sunday.

"That's what 400 pounds of frustration looks like.

"You have to finish a game," Traylor said. "For some reason we can't do it. It'll drive you crazy.

The wireless Dolphins controlled the ball for nearly 37 minutes and led most of the game Sunday, but Brian Griese kicked a 34-yard field goal with 46 seconds left, and the Buffalo Bills earned their fourth consecutive victory.

The Dolphins (6-9) extended the worst start in franchise history, Five defeats have been by three points, none more wrenching than the latest.

"Who's the guy from Charlie Brown who has the gray cloud following him around?" defensive tackle Vonnie Holliday said. "Pig Pen? We're like Pig Pen.

The Dolphins committed no turnovers, allowed Buffalo to convert only two third downs and benefited from a big day by turner, who rushed for a career-high 124 yards. Still they lost.

When St. Louis earned its first victory by beating New Orleans, Miami became the NFLs last winning team.

That's what stinks about it," Chatman said. "Because we're so much better than this record. It's killing us.

The Bills (5-4) scored 11 points in the final 9:46. They'll take their longest winning streak since 2004 into Sunday's home game against unbeaten New England.

"This win tells a lot about our team," quarterback J.P. Losman said. "Our backs were to the wall and we made enough plays when we had to.

"Behind the Bills' only touchdown came after Miami mounted a long touchdown march to take a 10-2 lead. Buffalo responded with a 66-yard drive capped by Marshall Lynch's 3-yard run. He then ran for the 2-point conversion, stripping across the goal after he was hit to make it 10-all.

Miami's Fred Ginn Jr. returned the kickoff 66 yards for an apparent touchdown, but the score was negated by a holding penalty on Greg Carrillo.

"I wish that could have been the play to take us into a victory," said Carrillo, his voice shaking with emotion half an hour after the game. "I thought it was a fair play, but the refs called it, and I'm guilty. I'll take the blame for it.

The Dolphins made two first downs before panting, and Roscoe Parrish returned the kick 40 yards to midfield with 4:37 left. Buffalo converted two third-down situations to move to the 16 and set up Lindell's field goal.

"Don't mind those situations," Lindell said. "You want to make every kick, not just the pressure. In our world, they're all big."
NCAA Football

**BSC Top 25**

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**Johnson wins fourth straight Nextel Cup race**

Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jimmie Johnson took command of the Nextel Cup championship Sunday, winning at Phoenix International Raceway to open a daunting lead over teammate Jeff Gordon in the race to the title.

Johnson, the defending Nextel Cup champion, heads to next week's season finale in Homestead, Fla., with a comfortable 86-point lead over Gordon. He needs to finish just 18th or better to become the first driver since Gordon in 1997 and 1998 to win consecutive titles.

"It's over. It's over," conceded Gordon, the four-time series champion. "Even if we win it, it's because they have problems. While we'll accept it, we don't want to do it that way.

"Those guys have flat-out killed everybody. And you've got to give credit where credit is due," Johnson said. "Homestead is going to be a stressful weekend. We've got seven more days, I'm just going to try to keep my cool and focus on the things we need to do," Johnson said. "This is kind of where we were last year. We just have to go down there and be smart and see how it shakes out." Gordon was off all day. He had a tire rub after making contact with Kevin Harvick, and finished a disappointing 10th.

It was a crushing performance on a day when Johnson raced to his fourth consecutive victory and 10th of the season. He became the first driver to win four straight in a season since Gordon did in 1998, and his season victory total is the most since Gordon won 13 races that same year.

"They are as good as any group I've seen," said Jeff in his heyday when he was winning 10 races a year," said 2003 champion Matt Kenseth, who finished third. Gordon, who hand-picked Johnson to join Hendrick Motorsports when the team expanded to four cars in 2002, marveled at how strong his protege has been during this championship hunt. It's put it nearly out of reach for Gordon, who dominated "the regular season" and opened a lead of more than 300 points before the field was reset for the Chase.

"Unless you lead every lap and beat Jimmie Johnson to win the race, we don't have a shot," Gordon said. "We're just coming up short at a crucial time. Those guys have just knocked it out of the ballpark, and it would be tough to beat that even if we were hitting on all eight cylinders."

**In Brief**

**Riots ensue after soccer fan inadvertently killed by police**

HOME — A police officer accidentally shot and killed a soccer fan Sunday while trying to break up a fight by a Tuscan highway between supporters of rival teams, authorities said. Enraged by the killing, hundreds of fans rushed in Rome, attacking a police station.

Fans stormed the yard of a police station near the Olympic Stadium, hurled stones at passing police cars, and smashed windows at the nearby Italian Olympic Committee headquarters.

Hundreds of youths, many with their faces covered by scarves and ski masks, dragged metal barricades and trash bins to block off one end of a bridge spanning the Tiber near the station. The rioters smashed a window in the police station and set a police vehicle on fire inside the gate.

Sky TG24 TV showed images of flames from what it said was a bus set on fire near the barricades.

**Mickelson overcomes penalty strokes to win in playoff**

SHANGHAI, China — Phil Mickelson glanced at the gleaming trophy on his left, rolled his eyes and broke into a sheepish grin.

"I cannot believe I'm here as the champion right now," he said. Here's why.

Lefty overcame six penalty strokes in the final round, blow a three-shot lead with seven to play, and still won Sunday's HSBC Champions tournament on the second hole of a three-way playoff with Englishmen Ross Fisher and Lee Westwood.

The victory in Asia's richest tournament earned Mickelson $833,000. It was his fourth victory this season.

Fisher, ranked No. 141, had a one-stroke lead going to the 72nd hole. It seemed Mickelson would need several clutch shots to at least force a playoff.

The 29-year-old American won the 2019 French Open.
Williams’ late shot propels Heat past Knicks

Heat win for first time since April 13; Yao scores season-high 34 points, McGrady nets 26 in close win over Bobcats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blowouts or squeakers, playoffs to prevension. You name it, the Miami Heat found a way to lose it.

Not this time.

Jason Williams made the go-ahead basket with 10 seconds left, and the Heat earned their first victory of the season by beating the New York Knicks 75-72 on Sunday night.

"It was a much-needed win for us," center Shaquille O'Neal said. "We have folded under the pressure of last couple of games.

Swept in the playoffs, wireless in the season and 0-5 to start this season, the Heat walked off as winners for the first time since beating Indiana on April 13 in their 80th game of last season. "I don’t like to lose," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "It’s not much fun. Not a whole lot of joy as a team when you’re in it.

With Dwyane Wade still out and Zach Randolph not here after his grandmother’s death, both teams were missing their top players. And it showed with long stretches of inept offensive play on both sides.

But the Heat pulled it out after trailing by five with 2 minutes left. Miami hit 11 consecutive baskets, and after Stephon Marbury threw the ball away, Heat forward O’Neal knocked down his jumper for a 73-72 lead.

The Heat went on to win it again trying to get the ball into Eddy Curry, and Williams added two more with 9.4 seconds remaining. Marbury then missed a potential tying 3.

Heat center Williams finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Heat (1-5), the last Eastern Conference team to win after Washington beat Atlanta earlier Sunday. Having rebounded 20-19 over the first two games, Miami is ready to begin a similar climb.

"We’re 0-7 team I don’t think was as talented as this team," Haslem said. "I think we have a lot of talent. We just need time at the same time, like I said, we just need time. I think we been able to get stops down the stretch."

Carty scored 19 points for the Knicks, who lost their last two to finish 2-2 on a discouraging four-game trip. The Heat shot 37 percent, had 18 turnovers against 11 assists, and begins a four-game western trip Tuesday at Phoenix.

"I think we just fell apart," Curry said. "They took the game away from us. They made plays at the end and took it away from us.

Williams scored 17 points, and O’Neal and Ricky Davis each added 14 for the Heat.

David Lee had 14 points and 14 rebounds in his first start of the season for the Knicks. He replaced Randolph, who had double-doubles in each of the first four games but left for Indiana on Saturday after learning of his grandmother’s death late Friday.

With Lee in the lineup and Nate Robinson playing just 3 minutes, Heat guard Stephon Marbury took over. His 3-pointer with 39 seconds left tied the score at 86-86.

"That’s what we call him, the Great Wall of China. Once he gets the ball, he’s pretty much unstoppable," Heat point guard Jason Williams said. "Yao and McGrady combined to hit 22-of-35 from the field and 15-of-17 from the free throw line for Houston, which saw its decisive 47-34 rebounding advantage offset by 20 turnovers. That made for a close game, with 15 lead changes and nine ties.

"This was a game that we should have lost, because we didn’t play particularly well," McGrady said. "It just goes to show how good we can be. ... We found some way to keep ourselves in the game. When it matters the most, myself and Yao brought it home.

Matt Carroll scored 17 points for the Bobcats, who saw their two-game winning streak snapped. Jason Richardson and Raymond Felton had 16 points each, Wallace scored 10 and Emeka Okafor finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Carroll’s 3-pointer gave Charlotte a 74-67 lead with 6:07 remaining, but McGrady scored nine points during an 11-4 run that tied the score at 78 with 1:24 left.

"Down the stretch, we did what we had to do," Rockets head coach Rick Adelman said. "We made some stops and executed. Tracy was terrific down the stretch and Yao was good the whole game, but we have to be a lot better offensively than we were tonight."

Richardson hit a driving layup to put the Bobcats back on top 80-78 with 1:07 remaining, but McGrady made a 3-point play 13 seconds later to give the Rockets the lead again. Charlotte took its last lead with 38.1 seconds remaining on a pair of Felton free throws, but Yao slugged D.J. White’s missed 3-pointer and drew the foul, setting up his game-winning free throws.

"I saw the ball come to me," Yao said. "I said, ‘I cannot let this go.’ I was in perfect position. I couldn’t let this chance slip away. We need to train much stronger or I’ll get a heart attack or something. This was the closest game of our season, and we’ll have more. We have to prepare for that.”

Heat point guard Jason Williams drives past Knicks point guard Stephon Marbury in a 75-72 victory Sunday, Williams finished with 17 points and five assists, including the game-winning jump shot.

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Irish to battle Long Island University

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

The first few weeks of the college basketball season saw some high-profile teams lose games that should have been easy wins.

USC, Ohio State, Michigan State and Kentucky all fell to schools few people have ever heard of — Mercer, Findlay, Grand Valley State and Gardner Webb, respectively.

Noir Dame had a little trouble of its own Wednesday before ultimately defeating Division II opponent St. Edward's 71-56 and will tangle with Long Island University tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center to officially tip off the 2007-08 season.

In Notre Dame's win over St. Edward's, the Hilltoppers were within eight points with fewer than 10 minutes to play before Notre Dame pulled away. But before the Irish got the game out of reach, coach Mike Brey had Ohio State and Michigan States' losses on his mind. And just because teams like Long Island and St. Edward's look like easy wins on paper, doesn't mean they have players capable of playing at a high level, Brey said.

"I'm telling you when [St. Edward's] cut it at six or seven in the second half, I thought of Findlay and Grand Valley," Brey said. "I'm telling you there's good players everywhere and [St. Edward's] was a good team; they were well-coached and they were on a high." Even though Notre Dame begins its Big East schedule on Jan. 3 when it plays West Virginia, it will still have to play the physical brand of basketball that is a hallmark of Big East play in its out-of-conference schedule.

"I like how we played in the second half of [against St. Edward's] because it became a Big East, grind-it-out game because we made free throws, we got the ball to our low-post guy and we defended in the half-court pretty well," Brey said.

Irish forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody, the latter of whom missed Notre Dame's first game against St. Ambrose with a torn ligament in his thumb, combined for 30 points and 17 rebounds against St. Edward's. The Long Island Blackbirds' leading returning scorer from last year is forward Eugene Kotelazh, who averaged 9.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

Irish sophomore guard Tory Johnson and freshman Andrew Hoffman, freshman Johnny Angel, and sophomore Ray Toomey.

LeBlanc's victories came in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.20 and the 100-yard freestyle at 46.50. He also was a part of the winning 200-free relay team along with sophomore Andrew Hoffman, freshman John Kelly, and sophomore Ray Toomey.

LeBlanc's victories came in the 50-yard fly (22.83) and 500-yard freestyle (4:36.87). The other first-place finishes for the Irish came in the 200-yard backstroke (freshman Michael Sullivan), 100-meter fly (sophomore Ross Moore), and 3-meter diving (junior Michael Buffle).

The contributions from some of the younger members of the team have been bright spots all year so far.

"In the last couple of years, we've graduated a lot of upper-class leadership," men's head coach Tim Welsh said. "So it's coming at the right time." The win marked the fourth straight for the Irish men over the Panthers. Their record against Pittsburgh under Welsh now stands at 4-4.

"It was a good win for the team," Welsh said. "We had some good swimming and showed discipline, and we did a good job of staying focused.

The women's dual meet record now moves to 1-3 after losing to the Panthers in a meet that came down to the final race of the evening. Coming off their first dual meet victory last weekend against Purdue, the Irish were unable to turn that momentum into a second straight victory.

The loss came despite that Notre Dame took first place in nine events. Senior Caroline Johnson and freshman Sam McArdle each helped in their events with two individual wins apiece. Johnson's victory came in the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes, while McArdle came home first in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle.

The Irish swept the top three positions in both the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 3-meter diving with Claire Bunch leading the way in the 1,000, free, and junior Laura Mullins continued to impress with a victory in the 3-meter diving.

In the last event of the night, the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Panthers were disqualified. The Panthers swept the top three positions as a result and secured the victory.

The Irish had teams disqualified a few times as a result of swimmers diving into the pool before their 10-meter board. Tim Welsh touched the head coach problem that head coach Carrie Nixon isn't worried about.

"At our meets, we don't have the electric timing system, and at Pitt they do," Nixon said. "They'll have them at nationals, and we just need some adjustments. It's an easily correctable thing." The Irish attributed the loss to the relay miscues, as well as the absence of a few top swimmers.

"It was a good win for us, but the relays being gone and the fact that we left five of our best swimmers at home for academic reasons kind of put us in a hole," Nixon said. "It was a hard loss, but we'll get through it, shake it off and move on."

The men and women will follow separate paths next weekend. The men will host Cleveland State on Friday, and the women will travel to Evanston, Ill., to race on Northwestern and Wisconsin Friday and Saturday.

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The Irish men's swimming and diving team finally got the win they've been looking for — a 169-131 defeat of Pittsburgh on Friday to move their record to 1-3.

Meanwhile, the women suffered a defeat as the Panthers ended Notre Dame's 150-148 victory. The men racked up eight individual wins in addition to a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay en route to the win.

"I thought he really fought back," Brey said. "He was battling the flu, Brey said, but Jackson still did a lot to help out the Irish.

"It's coming at the right time," Brey said. "It's coming when we need it, because we have made free throws, we got the ball to our low-post guy and we defended in the half-court pretty well," Brey said.

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Volleyball

Irish sweep earns team spot in Big East tourney

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Feeding off the momentum from two wins last weekend's Notre Dame defeated Cincinnati 10-3, 9-5 Big East and No. 17 Louisville 28-6, 13-11 to secure a spot in the Big East tournament.

"It feels unreal. We just played out of our minds," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said.

With the two weekend victories, Notre Dame won the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament. There will be a quick rematch when the Irish face fifth-seeded Cincinnati on Friday at 11 a.m. in Milwaukee.

"I know that our confidence has gone up so high and we know the task that we have ahead of us. We're going to work really hard this week at practices to prepare for this weekend," Fesl said.

The Irish (13-12, 9-5 Big East) beat the Bearcats 3-1 (13-33, 20-32, 26-29, 30-28) in a match that featured a noisy crowd of 7,523 fans in the Joyce Center - the second largest gathering in the program's history. Notre Dame made four service errors in the first game but benefited from a lack of Bearcat scoring in game two. Cincinnati only hit 0.54 in the second game.

The Bearcats offense heated up early in the third game until the Irish came up with big blocks. Notre Dame was trailing 23-18 when it used a team block to tip off a 12-5 run and take a crucial 2-1 lead. After that, the Irish made sure that the Bearcats would not make a comeback and hit .471 in game four.

Junior middle blocker Justine Nwokorie scored a team high 16 kills for the Irish while Fesl, freshman middle blocker Kelli Scearce, and senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk all recorded double digit kills with 14, 11 and 11, respectively. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis tapped the team with 51 assists, while nothing six kills and six digs. Stasiuk tapped the team with 14 digs.

Cincinnati was led defensively by sophomore libero Jaime Frey - she had a game-high 17 digs. Frey, senior setter Annie Feis, senior outside hitter Megan Fesl, recorded 43 helpers while senior outside hitter Jenny Custer led with 16 kills.

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The turning point, however, came when the Irish were down 12-9. Stasiuk was serving to only two backcourt recipients from the Cardinals and blasted three service aces in a row. From there, the game was tied and the Irish went on to squeak out the win in game four.

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"We went into the match believing that we could win. We were in a good mind frame, and everything just seemed to click."

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ND Cross Country

Smyth qualifies for NCAAs meet

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Irish junior Patrick Smyth was the class of the field at the 2007 Great Lakes Regional meet at Indiana University on Saturday.

He finished his 10 kilometers in 30:22.44, beating his closest competitor, Matt Withrow of Wisconsin, by nearly 16 seconds and securing his spot as an individual in next Saturday's NCAA championships in Terre Haute.

Smyth also qualified for the NCAA championships last year on his way to earning All-America honors.

Smyth became only the second runner in Notre Dame history to win the regional meet, joining current volunteer assistant coach Luke Watson, who accomplished the feat in 2000.

Joining Smyth in Terre Haute will be senior Jake Watson, who finished fourth overall with a time of 30:46.98.

Unfortunately for the Irish, however, they finished third of 29 teams with 76 points, eight points behind Wisconsin and Michigan, who tied for first. Only the top two teams from each regional meet receive automatic berths to the NCAA championships, and the Irish will find out today if they will receive an at-large bid.

The NCAA distributes 13 at-large bids, and the consistent performance of the Irish puts them in a good position to receive one of them.

All Irish scorers finished in the top 35 overall. Following Smyth and Watson were sophomore Jake Walker in 14th (31:14.09), senior Brett Adams in 22nd (31:29.40) and senior Mike Popejoy at No. 35 (31:49.67).

On the women's side, Michigan State (60 points) and Michigan 63 points finished first and second and earned automatic bids to the NCAA championships. The Irish finished 11th of 20 participants with 293 points.

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Senior Ann Mazur led the way for the Irish, finishing her six kilometer No. 26 overall with a time of 21:52.68. Nicole Edwards of Michigan won the individual title, finishing in 20:30.76.

Rounding out the scoring for the Irish were junior Reeca Hauman in 43rd (22:11.75), sophomore Emily Wafood in 53rd (22:23.83), freshman Abby Higgins in 79th (22:59.62) and sophomore Beth Trel in 94th (23:09.13).

The women's season is likely over, but Smyth and Watson—and possibly the rest of the team—will be back in action on Nov. 19 at the same course they traversed on Oct. 13 in the Pre-National Meet. Then, Smyth and Watson finished fifth and 17th overall, respectively, in a highly competitive field that featured many of the runners that will compete in the NCAA championships.

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**Miami**

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The Irish started the second half much like they did the first, scoring seven points in the first three minutes and forcing Schrader to commit two quick fouls. Leading 55-31 with 15:39 remaining, the Irish went on a five-minute, 16-2 run.

"We just continued to be active," said sophomore guard A sh l e y Barlow, who had 19 points in the game, said of the scoring runs. "We got off to a good start."

The teams traded points for the remainder of the game, but Notre Dame outscored Miami 27-17 in the final 10 minutes.

Notre Dame played both zone and man defense with success — the RedHawks shot only 27.9 percent from field goal range.

Schrader was excited about how her team might be perceived after the game. "I want to know what their players and their coaches say about our team," Schrader said. "Before the game, and now after the game, and I want to see what the different is. I don't know what they said before game. But I bet it's changed."

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**Schrader**

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in the game.

"Lindsay, I thought especially by Jackson came out strong," McGraw said. "She was ready to go. I was really happy with the way we shot the ball in the beginning."

Notre Dame advanced to the second round of the 16-team tournament and will host Western Kentucky Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame took over the game with double-digit scoring runs in the first. The Irish jumped out to a 14-2 lead in the first five minutes of the game. After RedHawks senior guard Amanda Jackson hit two free throws, the Irish took off on a five minute, 16-point run.

Miami went more than eight minutes in the first half without a field goal.

After forward Michele Weinyard's baseline jumper with 17.27 to play in the half, Notre Dame did not allow a field goal until junior guard Jenna Schone came open off a screen and made a jump shot in the lane with 9:11 remaining.

McGraw attributed the scoring runs and defensive stoutness to improved play in the paint and her bench players.

"We rebounded a little bit better," McGraw said. "Our transition game was working. We were able to run the floor. I think we were fresh because after the game, and I want to see what the different is. I don't know what they said before game. But I bet it's changed."

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**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

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Butler's left, but the keeper guessed right and stopped the shot. Defenders Carrie Dew, Elise Weber and Lauren Fowlkes all made big stops, too, but the Mountaineers outshot, 14-11, and out-rebounded, 15-10, in the regular season finale. A 2-0 win over Georgetown Friday.

The Irish scored two goals in 38 seconds to extend their winning streak to 12 games in their victory over Hoyas. Hanks and Bock combined to score the first goal in the 25th minute. Bock, running down the middle of the field, passed to Hanks on the left side. Hanks sent the ball back to Bock near the far post, where Bock headed the ball in to put the Irish ahead come-1-0. Half of Bock's 18 career goals have come on headers. Soon after, midfieldor Courtney Rosen sent the ball across the box to Rose Augustine, who deflected the ball into the net.

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"You defend from the team out," Clark said. "The actual back four was terrific, but the whole team defended well." The back line got a big boost from the return of junior defender Jack Traynor. Traynor had been out for three weeks after fractur­ing his leg in a 3-2 loss to Illinois Oct. 17. Doctors removed his hard cast early last week, and the leg was stabilized two weeks ago. "It was great having Jack back," Clark said. "To get him back as quickly as that is a tribute to the doctors and to our trainer." The St. John's defense which had allowed only 19 goals in 21 games, matched Notre Dame in the first half, preventing the Irish from converting the ball or setting up any great scoring chances. Notre Dame had seven shots — compared to the Red Storm's two — but was forced to play helpful long balls to Lapafor for most of the initial 45 minutes, without ever really setting up on offense. The Irish advance to the Big East semifinals with the win. They will travel to Storrs, Conn., to play on DePaul on Friday. The Blue Devils won the Big East Division of the conference in the regular season but had their semifinals Saturday night.

"There going to be a darn good team," Clark said of his opponent. "We've got to put this one behind us and get ready to go this week." DePaul over Notre Dame would put the Fighting Irish into the Big East Championship next Sunday in Storrs.

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"Everyone was excited for regionals, brought their ener­gy to the race and it was great (Saturday) was a great way of showing the girls that they have it in them," Clark said. Though the season has ended for all but Gray, Rauters said he is enthusiastic about what he learned right in the season's final week of the season, which included a crucial semifinal MIAA finish, the best in school history.

"Her dedication to the sport overcomes health issues and injuries over the years, and she always finds a way to get an thing you work hard for it," Jackie Bauters Belles coach

The freshmen played a huge role on the team this year, but they are looking forward to next season's early prepared and ready to go. Everyone works hard, and I can only imagine there will be more success in their future seasons." But for now, all the focus turns to Gray, who will attempt to improve on her finish at no. 1.33 in last year's national meet. And, Rauters said, Gray is capable of doing so. "Megan just has the ability to push herself to the limit when she puts a race into a race with just a few more sprints," Rauters said. "When she feels strong, she's going to race. It's been an incredible experience for me to coach Megan, and I'm very happy that we have one more week of travel and training together in a Saint Mary's uniform. Her dedication to the sport, overcoming health issues and injuries over the years, is inspiring proof that you can get anything you work hard enough for it."

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

**First time’s the charm**

Thiermann’s first-ever goal earns ND berth in Big East semis

By DAN MURPHY

Freshman forward Josh Thiermann picked a great time to score his first career goal for Notre Dame.

Thiermann beat St. John’s goalkeeper Jason Lunders in the 73rd minute to give the Irish a 1-0 win over the Red Storm in their Big East quarterfinal Sunday at Alumni Field.

Thiermann, who has seen little action so far this season, replaced Justin Morrow barely a minute before the play.

“Morrow had been carving up and down the left flank and we felt we needed someone who was a similar athlete. Josh Thiermann had a lot of the same qualities,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Senior forward Joseph Lapina started the play by sending a

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**HOCKEY**

Icers split series with nation’s No. 1 squad

By KYLIE CASSILY

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce turned away 64 shots from the nation’s most potent offense in two games this weekend, and No. 12 Notre Dame split a road series with No. 1 Miami (Ohio).

The Irish (7-4-1, 5-2 CCHA) delivered the RedHawks (9-1, 7-1 CCHA) their first loss of the season in a 2-1, 1-3 weekend split at Steve Cady Arena in Oxford, Ohio. It was the second year in a row that Notre Dame has upset an unbeaten No. 1 team on the road, after the Irish obliterated Boston College 7-1 in October 2006.

“We’re making progress,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of his young team. “I think we were out-chanced both nights. We have to do a better job of generating five-on-five scoring chances. Right now that’s my biggest concern.”

Two-and-a-half months after the Irish knocked off Boston College last season, they took over the No. 1 spot for the first time in school history. To date this season, Notre Dame has played five of its 11 games against top-15 opponents and has a 2-4 record in those contests. The

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**SMC CROSS COUNTRY**

**Gray qualifies for nationals**

By MATT GAMBER

Megan Gray has earned the right to put on her Saint Mary’s jersey for one last race. With a fourth-place finish at Saturday’s Division III Great Lakes Regional at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., the senior all-MIAA performer qualified for next Saturday’s national meet at Saint Olaf’s in Northfield, Minn.

“Megan’s race was solid and fun to watch,” coach Jackie Bauters said of Gray, who advances to nationals for the second consecutive year. “I knew she had the top-five in her before the start, but I didn’t want to put that pressure on her.”

Gray carried the Belles as she has all season, but freshmen Sam Wieczorek (174th place) and Caitie Salyer (287th) provided a solid supporting cast, allowing the Belles to finish 15th out of 36 teams — a five-place improvement over last year’s finish.

“It was just a good day all around,” Bauters said.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish blast RedHawks in opener**

By BILL BRINK

Lindsay Schroeder proved that the torn ACL she suffered before last season doesn’t affect her anymore. At least not her jump shot, anyway.

The junior guard hit 10 of her 12 shots from the field, including six straight in the first half, and Notre Dame beat Miami (Ohio) 98-50 in the first round of the preseason NIT Friday at the Joyce Center.

“When you’re feeling it, you’re feeling it, I guess,” said Schroeder, who scored 20 points in only 17 minutes. Irish coach Muffet McGraw liked Schroeder’s intensity early

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Waldrum’s team falls in penalties**

By BILL BRINK

Kerri Butler made three game-saving stops down the stretch, but one more save was all she needed.

West Virginia’s freshman keeper collected Irish junior forward Kerri Hanks’ shot during the Mountaineers’ penalty kick victory over Notre Dame on Sunday.

The two teams were tied 1-1 through two overtimes in the game played at Dick Blesk Sunblum in Morgantown, W.Va. The win gave West Virginia its first-ever Big East title.

“Honestly, we didn’t play very well,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said by telephone Sunday. “I’m not sure we really deserved to win.”

Hanks, who had made all five of her penalty kick attempts this season, shot the ball low to

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