Teaching program recruits students

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Teach for America recruitment director Patrick Herrell told Notre Dame students Monday night that they can become involved both before and after graduation to solve “America’s greatest injustice.”

Teach for America recruits college undergraduates across the nation to spend two years on its teaching corps in public schools in 29 regions across the United States. Notre Dame, with 75 graduates currently teaching in the program, is one of the top 10 universities with the highest participation in the program, Herrell said.

Herrell, who taught in Charlotte, N.C. with Teach for America before he became a recruiter, spoke to a group of over 30 students at the information session targeted at sophomores and juniors. He said he was excited because it was the first time that the organization had hosted an event at Notre Dame specifically for underclassmen.

He said Teach for America is important because it allows recent college graduates not only to teach for two years, but also to commit themselves to teaching anywhere in the U.S.

"By bringing an NRHH chapter to our campus, we are able to formally acknowledge those people that make our residence halls a wonderful environment, and home, to our students," she said. "We extended our reach as RHA, so that on-campus students can directly recognize the people they see making an impact in their day-to-day lives."
CLOTHED IN CLASS

In the past three and a half years, I have not taken any classes that included nudity as a requirement.

This morning, I registered for classes for the last time in my college career and I’m fairly certain that I’ll be keeping my clothes on next semester. I haven’t seen the syllabus, but I’m pretty sure that nudity is not a requirement in classes like “Advanced Fiction Writing” or “American Political Parties.” My sister, Kelly, has not been so lucky. She’s a sophomore at a college in Pennsylvania, studying nursing. She walked into one of her nursing classes in August and her professor told her to pick a partner she’d be comfortable with and make sure she wears clothes to class that is easy to take off and put on.

So while I was reading Moby Dick and writing a paper about the Democratic and Republican conventions, Kelly was giving, and receiving, a breast exam from her classmate, as the professor walked around the classroom to make sure everyone was performing them correctly.

Next semester, when I’m reading about political parties and the writings of 20th century American women writers, she’ll be giving her classmate a sponge bath, and then getting a sponge bath from this same classmate. (The professor says they can wear bathing suits for this one, but still.) The closest I’ve ever come to performing sponge baths is in the buff in Delhi.

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SIEGFRIED MAN

It wasn’t easy, Milana said, but he managed to slip down through exercise, healthier eating habits and forgoing an occasional beer after work. The 23-year-old said he even refused a beer at his going-away party Saturday night.

Hand model

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In my three and a half years at college, I’ve had some fairly tough assignments. I’ve written long papers, taken difficult tests and given some class presentations.

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ND development director wins Emmy award

George Keegan honored for work as co-creator of animated television series, "The Adventures of the Young Thomas Edison"

Special to The Observer

George Keegan, the University of Notre Dame's director of foundation relations, has an interesting connection to the famous inventor and businessman Thomas Edison, and that connection, as well as a similar entrepreneurial spirit, recently earned Keegan, of all things, an Emmy Award. The University of Notre Dame's Special to The Observer.

Keegan is co-creator of the animated television series "The Adventures of the Young Thomas Edison," which won the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for Children/Youth/Teen Program or Special after airing on New Jersey Network Public Television. The show teaches science and math standards on New Jersey Network Public Television. The show teaches science and math standards through the scientific method. "I kept hearing about how science and math standards had been dropping," Keegan said. "And then I read a report that said if you don't capture students' interest in math and science by fifth grade, you've lost them for life. I wanted to make an impact by inspiring kids to ask questions and think differently. The series is something that parents have been looking for because it's completely different."

Keegan, accepted his "dream job" at Notre Dame in February, leaving behind a career that many people might consider the same thing. He served as the executive director of the Edison Innovation Foundation in Newark, N.J., which is committed to educating the next generation of great innovators through Edison and his invention Factory. Keegan worked alongside his father John, chairman and president of the Charles Edison Fund, from which the foundation was created, and remains a trustee of both the foundation and the fund.

The connection to the Edisons began with Keegan's father. A 1961 Notre Dame graduate, John Keegan was one of the attorneys who oversaw the estate of Edison's son Charles, who assisted his father in running the business, as well as serving as secretary of the Navy and governor of New Jersey. He didn't have any children, so he left all of his money to his estate for historical preservation, medical research and higher education. Currently valued at around $200 million, the fund, incidentally, has a long history of support for science and engineering at Notre Dame.

A 1995 Notre Dame graduate, Keegan earned a master's degree through the University's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, as well as an MBA from the University of Florida. After serving as the assistant fiscal manager for the Diocese of St. Augustine in Jacksonville, Fla., Keegan joined the Edison Innovation Foundation.

"Back in 1998, the board of the Charles Edison Fund felt Thomas Edison's legacy was not being preserved the way it should be," Keegan explained. "So, they set up the foundation to concentrate directly on his life and legacy and began a marketing campaign that would license Edison's name around the world." Keegan's idea for the children's series and, consequently, its Emmy, has given the marketing campaign a huge boost, and he says the concept took root years before.

"When I was in business school I had a concentration in entrepreneurship and innovation, and that's when I really started talking to my father about Edison and what he did," Keegan said. "Besides wanting to combine my two master's degrees in education and business, that's when the light bulb really went on for me." (No pun intended)

Keegan partnered with Randall Rossilli Jr., producer and founder of Nightstand Creations, and in 2006 his idea blossomed into a pilot. The pilot was produced in only nine months, which is unheard of in children's animation, and, as Keegan admits, "especially for two guys who have never had any producing experience."

Now, eight months after a "great opportunity presented itself" at Notre Dame, Keegan remains protective of "Young Thomas Edison." He still reviews all creative content for the show, which is committed to air next fall on participating PBS stations. The pilots already have airing commitments in New York, Mississippi and Florida, as well as New Jersey, and there are DVDs of each show, story books and animated music videos.

"It's surreal," Keegan said. "Everyone is kind of shocked that a pipe dream of one of their employees could be Emmy-worthy. It's a nice recognition, but, to me, what really needs to be done is to reintroduce Edison to the next generation of kids to allow them to think the way he thought."

Although he has "discussed the series with a lot of folks in Hollywood," Keegan doesn't want to sell out to someone who won't look after the initial purpose of the show, and he intends to stay at Notre Dame. "The Emmy is simply a validation of a concept that I thought would work," he said. "I'm not planning to be the next Walt Disney. My skill set is more conducive to helping raise money for Notre Dame."

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didates we elected accountable," she said.

The future CSC events will help inform students of different ways that they can hold their elected officials accountable, and will "show students that they can still be part of politics even if they are not an arena in an off year," Laurel said.

Laurel, who co-chaired ND Votes along with Christine Hormes, said ND Votes and Politics roundtable series as ND Votes’ most successful event.
The event was created with non-partisan discussions of different policy issues in the election. Topics of conversation included energy, social issues, health care and economic topics.
"I think we chose really relevant topics about things that were really important," Laurel said.
"We managed to garner a large number of students to engage in conversation and participate in discussion about different policies," she said.
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conducted online via e-mail, and in 2008 BusinessWeek surveyed 7,264 students.
The survey asks respondents to rate the teaching quality, career services, alumni network, and recruiting efforts of their MBA program. BusinessWeek compares these answers and calculates a student survey score for each school. Students also get the chance to give personal opinion on their school’s program.
BusinessWeek posted the anonymous responses of some of the survey-takers on its Web site:
"The MBA program at Notre Dame and school as a whole has a very deep sense of community and purpose," one survey respondent wrote. "The quality of the education and classes are very good, and the program’s focus on problem solving and social responsibility are excellent. Finally, the alumni are incredibly support­ive."
BusinessWeek gave the Mendoza College of Business’ MBA program a five in the teaching category, five in career services, and an "A" in the teaching category. Notre Dame currently offers both a one-year and a two-year MBA program; prerequisite program offers a year-round curriculum and requires undergraduate prerequisites in course hours in mathematics, accounting, economics, and marketing and management. The two-year program consists of four, one-month classes and a summer internship between the first and second year study. An upper-term in every semester permits students to enroll in one-week courses to broaden field expertise. During fall and spring break weeks, the program offers inter-term studies in China, Japan, and Spain. Graduates from Boston College with a degree in marketing, and a major in Informational Technologies through Boston College’s Faith, Peace, and Justice program, served in the Peace Corps and returned home to teach. They now decided to return to business and enroll in an MBA program. She said she looked at the rankings of the Center for Teaching Excellence before selecting Notre Dame for business school.
"I looked at a combination of ranking and supplemented that with the Web site beyondGriPinstripes.org that ranks schools according to how the incorporate social and environmental values into their program. Because of their scores in both these aspects, Notre Dame was one of the schools I selected to see," Wit said.
"I ended up looking at mostly higher ranked schools such as Michigan, Harvard (The University of Virginia’s Graduate School of Business Administration) and Duke. Notre Dame’s financial aid package was probably the deciding factor that led me to come here," Wit said.
BusinessWeek announced the rankings last Thursday. The list will be featured in the magazine’s December issue. In BusinessWeek’s March 2008 survey, Notre Dame’s undergraduate program in the Mendoza College of Business ranked No. 3 behind Wharton and the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia.
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solving education inequity in other careers after their teaching experience.

Katy Janik, a senior political science major and campus campaign coordinator for Teach for America, also spoke and described ways that Notre Dame students can become involved with Teach for America as undergraduates.
"What we really want to do is get the word out to as many people as possible," she said.

ND Votes also sponsored lectures featuring guest speakers who come from the world of politics. The speakers included Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, a Republican who is currently serving his fourth term, and Matthew Dalek, a former speechwriter for former House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, and Michael Gerson, former speechwriter for George Bush at Bush’s White House.
The lecture was also responsible for the Cope in Politics and Film series, which featured films such as "The Social Network," "Get Out Your Vote," and "The Post." She was also able to introduce the students to the teaching corps. Last year, Teach for America received 2,000 applications from the Notre Dame class of 2008, of which 50 were accepted, Halper said.
"Everyone will tell you how tough it is but you cannot possibly imagine how tough it is until you take the teaching exam," he said.

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The people that are nomi­nated are people who often­times aren’t recognized on a daily basis as contributing to the residence hall environment, like residents, resident advisers and staff members at Saint Mary’s, Dougherty said.
Last year, the first year the organization was on campus, Egan thinks there were over 100 nominations and she said the NRHH will probably receive about as many as this year.
"Being nominated is only half the honor though, because the NRHH then reviews the nominations and decides who to induct into the organization," Egan said.
"Last year, we had 14 student inductees and three building services inductees, for a total of 17 honorees," she said.
Egan said this year’s inductees will be informed of the honor and invited to the banquet honoring them Dec. 5.
Inductees from last year will also be invited to the ban­quet.
The NRHH is accepting nominations at lunch and dinner in the Student Center at a marked table, as well as at nomination boxes at the front of each residence hall.
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Residents return to ruined homes

Nearly 500 homes destroyed, 120 saved in affluent mobile home park

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Stacks of charred bricks, blackened shells of cars and burned tree trunks still remained Monday in much of the community some residents had come to call "Beaverly Hills of mobile home parks."

The mostly retired residents returned to see what was left of their homes at Oakridge Mobile Home Park, where winds with hurricane intensity blew a wall of fire through nearly 500 manufactured homes and set them ablaze so quickly that even firefighers had to drop their hoses and run.

"It looks like a war zone," said Michele Warneck, 54, who burst into tears after returning from the park. "The bushes, the trees, the whole house was burned."

Once considered a paradise with swimming pools and tennis courts, the park was now riddled by cadaver-sniffing dogs in search of anyone who didn't escape.

The inferno destroyed 484 homes in the park Saturday. Firefighters were able to save about 120 homes, but many were badly damaged.

The fire was one of three that have destroyed about 1,000 homes and apartments and burned 41,000 acres, or 64 square miles, forcing thousands to flee.

Most evacuation orders were lifted Monday, when clear skies and calm winds allowed firefighters to make some gains, but officials warned of another bad air day and classes were canceled at dozens of schools near fire zones in Orange County.

In Sylmar, scores of residents stood in line outside a high school shelter with the charred mobile home park where retirees once played tennis, took a dip in a jacuzzi and played Mah-Jongg and poker.

Those whose homes were destroyed were shunted through the neighborhood in a black van. Police were still investigating the fire, so people weren't allowed to get out and sift through the ashes for scraps of their belongings.

"It's gone," said Ed Hurdle, 82, after taking one of the first park tours. "The car is gone. The house is gone. It's twisted metal. It's totally charred there."

"There's no hope at all. Nothing. Nothing. Nothing." He said a set of white police vans ferried residents whose homes were still standing so they could gather medication and other essentials.

"My house was in great shape. All it was was dirty," said Betty Glassman, 78. "I feel like I'm in a dream. Pinched me."

Cadaver dogs were searching the burned units, but so far have only found the cremated remains of a man who died several years ago.

Animal control reacted several stray animals and three live cats. Los Angeles County Assistant Coroner Chief Ed Winter said the cats could have been hiding under one of the units that wasn't damaged.

Neighbors huddled together inside the gymnasium, which has been turned into a Red Cross shelter for evacuees, hugging each other and comparing notes about what they saw and what they believed to be salvageable.

"It's a disaster. It looks like Hiroshima," said Joan Costa, carrying plastic bags filled with makeup and medicines she had pulled from her home.

Elsewhere, the largest of the fires has burned more than 28,000 acres in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties and has destroyed more than 250 homes and several hundred manufactured homes, but so far no human casualties.

San Bernardino became the fourth county declared a state of emergency.

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Obama, McCain vow to cooperate

Associated Press

CHICAGO — No longer foes but not yet allies, President-elect Barack Obama and John McCain buried their bitter campaigns in the smoke and ashes to search for common ground in private on Monday, discussing possible cooperation on immigration, health care, change, immigration, Guantanamo Bay and more.

The 40-minute session at Obama’s transition headquarters, their first meeting, comes as McCain and his aides plan to invite at least one Republican to join his Cabinet.

Like Clinton, McCain knows that returning to the 100-member Senate will impose limits and frustrations after the heady two years of the presidential campaign. For both, a friendly relationship with the new president might open new opportunities in Congress or elsewhere, though they exchanged harsh words with him not long ago.

For Obama, cordial ties to two of the nation’s most famous and successful politicians might smooth the launch of an administration confronting an economic crisis and two wars.

Before Monday’s meeting, Obama said he and McCain would talk about “how we can do some work together to fix up the country.” He thanked McCain “for the outstanding service he’s already rendered.”

In a joint statement after the meeting, they vowed to work together to reform government and promote bipartisanship in Washington.
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These students learned the song during their Chinese language class. "We learned the song in the first couple of weeks in class," freshman Maria Sypahalski said. "After our professor told us about the show, some of us volunteered to perform the song." Sypahalski began studying Chinese this year was excited to see the show in the language.

"I love the show," Sypahalski said. "And I love Chinese. I know that nobody probably understood what we were singing, but it was a very exhilarating experience. I will absolutely participate next year." There were a total of seven songs sung in Chinese, French, Italian and German and one traditional Chinese song played by sophomore Chen Chen on the guzheng, a Chinese musical instrument. Freshman Molly Wilson attended the recital to receive extra credit for her language class, but enjoyed herself. "I came to get extra credit for Italian class, but it was an enriching experience," Wilson said. "My favorite part was the Chinese musical instrument. I had never heard anything like it before." The second portion of the recital featured five dance numbers from around the world: Mexico, China, Vietnam and Spain. Sophomore Jingqiu Guan organized this part of the recital and performed a Chinese classical dance titled "The Color of Guan," who has been dancing since the age of three, said she thought cultural events such as this one are important. "I think the most important thing is to broaden the audience's mind," Guan said. "It is important to the people who are learning languages because culture is a major part of the language." Contact Megan Loney mlooney010@students.bu.edu

Woman charged with leaving corpse in home

Tammie D. Lewis makes an appearance in Juneau County Circuit Court, in Mauston, Wis., Monday, Nov. 17.

MAUSTON, Wis. — A member of a religious sect pleased no contest to a misdemeanor Monday after being accused of leaving another member's corpse in her bathroom so the group could collect her Social Security checks.

Tammy Lewis, 36, fined $350 for obstructing an officer, while prosecution was deferred on the more serious charges against her. She'll receive mental health treatment and must agree to see a therapist. Lewis told Deputy District Attorney Scott Southworth that the sect owners accuse Lewis and Bushey of leaving 90-year-old Madgeline Middleidge's body on the toilet in her bedroom home after she died there in March.

A criminal complaint says Lewis, including felonies of hiding a corpse and causing mental harm to a child, will be dismissed in two years if she cooperates and follows other court orders involving her children, Southworth said. "We've offered her as a victim as well of Alan Bushey," Southworth said. "We also understand the power, the mental power, that Alan Bushey was exercising over her, the coercion he was exerting over her." Lewis' attorney, Dan Berken, said his client turned to Bushey for all the sect's support, that three years ago, after she separated from her husband.

The attorney said Lewis is "very relieved" her case has been resolved. "She has made some really great progress emotionally and even physically. She is looking forward. She is no longer looking backward at how things should have been different."

Lieberman likely to hold chair

Senator under pressure by Democrats after supporting McCain

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Lieberman appears increasingly likely to hold onto his prized chairmanship of the Senate Homeland Security Committee as he meets Tuesday with Democratic colleagues unhappy over his vocal support for GOP nominee John McCain during this year's presidential campaign.

Not long ago, Lieberman's hold on his chairmanship seemed to be slipping as Democrats sought to punish him for boosting McCain and criticizing President-elect Barack Obama during the long campaign.

Now, according to several Democratic aides who demanded anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, it appears that Lieberman will retain a loser status, such as losing a subcommittee chairmanship on the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Anger toward Lieberman seems to have softened since Election Day and there's strengthening sentiment that taking away his chairmanship might drive him from the Democratic caucus and send the wrong signals as Obama takes office on a pledge to unite the country. Lieberman has sig- naled it would be unacceptable for him to lose his chairmanship.

Lieberman, who was Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore's running mate in 2000, was re-elected in 2006 as the Vermont senator after losing his state's Democratic primary. He remains a registered Democrat and sits with the party inside the Senate.

Lieberman faces a vote of his Democratic colleagues on a secret ballot Tuesday after making his case at a closed-door caucus. While he appears likely to emerge without harsh sanction, his presentation and the reaction of colleagues could affect the outcome.

Obama has reportedly told Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada it would hurt the message of unity that he wants for his new administration if Lieberman leaves the Democratic caucus. Reid met with Lieberman last week and was initially inclined to strip him of the Homeland Security Committee chairmanship, according to a Senate Democratic aide.

"I was concerned and was upset about what happened earlier this year," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said on "Fox News Sunday." "But you know what? We turn the page." On the other side are senators who feel that one of the requirements to be installed in a leadership position is party loyalty.

To reward Senator Lieberman with a major committee chairmanship would be a slap in the face of millions of Americans who worked tirelessly for Barack Obama and who want to see real change in our country," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said in a statement on Friday. "Appointing someone to a major post who led the opposition to everything we are fighting for is not 'change we can believe in.'

Reid has been working to find a compromise with Democratic supporters of Lieberman, including Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Dodd and Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., have said it would be a mistake if any punishment by the party causes Lieberman to bolt to the Republican side.

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The Future of Democracy in Central America

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Ricardo Maduro
former President, Honduras
Ottón Solís
former presidential candidate, Costa Rica
Arturo Cruz
Nicaraguan Ambassador to the United States

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Hewlett Visiting Fellow of Public Policy, Kellogg Institute, and former Minister to the Presidency, Honduras

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Citigroup makes severe job cuts

53,000 jobs cut as Citigroup prepares for leaner future, gets back to basics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Citigroup, widely seen as the sickest Wall Street bank, will make some of the most severe cuts in its history of U.S. business — 53,000 jobs — as it tries to slash costs and get back to basics before it’s too late.

The cuts, which will leave Citigroup about 20 percent smaller, are the latest step in a stunning remodeling of the American banking landscape that has left analysts wondering whether the financial meltdown, an upheaval that has included the demise of storied investment houses and the conversion of others into commercial banks.

Citigroup CEO Vikram Pandit met with employees Monday and laid out the bank’s strategy in stark terms: “I am a bank. What does a bank do? A bank takes deposits and puts them to work by lending and making loans.”

Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., which has tracked downsizing since 1993, said Citibank’s cuts are the second-most on record. BIM announced in July it was cutting 60,000.

At its peak in 2007, Citibank had 375,000 employees.

About half the cuts are expected to come from selling off parts of the business. The bank has already said it would sell Citigroup stock in a Services and its German retail banking businesses, and it is in the process of unloading more, a spokesman said. The rest of the cuts are expected to come from layoffs and attrition.

As investors digested that news, financial stocks had a bad day. Citigroup stock fell 63 cents, or more than 6 percent, to $8.89. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had tracked downsizing since the financial downturn began in September, last Monday lost nearly 224 points to close at 8,273.58.

The government invested $25 billion in Citigroup as part of the financial rescue package. On Monday, the Treasury Department announced it had given another $33.6 billion to 21 banks in a second round of payments from the program.

Still, the Bush administration has told lawmakers it does not plan to use at least half of the $700 billion bailout fund, congressional officials said. That would leave President-elect Barack Obama to decide how to use the money when he takes office in January. The Treasury Department said no decision had been made on whether to spend the rest of the money before Bush leaves office.

For Citigroup, the simple, cleaner plan is a noticeable change from earlier in the decade, when banks were making a huge chunk of their profits from complex structured-financial products based on risky debt, like subprime mortgages.

Now those revenues have all but dried up, and Citigroup is trying to extract itself from exotic debt instruments. “The shocking thing is that the Wall Street business model, prior to September, is effectively gone. We don’t have any more independent investment banks,” said Lee Pinkowitz, an associate finance professor at Georgetown University Business School.

Pandit told workers the bank was not going up investing in investment banking, citing emerging markets as a place that can deliver growth. But the riskiest investment banking businesses are now so slow they can’t support thousands of employees.

As Pinkowitz said, the financial crisis took “what was muscle at one point and created fat.”

Citigroup, which built up through rapid acquisitions over the past two decades, has long been criticized as too sprawling and difficult to manage.

“Why the heck do they need 350,000 people to start with?” said Robert Howell, a finance professor at Dartmouth’s Tuck School of Business. “It’s always been way overstaffed. They should’ve woken up to that fact a year ago when they had too many people to begin with.”

Chances of aid slim for automakers

WASHINGTON — Prospects dimmed Monday for the $25 billion bailout that U.S. automakers say desperately need to get through a bleak and dangerous December. Though officials acknowledge that Detroit’s Big Three carmakers are in peril, battered by the economic meltdown that has chased away sales and frozen loans, the White House and congressional Democrats have hedged for stalemate over how much government money should go toward helping them.

Behind the logjam is a troubling reality for the car companies: Bailout fatigue has set in at the White House and on Capitol Hill, where many in both parties have spent the past few weeks being berated by constituents for agreeing to the $700 billion Wall Street rescue.

The new debate comes as the financial situation for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC grows more precarious. GM has said it could run out of cash by year’s end without government aid.

A Senate auto bailout bill unveiled Monday noted that 335,000 U.S. workers are directly employed by the auto industry, and an additional 4.3 million work in related industries. That doesn’t count the 1 million retirees, spouses and dependents who rely on the companies for retirement and health care benefits.

Still, not only has President George W. Bush made it clear he doesn’t want to dole out any new aid for the automakers, congressional officials say his administration has privately informed top Democrats it won’t even use at least half of that huge rescue fund approved last month to aid the financial industry.

The Senate Democrats’ measure would carve out a portion of the Wall Street bailout money to pay for loans to U.S. automakers and their domestic suppliers, but aids in both parties and lobbyists tracking the plan privately acknowledge they are far short of the votes to pass it.

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IN BRIEF

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Capitol punishment still an issue

When former President Jimmy Carter and Bob Barr, the 2008 Libertarian candidate for President, agree on anything, we can take notice. Both recently urged the Georgia Board of Pardons and Parole to reverse its decision to deny a pardon to Troy Anthony Davis, sentenced to death for the April 1989 murder of police officer Mark MacPhail.

Davis was charged with two counts of aggravated assault, one for shooting Michael Cooper at a party, and another for striking, two hours later, a homeless man, Larry Young, on the head with a pistol. Davis was charged with murder for shooting Officer MacPhail, moonlighting as a security guard at a bus station. As charged, MacPhail chased Davis after the assault on Young. Davis fired at MacPhail who was shot in the face and fell. Davis, it was charged, walked over to MacPhail and shot him twice again. The pistol was never found, but shell casings at the scene matched the same pistol was used to shoot Cooper and MacPhail. The jury convicted Davis on all counts.

Davis has sought a new trial on the grounds that he is innocent, that seven of the nine witnesses who testified against him have recanted their testimony and that evidence implicates another person as the killer. The Georgia Supreme Court, in a 4-3 ruling in April, 2008, denied Davis a new trial. The Supreme Court of the United States denied review. Further proceedings are pending.

Courts properly give less weight to a recantation, whether sworn or unsworn, than to the witness’ testimony before the judge and jury at the trial. The Georgia Supreme Court majority last April found the recantations insufficient to overturn the jury’s verdict because they lacked materiality as to essential issues in the case and failed to show the witness’ testimony at trial to have been the "purest fabrication." The three dissenters said the majority’s approach "is overly rigid and fails to allow an adequate inquiry" into the question of whether an innocent person might have been convicted and might be put to death.

An innocent person should not be imprisoned for a day, let alone executed. The finality of execution as a punishment urgency to any claim that a person sentenced to death is innocent. On the entire facts, Davis’ entitlement to a new trial is far from a sure thing. It is doubtful at best. But whatever the outcome of his case, it is time for keeping with . . . the common good and . . . the dignity of the human person. Today . . . a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for . . . rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm . . . without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which . . . execution is . . . an absolute necessity 'are very rare, if not practically non-existent.'" Catechism, no. 2267, quoting no. 56.

Whether execution is an "absolute necessity" depends on a prudential judgment as to the ability of the prison system to confine this prisoner securely. But the Church's limitation on the use of the death penalty is a universal, and not a prudential criterion. It applies everywhere and in all states. Use of the death penalty could be permitted under this criterion in some cases, for example, if a life in maximum security, murders another inmate or a guard, or if the state is unable to confine inmates securely.

In our current the intentional infliction of death has become an optional evil. The question of how to decide between the inopportune and the perversity is shown in those who oppose the death penalty for criminals and support it for the innocent unborn child. As John Paul said, "[t]he name of God, respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!" IV, no. 5.

If Troy Anthony Davis is innocent of murder, he should not be executed or imprisoned for that crime. For the more basic reasons advanced by the Vicar of Christ, he should not be executed even if he did murder Officer MacPhail.

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Letters to the Editor

Going green?

While issues with the movie, “Tropic Thunder,” and the repeated use of a certain t-word, which I won’t mention, still leave me uncertain of the whole point, these past few days, the issue itself is not the movie. Popular culture has made differences in health care so close to home. While recruiting, I see the negative connotations of the word “retarded” to the use of “gay” as an insult. The message to me of this Viewpoint skirmish is not the problem with the movie, “Tropic Thunder” itself, but a problem with ourselves. A wage a battle with myself relatively regularly, as gay and lesbian jokes come up among my friends, or the antiquated idea of a problem with learning disabilities surface in jokes and media. Yes, by the way, based on traditional definitions, people with common learning disabilities such as forms of dyslexia qualify as “retards,” myself included. The challenge I come away with is one to become more accepting in my language and reactions, checking for offensive language and expressions. I challenge my fellow students to do the same.

Justine Debelius
junior
LeMans
Nov. 17

English is the issue

Yesterday, I was shocked and saddened by Liz Froehlke’s gross misjudgement (“Lack of acceptance an issue of ignorance,” Nov. 17) of what is considered an acceptable subject to “poke fun at.” I have not seen a more patronizing or mean-spirited article in the time since I arrived here at Notre Dame. The first paragraph (half of the whole article) seems exclusively devoted to doing what you claim to most deplore, and attacking someone else for no good reason. If, as seems readily apparent, she cannot air her views without resorting to numerous ad hominem attacks on someone else for no good reason. If, as seems readily apparent, she cannot air her views without resorting to numerous ad hominem attacks on someone else for no good reason. If, as seems readily apparent, she cannot air her views without resorting to numerous ad hominem attacks on someone else for no good reason. If, as seems readily apparent, she cannot air her views without resorting to numerous ad hominem attacks on someone else for no good reason.

Acceptance should apply to all

Weis accountable

Although we have long been skeptical of Charlie Weis’ ability to be a successful college head coach, my roommate and I have tried to remain quiet as others attempted to identify specifically what the problem has been. This latest debacle of a football game against Navy has proven to finally break our silence. So why is our football team performing so poorly? The bottom line is that our head coach makes horrible decisions at horrible times. Let’s recap some of these decisions, specifically those Coach Weis made during this weekend’s stroke-inducing victory over Navy. In no particular order, there was the QB-read sneak on 3rd & 3 from Navy’s 48-yard line (with said second string players still in the game) giving Navy a shorter field to drive down and score from than if we had punted. It was also painfully obvious during all three of Navy’s inside kick attempts that our team has not practiced the proper way to defend against such a kick. Our players stood still, waiting to get run over instead of charging the ball and jumping to meet it at its highest point.

The Catholic vote

In his perceptive commentary on the Catholic vote, Professor Rice asks why so many Catholics voted for Obama. The answer, I suggest, is that they simply do not accept the Church’s teaching respecting the personhood of the fetus. Oh, they may say that they do and go on about “balancing” other “life” issues and the like. Some may even believe they do. But, demonstrably, they do not. Consider this analogy: The Supreme Court rules that a mother has a Constitutional right, under the privacy rubric, to direct the humane killing of her child within 24 hours of birth if a doctor determines that the fetus suffers from major disability. A Presidential candidate declares support for this ruling, opposition to any efforts to limit or undo it and endorsement of federal funding to underwrite these infanticides. Obama is that candidate unless that infant’s claim to life is stronger than a fetus’s.

Email Letter to the Editor

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CARTEL & CITIZEN COPE
Draw Large Crowds and Mixed Reactions

By PATRICK GRIFFIN

The complementing styles of Cartel and Citizen Cope provoked contrasting opinions from a large crowd at the Stepan Center last Friday night.

The concert, arranged by the Student Union Board, was a dual headlining show. Cartel promptly opened the show at 9 p.m. to a curiously small crowd for such a high profile concert.

It was for this reason, perhaps, that the band initially seemed somewhat distracted. Will Pugh, Cartel’s lead singer and guitarist, had little to say as the band took the stage for the first time. Part of the responsibility of a performer is to connect with the audience, not just during the music, but also between songs. The band did this on but few occasions early in the night. Some felt that the band did not realize that there was an audience in front of them.

“I came here as a huge Cartel fan, and was a little disappoint- ed,” sophomore Mike Matheson said. “I love their recorded music, but something seemed like it was missing from their performance.”

Fortunately, as more students trickled in, Cartel seemed to find their niche, delivering a solid musical performance. The band’s energy seemed to build as well, inciting mosh pits and crowd surfing that was quickly suppressed by security, to the chagrin of many students.

Nevertheless, students sang along and pumped their fists to Cartel’s pop-punk sound. The band lineup included three guitarists, a bassist and a very lively drummer.

“I really like Cartel,” sophomore Robin Brown said. “They did a good job.”

Cartel was able to include many singles from both of their albums: Chroma (2003) and Cartel (2007). “Say Anything (I See),” “I Will Hide Myself Away” and “Honestly” were just a few of the many songs the quintet was able to fit into their hour-long set. The band also performed a cover of Oasis’s “Wonderwall.”

After a wait of nearly an hour, Citizen Cope finally took the stage, opening with his hit “Hurricane Waters.” Cope’s musical ambience encouraged plenty of dancing and head nodding.

Cope was also able to perform many of his hits, including “Bullet and a Target” and “Penitentiary,” before closing the concert with “Stayin’ Alive” and “Sideways.”

Cope’s mixture of blues, folk music and hip-hop made for a very unique show. His backing band featured dual pianos as well as a bass guitar and drums, which provided the smooth driving melody to Cope’s slack-jawed vocals.

Many students, especially those who were unfamiliar with Citizen Cope, reveled in the performer’s genre-defying style.

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“I didn’t know much about Citizen Cope at the beginning of the night, but now I’m definitely a fan,” Matheson said.

Others were somewhat disappointed in Citizen Cope’s performance. “I didn’t think that Citizen Cope performed to their potential,” Brown said.

All students, however, approved of the new seating format in the Stepan Center. Unlike previous shows at Stepan, Friday’s concert featuring general admission standing areas in front of the stage and seating on the sides.

“I thought it was better that we didn’t have chairs. The performers were able to engage the audience and the crowd was able to get closer to the stage,” Brown said.

Despite mixed reactions, the performances drew a large crowd and introduced students to a concert format that was received enthusiastically.

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Imagine, if you will, a scene that’s often typical for Donors of a certain age on weekend nights. The setting? The elegant Linebacker Inn, a haven for both sophisticated types and their low-brow brethren. The beverage? Some variation on the typical American brew. The company? Locals and students alike.

On this particular night not too long ago, a good friend and I have visited the deejay’s booth two or three times to request a particular song. He rotates through various hip-hop standards, classic pop tunes and even the occasional Christmas song (This is Catholic Disneyland, after all, and the sooner we can get to Christmas, the better). Finally, mere minutes before we, feeling defeated by his cruelty, were planning to leave, he indulges our request. Suddenly, a voice rings out above the crowded dance floor.

“Cause you’re hot, then you’re cold! You’re yes, then you’re no!

Needless to say, we were pretty excited. Our dance tune of the month, Katy Perry’s “Hot N Cold,” was finally getting some air time. The song is a pitch-perfect blend of frothy pop, catchy lyrics and that intangible quality known as “danceability.” In short, it’s a fun song — and you can dance to it. I’ll be the last person to claim that Katy Perry is a practitioner of high art in any sense, or that it’s a song destined for the dance floor. But for right now, it’s a great dance tune, and I like it. No shame in that. Or is it?

I recently relayed this story to a friend, a guy friend (which might have influenced his opinion) who groaned at the mention of Katy Perry. His objection to “Hot N Cold,” minus a philosophical disagreement with the use of the letter “N” as a substitution for an actual word in the title, was that it just wasn’t good. It’s one thing, he said, to be able to “dance” to a song — a word that, we both agree, is used loosely with whatever the heck it is our generation does on the dance floor. It’s another thing entirely for a song to actually be good.

I’ll also never claim to be a dance expert of any kind. But I know a good dance tune when I hear one. Whether it’s some classic Kanye, a solid 80s hit (them, Duran Duran) or Britney Spears’ “Womanizer,” dance music is dance music. All you need is a catchy tune (or, in Kanye’s case, a catchy sample) and some semi-repetitive lyrics and you’ve got a hit that’s bound for the dance floor.

I could try to argue that these songs hold artistic merit, and variably, they do. “I Wanna Dance With Somebody” is a chance for Whitney Houston to dazzle listeners with her outrageous vocal range, and the benefits of “Livin’ on a Prayer” need no elaboration.

Even current pop dance hits have their merit. Take “Hot N Cold,” for example. Sure, the melody just goes up and down, up and down, but to me, the song is an educational exercise: Katy Perry Teaches You Opposites. Hot and cold; yes and no; in and out; up and down — the girl could have her own segment on Sesame Street.

In the end, I can’t help hedging my bets on the side of ridiculous dance tunes. Sure, it’s not all award-winning, but who says it should be? All I know is that if a song’s got a good beat, I’m there. Especially if it’s playing at the Backer.

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**The Hold Steady in concert**

By JOEY KUHN
Scene Editor

When The Hold Steady and the Drive-By Truckers played at the Riviera Theater in Chicago last Friday night, the Windy City seemed anything but tired. The two bands comprised the “Rock and Roll Means Well” tour, and they proved that rock music is still alive and kicking.

The crowd may have seemed a bit heavy and somewhat nerdy looking in the air and shouting along to the choruses, while the more reserved older crowd stayed back closer to the bar but seemed to enjoy themselves no less. The crowd’s diversity was a testament to the widespread appeal of both the city and the suburbs. He recognizes the harder side of life and the darker side of human nature, their message is overwhelming — powerful. The name of the band and the title of their last album — “Stay Positive” — are clear enough.

Finn, the lyrical genius behind the band, writes with a poetic preciseness about gritty places and beat-down people. His scope encompasses the often overlooked, upper sides of both the city and the suburbs. He recognizes the joy and the pain that can come from alcohol and drugs. Overall, his songs resonate with the uncanny feeling of truth.

The Hold Steady’s vision is not one of destruction and impending disaster, but instead one of unification and rapport, especially among the youth. Finn’s message speaks directly to young people everywhere, and he earnestly believes that rock music can bring us all together and inspire us towards the path of positive progress.

He reminds us that the direction that music takes, and the direction that we take at the start of this new millennium, is up to us.

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Reid takes blame for overtime rule confusion

The overtime rule isn’t an obscure one. It was adopted fully by the NFL in 1974 and has been in place ever since. The Eagles have been involved in four of those overtime contests.

“I guess we’re aware of it not scoring well,” McNabb said. “In college, there are multiple overtimes, and in high school and Pop Warner. I never knew in the professional ranks it would end that way. I hate to see what would happen in the Super Bowl and in the playoffs.”

They keep playing it if they’re on the field in the final minute of the fourth quarter or overtime, and that’s how the players approached it.

Reid ignored the point. Indeed, the Eagles have shown a preference for this season and embarrassing that some of them didn’t know what game can end in a tie.

“The leadership is there and the management is there for that,” Reid said.

Reid deserves plenty of blame for the Eagles’ season this year, and the coaches wish he hadn’t walked away, but the players insist they wouldn’t have walked away if they had to do it over.

“It’s not the only one oblivious to the rules,” McNabb said. “The last few times, and in high school and Pop Warner, I never knew in the professional ranks it would end that way. I hate to see what would happen in the Super Bowl and in the playoffs.”

Still, the Eagles remain in the NFC’s playoff picture, though they hardly look like a team worthy of playing in January. Philadelphia is a half-game behind Washington, Dallas and Atlanta for the final wildcard spot with games against the Redskins and Cowboys the last two weeks.

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb fumbles the ball during Philadelphia’s 13-13 tie at Cincinnati Sunday.
Cardinals outfielder Albert Pujols bats during a September game against the Cubs in St. Louis. It was announced Monday that Pujols had won the National League's Most Valuable Player award for the second time in his career.

MLB

Pujols wins second NL MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Albert Pujols views MVP voting a little differently these days.

"You have to consider everything. You have to put all the numbers together," the St. Louis star said Monday after powering past Philadelphia slugger Ryan Howard to win the award for the second time.

Pujols won despite the Cardinals finishing in fourth place, the lowest spot for an NL MVP winner since Andre Dawson and Chicago Cubs wound up sixth in 1987. Howard led the majors in home runs and RBIs for the World Series champs.

The result surely will renew a debate that Pujols once raised himself: What qualifies as "most valuable"?

In 2006, a month after leading the Cardinals to the World Series crown, Pujols carped when Howard — whose Phillies missed the playoffs — captured the coveted award.

"I see it this way: Someone who doesn't take his team to the playoffs doesn't deserve to win the MVP," Pujols said at that time.

Shortly thereafter, Pujols clarified his remarks and said Howard certainly was worthy of the award.

"I think the writers made the right choice in 2006," Pujols reiterated Monday. "He did deserve it."

Just as Pujols believed he earned it this year.

"I wasn't surprised at all," he said.

Pujols hit .375 with 37 home runs and 116 RBIs while playing with a sore right elbow that required surgery. Howard hit 48 homers with 146 RBIs for the Phillies.

Voting was completed before the playoffs began.

"I'm happy I didn't have to make that decision," Pujols said on a conference call from his St. Louis home. "What you do for your team. The players who take their teams to the playoffs should have some consideration."

Los Angeles outfielder Manny Ramirez and Milwaukee pitcher CC Sabathia, who both led postseason pushes after being traded by AL teams in July, also drew strong support.

Pujols got 18 of the 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America and had 369 points. Howard drew 12 first-place votes and 308 points.

In Brief

NBA disciplines Garnett, Shaq for separate incidents

NEW YORK — Boston Celtics star Kevin Garnett has been suspended for one game and Phoenix center Shaquille O'Neal has been fined $25,000 for separate incidents over the weekend.

The NBA announced on Monday that Garnett will be suspended for hitting Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut in the face on Saturday.

Bogut didn't get off, however, with the league also upgrading the foul he committed that started the altercation to a Flagrant 1.

The incident happened late in the fourth quarter of the Celtics' 102-97 overtime win in Milwaukee.

Garnett will sit out Tuesday's game against the New York Knicks in Boston.

O'Neal was fined for verbally abusing an official and failing to leave the court quickly after being ejected Sunday night against Detroit.

Hall of Fame basketball coach Newell dies at 93

BERKELEY, Calif. — Pete Newell, the Hall of Fame basketball coach who won an NCAA championship and Olympic gold medal and later tutored some of the greatest big men, died Monday. He was 93.

His death was confirmed by the University of California, the school Newell coached to a national title in 1959. Newell, who had been living near San Diego, had a serious lung operation in 2005.

Newell coached for 14 years at San Francisco, Michigan State and California before doctors advised him to give it up because of the emotional toll. His final coaching job came in the 1960 Olympics, when he took a U.S. team led by Oscar Robertson, Jerry West and Jerry Lucas to a gold medal in Rome.

Newell later returned to prominence with his famous "big men" camps.

AL champion Rays will raise ticket prices next year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — It will cost more to see the Tampa Bay Rays this year.

Coming off their first winning season, the AL champion Rays announced Monday that single-game tickets will rise anywhere from $1 to $5, depending on location at Tropicana Field, where prices range from $10 to $210 for most home dates in 2009.

Prices range from $16 to $270 for 21 dates designated as "prime" games, including the home opener against the New York Yankees and three games in June against the Philadelphia Phillies, who defeated Tampa Bay in the World Series.

The Rays, who had never won more than 70 games in a season before winning 97 and making the playoffs for the first time this year, also are introducing what the team is calling "marquee" games — 11 Saturday dates that will include a postgame concert or "premi­um" giveaway promotion.
The Senators had a 9-8 shot advantage during that span.

The Islanders had a 12-11 shot advantage.

During the first half of the game, Luongo had a solid set of saves, giving the Islanders a 2-1 victory.

The Senators' winning streak of 15 games came to an end.

Suddenly, Suddenly, Suddenly, Suddenly, Suddenly.

The Hangers opted to shoot its last 1-0 lead to kick off a good shot by Sean Bergenheim, and then denied Jackman seconds later after the forward was set up on the doorstep.

MacDonald was sharp on the other end, too, as he gets his second shutout in a row, in the Islanders' 4-0 victory over Edmonton.

The Islanders had a 3-0 advantage in the second period, in which they outscored the Oilers 3-0 and 1-0 in the third period.

The Islanders scored two goals in the third period, including a power-play goal in the first period.

The Islanders dominated the first period, outshooting the Oilers 11-5.

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Rockets win game, lose All-Star McGrady

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Tracy McGrady feels like he's back in square one with a troublesome left knee that gave out on him again. At least his Houston Rockets seem able to pick up the slack if he's going to be sidelined.

Luis Scola scored 23 points, Yao Ming added 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Houston made a second-half surge without its injured seven-time All-Star to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 100-89 on Monday night.

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Alston said the Rockets still had enough firepower to handle the tumbling Thunder in their eighth straight loss.

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Volleyball team wins silver medal in Mich.

Notre Dame's top hot used a unique "bucket rolled" lineup consisting of coxswain Michael Lehmkan, stroke seat Michael Muggatt, Nick Springer, Greg Froud, Andrew Haynes, Chuck Taylor, Sean Gibson, Michael Wugner and Liam Leyden. The crew's 14:27:1 time was less than 10 seconds behind the total score of GVUS's top boat. The two teams fought hard throughout all four races, but the Irish came up short despite winning the final 500-meter sprint.


Five seconds behind them were Kevin Quigley, Phil Brunner, Clif Roberts, Kati Grzesiak, Rob Bowen, Matt Dobberud, Slick Burbentoom, Tomás Castilla and coxswain Breyce Chung, Lisa Fulkert and Paige Norris in sixth place.

This regatta marks the close of the 2008 fall season, and the oarsmen of Notre Dame will now head indoors for their winter training. Between row and spring break, the Fighting Irish will be hard at work on the erg in Loftus Field house six days a week.

Men's Athletics

**Volleyball**

The Irish won the weekend's final three matches, including a key victory over Ohio State, and are now 11-3 overall and 7-0 in conference play. The team will take on Ohio State again this weekend.

**Football**

The Irish did things," he said. "We created our own destiny and we made the most of those opportunities. We showed the Irish are a team that can win a national championship.

In his football career after 11 years and three seasons in the NFL, Lynch has been a part of a core of young players, coaches and owners who believe we could change the culture of losing. We were the 'Yucks.' We were the worst franchise in football." Lynch said. "But having a belief and looking each other in the eye and saying we can change this thing, and we're going to see the sweet when we eventually did."

In addition to thanking the Bucs and Broncos, who sent a representative to Tampa for the game, Lynch publicly thanked the four coaches—Simp Williams, Tony Dungey, Jon Gruden and Mike Shanahan—he played for in the NFL.

He also mentioned four former Tampa Bay assistants—Herman Edwards, Mike Tomlin, Rod Marinelli and Lovie Smith—who are currently head coaches and talked about Bill Belichick's leadership of the NFL's suspension abuse policy.

If all that is true," Allen said. "The team will be there to talk about a hit on Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers two weeks ago that could leave him vulnerable to a suspension because it came two days after he was fined $50,000 for hits on Houston's Matt Schaub.

Losing three of their biggest—literally and figuratively—stars would be a devastating blow for a team currently tied with Chicago and Green Bay atop the muddy NFC North. Allen led the team with eight sacks and Kevin Williams is second with six. All three players were unavailable for comment Monday afternoon as the 49ers prepared for a late hit on Tampa quarterback Jeff Garcia in the second game of the season.

Allen has said all season he never intentionally tries to hurt another player.

"We play a violent sport. We know that and we willingly sign up for it," Allen said earlier this week, talking about the fines being issued by the league. "We don't ever purposely go out to hurt another player. It's just part of the game."

"I know for myself, I have the utmost respect for everybody who plays this game and at the same time, it's like you can't make rules and it's done. This is what we do. We're grown men. We make the decision to do what we do."
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game winning streak.

"It helps that we just played them," Brown said. "It would be different if we had played each other earlier in the year, but we know exactly what is expect." The Huskies come into the tournament very hot, the loss to Notre Dame being the only real stumbling block towards the end of the season. The loss to Notre Dame was the only second loss Connecticut has suffered since Oct. 15.

The key to defeating the Huskies again will be to bring back the strong offensive play to complement the good defense. "We need to be much more efficient with our play," Brown said. "I think the key to us being able to win will be to get our offense in a better place where we have more options." In the event that the Irish defeat Connecticut, they would play the winner of No. 1 St. John's and No. 8 South Florida. Assuming that the Red Storm avoid the upset, the Irish would once again play a team that they faced this past weekend in round two. Notre Dame played on their best of their games of the year against St. John's despite the loss, according to Brown, and she expects another strong outing in the event of the teams meeting down the road.

"Although the attitude is differ­ent in the locker room because it is officially tournament time, the Irish still must hold on to an approach that emphasizes one game at a time. "We can only take one game at a time if we want to win," Brown said. Despite this, there is some­thing special in the attitude for the team when it gets to be Big East Championship season. "It's win or go home time," Brown said. "We know that this is it, and none of us want to go home.

The Big East Championship begins this Friday in Pittsburgh and a champ will be decided by Sunday night.

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ahead, 7-0, and giving the Ramblers a lead that they were able to keep for the remainder of the game.

A few minutes after, Monmouth was unable to counter the touchdown with one of its own. Senior quarterback Joe McGovern fumbled, and wide receiver Carl Anderson for the score, but the Siegfried defense was able to block the extra-point.

"Our offense played well for most of the game," Morrissey junior middle linebacker Phillip Yuhas said. "But Siegfried flew around and forced some takeaways, which swung the momentum their way at some crucial points.

The game carried on in a 7-6 stalemate to the off-time, but after several second-half interceptions, Siegfried was able to put a win in an exciting finish. Senior running back Marcus Young added an insurance touchdown to bring the game to a final score of 14-6.

Morrissey's season is over, but they are still looking to what future classes can bring them in seasons to come. "We have to lay the foundation for next year, and our defense is still intact," Morrissey's freshman center Peter Teneriello said.

Siegfried will have one more week of practice to prepare for the upcoming championship game appearance. "We have a bunch of guys who have given their time and became committed emotional­ly for this opportunity," head coach Rob Kelly said. "It's exhilar­ating for us to finally make it this far."

Keenan 14, Stanford 8

The rematch of The Battle for the Chapel resulted in a win for Keenan and an opportunity to play Siegfried in Notre Dame’s nest Sunday for the inter­hall championship.

The game started out well for the Knights, who scored on a long opening drive with a sweep running play to the left to running back Alex Gonzalez. However, for the remainder of the game, the Stanford defense did an excel­lent job shutting down the Keenan offense, particularly through pass defense.

"We had a little trouble passing the ball and the weather was really cold," Keenan captain Barton Dear said. "We made some mistakes.

The Stanford defense capitalized in some of those mistakes, giving the offense plenty of opportunities to turn them around. Unfortunately, they were unable to do so, thanks in part to four inter­ceptions thrown by Stanford. The Griffins' only points came from a blocked punt that was returned for seven yards. Stanford then completed a 20-yard touchdown pass to pass with a pass to Jim Zemner, making it 14-0.

Stanford got the ball back with little time remaining, but punter Frank Gentry had a ladder play that put them near Keenan’s forty-yard line. Unfortunately, time ran out on Stanford, giving Keenan the win and thereby eliminating the Griffins from the playoffs.

Keenan has one more week of practice to prepare for the top-seeded Ramblers.

"Obviously Siegfried is a good team. They’re unbeat­ed, so we’re going to have to come out and play good game," Dear said. "I think Keenan will play for the inter­hall championship in their game against Siegfried. Stanford over Keenan was a significant win for them.

"Mr. Cuban's lawyer said in a statement that the SEC's case has 'no merit and is a gross abuse of prosecutorial discretion.'"

"Mr. Cuban intends to con­test the allegations and to demonstrate that the SEC's claims are infected by the mis­conduct of the staff of its enforcement division,'" Ferrara wrote in a note posted on Cuban’s blog.

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came in with an idea of really putting a block of eight players back and keeping them tight and compact and then hoping to counter-attack," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said after the game.

But, like every previous Notre Dame opponent this season, the Spartans came up short. The Irish defense was even more impenetrable than Michigan State’s and sophomore Rose Augustin was eventually able to punch one in during the second half.

The conditions at Alumni Field were sloppy and proved to be yet another obstacle for the Irish on a day one of their most physical players — forward Brittany Rock — was sidelined due to an injury.

But in the end, Notre Dame discovered another way to win when that no longer seemed possible. During their current 23-game winning streak, the Irish have come from behind, blown teams out and won with defense. On Sunday, they showed they could triumph in sub-par conditions against a gritty Big Ten opponent.

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score, and Davies added the extra point with a run of her own.

After Welsh’s subsequent failed drive, it looked like the Purple Weasels would go into halftime up 7-0. But with 38 seconds left in the half, Whirlwind quarterback and captain Jenni Gargula made three long passes over the middle, with the third landing in the hands of receiver Megan Mulhern for a game-tying touchdown.

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— Jenni Gargula

Whirlwind quarterback

The Purple Weasels needed a score on their next drive, and as they marched methodically down the field, hope was high in the Pasquerilla West, aside from a past performance. conference play prolonged the drive and gave the Purple Weasels first and goal from the five-yard line. However, Welch Family defend­er Katie Rehberger shut the door on the Purple Weasels’ comeback with an interception in the endzone.

With only seconds left, the Whirlwinds could take a knee and start their celebration as the clock had once again reached the Stadium.

— Whirlwind

“Even though we got early, we stayed composed,” Gargula said. “We didn’t get down on ourselves and we knew we would win the game.”

The Whirlwinds would play for the championship next Sunday against McGlinn.

McGlinn 12, Farley 7

No. 2 McGlinn held off No. 3 Farley 12-7 Sunday afternoon, becoming the first Shamrocks’ team to ever reach the champi­onship game.

Farley looked sloppy out of the gate, as quarterback Emily Murphy’s first pass of the day was intercepted by Casey Robertson for a McGlinn first down. The Shamrocks capitalized on the turnover as team cap­tain and quar­tback Sarah deGroot quickly connected on four of six pass­es for 40 yards, including a five-yard touchdown.

Farley took their cues from McGlinn Sunday, lighting until the final whistle — which sounded infinitely more ant to fans than the car alarm.

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Across

1 Witless sort nugget
5 Make sense
10 Choice word
14 Think tank
15 On the line
21 Gets crowded
22 Bemoan
25 "Beets me!" gesture
26 As a result of
29 Certain trout
34 Octogenarian
37 Undersea creature
39 Cheroot residue
42 Classic blues musician
43 Poet Czeslaw Milosz
44 Lough heavily
47 Woods or land
51 Lounge in the sun
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53 "Irons"
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55 U-2 pilot. e.g.
56 "...Tie" setup

Down

1 Floss too?
2 Brouhaha
3 "Bail"
4 "...of"
5 Privy
6 "...of"
7 "...of"
8 "...of"
9 Pull on
10 "Stop"
11 Wall Street tip
12 Fatty treat for birds
13 Pulls the plug on this
14 Ticket cost?
15 Game sheet
16 Squirrel
17 Desire
18 First lady
19 Germ-free
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27 Patronizes
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30 Golfer's job

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**INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

**Heading to Rock's house**

Keenan and Siegfried set to play in Stadium

**By MOLLY SAMMON and RYAN O'CONNELL**
Sports Writer

**Siegfried 14, Morrissey 6**

Siegfried is moving on to the championship game with high spirits, as Sunday's 14-6 victory over Morrissey gives the Rams a shot at glory in the Stadium.

"It was tough and cold out, and these are two really physical teams," Siegfried coach P.J. Zimmer said. "But fortunately, we were able to execute when we needed to."

The Rams were the first to put points on the board, as senior quarterback Max Young ran the ball in early in the first quarter, putting Siegfried up 14-0.

**NORTH DAKOTA VOLLEYBALL**

Isham on top of their game as post-season gets started

**By JARED JEDICK**
Sports Writer

It is win or go home time for the Irish, with their win over Connecticut on Sunday, the Irish (14-13, 9-5 Big East) secured the fifth seed in the Big East Championship, putting them in decent position to make a run at winning the Big East title and qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

"I think we have a really good chance at winning the tournament," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We have been doing some things very well lately and I am very optimistic." Earning the top seed in the tournament was St. John's (21-8; 12-2 Big East), followed by Connecticut (17-14; 8-6 Big East), and Cincinnati (12-10; 11-3 Big East), and Connecticut (21-8; 12-2 Big East). Rounding out the tournament qualifiers behind the Irish were Syracuse (17-14; 8-6 Big East), Pittsburgh (16-13; 8-6 Big East and South Florida (17-12; 7-7 Big East). The team is maturing and coming together at the right time of the year, according to Brown, who has seen the team improve as the year went on.

"Over the last couple weeks, we have been doing some very good things," Brown said. "We played a very good game against St. John's and managed to find a way to win against Connecticut this past weekend. We have a whole new outlook right now."

The offense has been the strong suit for the Irish this year, led by a bevy of strong outside hitters. Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin leads the Irish with a 3.2 kills per set ratio, followed by freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy (2.68 kills/set), sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca (2.4 kills/set), and junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips (2.32 kills/set).

Brown said the key to the team's late season success can be attributed to the improved defense.

"I was very pleased with how the defense played against Connecticut," Brown said. "We held them to a very low hitting percentage."

In earning the fifth seed, the Irish will get a second crack in the opening round of the Connecticut team that they defeated last weekend in five sets to end their current streak on their own turf.

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Finding ways to win games

**By KYLE SMITH**
Sports Writer

Throughout much of the second half of Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Michigan State on Sunday, a car alarm blared just outside Alumni Field. The noise—coupled with the bitter cold temperature—certainly annoyed the fans in attendance. But not nearly as much as Michigan State irritated the Irish.

By packing eight players into the defensive half of the field for much of the contest, the pesky Spartans gave the Irish offense one of the best tests it has seen all season.

"I thought Michigan State

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Team picks up No. 12 seed in NCAA tourney

**ND earns first round bye and home game**

**Observer Staff Report**

For the eighth year in a row Notre Dame is headed to the NCAA Tournament.

Head coach Bobby Clark has brought his troops to the tournament every year since taking over in 2000.

The Irish learned Monday that they would be the No. 12 seed this year. Notre Dame finished the regular season ranked ninth in the country, but slipped slightly because of a 2-1 loss to South Florida in the Big East semi-finals on Sunday.

The 16 tops teams in the 48-team tournament all receive first round byes. This is the fifth time that the Irish have sat out the first round.

Last year Notre Dame was the No. 10 seed and advanced to the quarterfinal round before a 1-0 overtime loss to eventual champion Wake Forest.

The first round bye also insured at least one home game for the Irish in the tournament. Notre Dame will take on the winner of the Northwestern-Loyola (Ill.) game to be played this weekend.

The winner of that game will travel to Alumni Field next Tuesday night. Notre Dame is undefeated at home this year with a 9-0-1 record. They currently have a 13-game unbeaten streak on their own turf. That dates back to a 3-2 loss to Indiana on Oct. 17, 2007.

Four other Big East teams will join Notre Dame in the tournament this year.

St. John's was awarded the No. 3 spot and South Florida was given the eighth seed.

Wake Forest once again led the way this year picking up the No. 1 seed.