Vietnamese association takes first steps

By KELLY BROOKS
Assistant News Editor

Vietnamese students have something different this semester — something of their own. The "96-'97 school year marks the birth of the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), the Notre Dame's first officially recognized Vietnamese student group.

"The goal of VSA is to promote and foster the appreciation for cultural diversity in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community," said co-president, Binh Huynh.

"We want to introduce the culture of Vietnam to Notre Dame. And for those of us who escaped after the war, it's important to keep up with our experiences and stories," Huynh said.

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Deborah Helmlich announced a plan to invite Gina Kigar, the coordinator of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, and Professor George Howard of the psychology department.

"Kigar will speak on her experiences as coordinator and clarify some points about the Harvard binge-drinking study. Howard will be asked to speak about a class that he has for seniors. "I can't think of anyone better than Gina Kigar to talk about alcohol on campus," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of Residence Life.

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The committee has considered the possibility of inviting speakers to speak about the culture are welcome," Huynh said.

"People who want to learn Vietnamese or about the culture are welcome," Huynh said.

"Amongst ourselves we want to continue learning about our background, especially for those of us who escaped after the war. It's important to keep up with history and background as far as our roots," she continued.

The VSA's first big event was their participation in Saturday's Asian Allure on Saturday, their first event ever as an organization. Models wore the traditional Vietnamese dress, so do.

"It's an informal format where students can continue to learn Vietnamese," explained Huynh. "About half of the students speak it at home and want to learn more, especially writing. Others were born here and forgot it or want to learn it.

"I want to stress that VSA is open to Vietnamese, no other Asian country has formed a candle dance.

"According to Raudtin, the ao dai is a traditional dress for women that is "unique in the sense that it is distinctly Vietnamese. No other Asian country has a dress quite like it.

"The candle dance is a symbol of peace, originating from a tradition of floating candles down the rivers in remembrance of the dead. The dance expresses the hope for more peaceful times ahead.

The VSA has a regular event every Thursday night beginning with Vietnamese language tutoring, taught by Father Martin Nguyen.

"It's a very constructive suggestion."
A very ND Christmas

Prediction: By the time I turn thirty, malls will be decorated for Christmas by late September and student 'hops' into senior project

SAN PEDRO de URABA, Colombia

As bodyguards in wide-brimmed hats lounged nearby, their commander offered a piece of his warrior's creed: Often, the best way to treat rebel collaborators is to kill them.

"You have to go in a little tough in some places," said the stocky leader, who was shot in the leg during an attack on a rebel camp six years ago. "If there weren't deaths, it wouldn't be a war.

But he's not a Colombian army officer. He commands a privately financed militia. Where guerrillas once roamed freely, private armies now patrol northern Uraba, a farming region on Colombia's Atlantic coast near Panama.

Rebels humiliated the military in a recent hit-and-run offensive that killed dozens of police officers and soldiers, and paramilitary groups operating outside the law have proved remarkably effective in battling guerrillas in several states.

Like the guerrillas, the private units are mobile, familiar with the terrain and sleep in the bush if necessary. The private armies, which operate with the military's tacit approval, are bankrolled by landowners seeking protection against well-armed insurgents who block roads, raid small towns and kidnap for ransom.

Notorious in the 1980s for ties to drug traffickers and murderers of leftist activists, paramilitaries remain ruthless. In late October, armed men killed six villagers, including an 8-year-old boy. Anyone linked to guerrillas is a target. Butchers accused of selling meat from cattle stolen by rebels have been slain. At least a half dozen relatives of rebel leaders have been kidnapped this year.

The sister of a rebel was murdered in a beauty parlor.

"We can do what the army can't," said the paramilitary commander, who also is a local farmer. "For example, if we know where to find four unarmored guerrillas, we can kill them. The army has to kill them in combat.

The chief agreed to discuss his work only if his name was not used. He met with reporters at a house owned by rancher Carlos Castano, a founder of the unofficial "self-defense" militias.

Church leaders and human rights activists view paramilitaries as far better than rebels, who are widely considered indiscriminate bandits who c sitios their ideology years ago.

"It's the state that has to provide security, not an anonymous organization," said the Father Hernando David, a Roman Catholic priest in the Uraba town of Apartado, where rebel and paramilitary assassins kill regularly.

Funeral processions for victims of violence routinely file into the cemetery in Apartado, a grueling sight of nearly 100,000 people, shirted by banana plantations. Relatives wall and clout at coffins. Grief-stricken, some faint and are carried away.

Brendan Quinn

Bernardignl ignores impending death

He is a man who has preached the gospel of faith all his life. Now Cardinal Joseph Bernardin is drawing near the season of tidings and good will a chance.

The 61-year-old American prelate has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is facing his biggest test ever — his impending death.

Bernardin, who is a virtual leader of one of the nation's largest Roman Catholic dioceses, indicated his cancer has spread to his liver. The cardinal made the public announcement in late October, but he has said he has lost more than left first expected — about six months. But in his waning days, Bernardin remains active, carrying on the projects and routines he has established in his 14 years in Chicago, tending to his flock of 2.3 million Roman Catholic souls.

Dengue fever strikes Indonesia

Dengue fever reportedly has killed 156 people and infected more than 7,200 others this year in Indonesia, and an outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease has claimed 14 lives in Vietnam, according to officials.

Indonesia's official Antara news agency reported Monday on dengue fever in Central Java province. It quoted Shemail Haryanto, the regional health chief, saying the government was moving to check dengue fever and prevent malaria outbreaks. The Vietnamese government agreed that in addition to the 34 deaths, more than 8,000 people in Vietnam have contracted dengue fever this year.

The ministry, in a report carried Monday in the English-language Vietnam News, said most of those who died were children. Symptoms of dengue fever, which is carried by mosquitoes, include high fever and nose bleeds. In severe cases, patients suffer hemorrhaging of internal organs. In Vietnam, the Philippines, Benin and Thailand last year, more than 400,000 people got dengue fever, and 8,000 died, the World Health Organization estimates.

Student 'hops' into senior project

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Ehhhhhhh, whaddya mean a harebrainidea? Maybe ya should, didn't it? Server ya amade, fellow the major at Wesleyan University spent five days last week walking around campus in a big, furry, blue bunny suit to study the actor's dilemma of having to submerge one's personality in the character's. For his senior project, Broido wore the costume to classes and meals, taking it off only when he was alone. He even dressed up for late-night trips to the bathroom. "I tried to put myself on the line while being protected by a huge, false persona," Broido said. "I was locked in the suit, but people were paying attention to the bunny."

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Office of Financial Aid: Where the help begins

By JUSTYN HARKIN

$13 million - University scholarships
$31 million - government funds, grants, bank, work study
$8 million - Notre Dame scholarships
$4 million - outside scholarships

Tuesday, November 12, 1996

S sometime toward the end of your senior year in high school you receive a skinny little letter from the University of Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. People receiving that letter, you panicked. In fact, you may not have even opened that letter at first because you were afraid it meant rejection. The skinny letter always means rejection.

Well fortunately for you, that letter did not mean rejection. After your mother or father fished that crumpled wad of paper out of the trash can they informed you, your favorite little over-achiever, of the good news of your acceptance. The weeks following the arrival of that letter were probably spent in joyous anticipation of any Notre Dame mail to come, in addition to the purchasing of every iota of Notre Dame-oriented merchandise available in North America.

Perhaps you first received information from your local alumni club, or maybe it was the University of Notre Dame Book Store catalogue that landed on your doorstep, but eventually you received an official-looking envelope from the Office of Financial Aid. You opened it. You panicked. You realized that paying for your education is not going to be easy. You were going to need some help.

You received an official-looking letter from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The total cost of the 1996-97 academic year alone is $25,900, and that is not including including pizza, haircuts, and beer. $25,900 a year can be quite overwhelming to any family, blue or white collar.

The Office of Financial Aid is responsible for helping students and their families manage this cost. According to Financial Aid Director Joe Russo, "Our goal is to attract the best, brightest, and most diverse student body. We want to give the student a choice — if they can't afford Notre Dame then there is no choice."

The basis for determining a student's financial aid eligibility depends upon merit and financial need. Once eligibility for aid has been established, the process for determining the amount and nature of the aid begins. Financial aid at Notre Dame can be classified under two separate categories: self-help and gift aid. Examples of self-help are student loans and campus employment while scholarships and grants are considered "gift aid."

The self-help category is where most students' financial aid packages begin. Borrowing, according to Russo, is the single most common resource for students at Notre Dame. There are many types of loans available, ranging from the federally subsidized Stafford loan to private loans, which require payment right away. Russo cites the government funded loans as the most liberal. "A government loan is a faith based decision because an 18-year-old student has no credit."

If a student demonstrates that he is trying to help himself through loans and work, and if that student still is unable to pay the remaining balance, then scholarships and grants are employed. Russo stresses, however, that there are a lot of rules in this area. "You have to discipline [when giving out scholarships]. You can't be Santa Claus. There is simply not enough money for everybody's need." He states while the office of Financial Aid is responsible for every family that is trying to send more than one student to college at the same time. What if you have brothers or sisters who will be graduating high school and attending Notre Dame themselves?

What if you just had a brother or sister graduate from college a year or two ago? Notre Dame is expensive for everybody, especially for those families which are trying to finance two or more Notre Dame educations at the same time. The $50,000 a year that it costs to send two children to Notre Dame is expensive, even for the families who do not qualify for financial aid.

An interesting growing dynamic, according to Joe Russo of the Office of Financial Aid, is that a lot of families are using alternative methods to borrow the money to send their kids to college. One such method is to take out a home equity loan. Michael Cruise, the associate director of Business Development and Marketing at the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (not affiliated with the University of Notre Dame) notes that home equity loans can be used for almost anything. "a new car, home improvements, or even a college education." The advantage of using a home equity loan over using a private lender for a student loan is that, in some cases, the home equity loan may be less expensive in the long run.

The reason private student loans are more expensive than government loans such as the PLUS loan, the Stafford loan, or the Perkins loan is that private loans are not guaranteed by the government. If the loan is not guaranteed then the lender has to adjust the interest to cover the risk of the loan. The advantage of home equity loans is that they are structured to be tax deductible, which can ultimately lead to a less expensive pay back than a private loan.

Alternative Finances...

Home equity loans, retirement plans top list of methods

While the Office of Financial Aid does try to help all applicants, sometimes there simply are not enough funds to give everybody the money that they need for college. Coming from a family within a high tax bracket may preclude you from receiving a subsidized government loan. Sounds like common sense, you say? Well what if you are, like many students here at Notre Dame, a family that is trying to send more than one student to college at the same time. What if you have brothers or sisters who soon will be graduating high school and attending Notre Dame themselves?

Other advantages of this type of loan include lower interest rates, longer terms, and lower payments over most private student loans. Before your family can apply for a home equity loan, the actual equity of the home has to be established. Usually this involves an appraisal of the home and a search for outstanding mortgage or any improvements that may have been made upon the home or the property. Once equity in the home has been established, your family may be qualified to deduct the interest, a feature of the tax code that can indirectly help finance your education.

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Liberace aids music program

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Notre Dame has received a $5,000 grant from the Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts to be applied towards scholarships supporting outstanding students in the music department during the 1996-97 academic year.

"We are grateful to the Liberace Foundation for its support of Notre Dame student musicians over the years," said Father Edward Malloy, University president. "It has enabled promising artists to take advantage of the intense individual attention and superb preparation for gradate programs which are among our music department's most notable strengths."

Since 1990, the Liberace Foundation has given almost $50,000 in scholarship grants to students in Notre Dame's music department.

The most recent Liberace Foundation grant to Notre Dame is one of 47 awards totaling more than $200,000 which the foundation has given to schools during the current academic year.

The late pianist and showman Liberace established the foundation in 1976 to provide scholarships for the arts. Since then, it has provided more than $3 million in scholarship grants for outstanding students and artists enrolled in over 80 schools and art programs. Funds for the scholarships are generated by donations to the Liberace Museum, which houses Liberace's costumes, exotic cars, plans, stage jewelry and various collections. The museum is one of the three largest tourist attractions in Las Vegas.

Security

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"I was just standing in the middle of the hallway watching [the snowballers outside] when all of this glass came crashing down on me," Mark Rincon, the injured student, said.

"People from our dorm came running in and they said, 'Hey, look at you!' I looked down and sure enough I was all bloody," Rincon said.

Security took him to the St. Joseph's emergency room where his injuries were found to be minor. "They brushed the glass out, and I'm just bandaged up," the Dillon junior said.

In addition, two police officers sustained minor injuries in their attempts to control the ambush outside Zhaim Hall.

"In one case, the officer was trying to stop a participant from throwing a snowball at the building." Austin stated. "It was icy, and they collided and slid to the ground, at which time she was struck in the neck with either a knee or an elbow."

He added that, although the officer is reportedly doing well, she is required to wear a neck brace.

Some police equipment was also unaccounted for after the cessation of the snowball fight, "including a two-way radio. We'd like to get that back," Rakow said.

Both he and Austin, in addition to Rincon, expressed their disdain for the fights which develop into full-scale bombardments of campus buildings. "It just seems that lately they've been getting so out of hand," Austin said.

Agreed Rakow, "If students want to have a little snowball fight, there's no problem with that, but when you have people attacking each other and destroying property, that's when people get hurt."

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Catholic church's future

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CLC

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CLC is pleased to announce that following a hearing of the Office of Residence Life to issue a state­ment outlining the University's role in racial and sexual harassment situations.

In an effort to encourage minority enrollment, the committee plans to examine the structure of Freshmen Orientation weekend and look at ways to incorporate speakers and programs.

Correction

The article on graduate school programs in last Friday's edition should have stated that 29 of 33 students who earned their PhD in Notre Dame's history department since 1989 are currently in full-time academic appointments. The Observer regrets the error.

Sister Sarah*

A late but loving birthday wish.

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Mom, Dad
Andrew and Anne

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Grads tell of career and family balancing
By ERIKA WITTORF
New Writer

Many women, at some point in their lives, ask themselves this question: After I get married, will I have to leave my job when I have children? Two former Saint Mary's students, Janet Powers Jepsen and Felicia Pilon Rice shared their answers to this question in a lecture yesterday evening.

"When you are between the ages of 18 and 28, perspectives and priorities in a young woman's life are constantly changing," Jepsen said, while speaking alongside her five-month-old daughter. The 1990 Saint Mary's graduate shared her experiences of balancing career with family. Early after college, she explained, her education and her occupation were prioritized. She pursued a master's in physiological therapy at Northwestern University before devoting three years in the workforce.

But then a marriage and her daughter Madeline's birth changed her life in ways she had not anticipated, Jepsen told the audience.

Presented with numerous difficult decisions, the 1990 Saint Mary's graduate eventually concluded that her best choice was to stay home with her daughter. Rice, the second speaker, graduated in 1992 with a degree in Biology. Marrying and having her first child during her junior year enabled her also to reestablish her priorities.

"Life at Saint Mary's was easier with a child because my situation had changed and somehow I was more motivated to succeed," Rice explained that having her child helped her to ascertain that she wanted a college degree and also a career. Using those motivations, she graduated from Saint Mary's and received certification as a medical technologist.

Currently a mother of four children, Rice chose to later give up that career goal to stay home with her children.

Rice and Jepsen said that they never regretted forfeiting their roles for those of mothers.

"Integrating Families and Careers," was the second part of the lecture series called "Then and Now."

Activities set through Christmas
By ALISON KOENIG
New Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board continues its efforts toward quality entertainment and programming with a performance by Jack Gladstone this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Haggar Parlor. Gladstone, a Blackfoot Indian and direct descendant of Chief Red Crow, combines his talents of song and storytelling to communicate the heritage of American Indians and explain the American culture.

Gladstone's appearance was coordinated by Diversity Chairwoman Bronwyn McAlufi, and funded by SAB. According to the board, Thursday's performance should be "both educational and entertaining."

At Tuesday's meeting, SAB continued plans for second semester activities and confirmed events scheduled for the remaining weeks of this semester.

SAB's "80's Weekend" is set to kick off on Dec. 6. This weekend begins with Friday's lunch in the dining hall where a disc jockey will be playing students' favorite '80s tunes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday evening, SAB will be showing "The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles" in Carroll Auditorium. The movies will shown again on Saturday night at the same time.

Celebrate a friend's birthday with a special Observer ad!
U.S. veteran uncovers WWII ‘Death Railway’
By PATRICK MCDOWELL
Associated Press Writer

HELLFIRE PASS, Thailand
An hour’s drive from the infamous Bridge on the River Kwai, a lone man hacked through thick jungle to uncover the old rail line that is synonymous with one of World War II’s worst atrocities.

Rod Beattie has spent two years carving through despairing terrain with machete and chain saw, part of a plan to honor thousands of Allied prisoners of war who died clearing the same ground a half-century ago.

“There are some people who think I’m crazy,” Beattie acknowledges. “But I don’t care what they think. I care what those men think.”

“Those men” are the 12,000 American, Australian, British, Dutch and other POWs who perished as slave laborers building the notorious “Death Railway” for their Japanese captors through steaming, disease-ridden jungle. Perhaps 100,000 conscripted Asians also died.

They died of starvation, disease, physical exhaustion or pressure to finish the line. Using primitive hand tools, and 200,000 Asian laborers, through 260 miles of hilly, virgin terrain, the army in Burma, snaking through Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, built the notorious Bridge on the River Kwai, as seen in the 1957 film directed by David Lean.

Some 1 million tourists a year visit the bridge. Beattie, 48, is bringing part of the line back to view with the hope more people can see it and remember what bitter survivors call a “forgotten war.”

The Australian army veteran and civil engineer has a special connection with the railway. He is a descendant of a young woman who worked on the construction sites of Egypt, Burma, Malaya, and Thailand during World War II.

“From the brothels of Asia to the steel rails of Egypt, the women of the Asia-Pacific were exploited and enduring a worse fate than the POWs,” Beattie says.

“Somehow, the story of the women has been lost in the retelling of the war. By bringing it to mind, I want to honor the women and men left behind.”

The latest calculations from the U.N. labor agency show that 250 million 5- to 14-year olds are engaged or predicated on hazardous industries. Of these, 17.5 million are in Latin America, 80 million in Africa, and 17.5 million in Latin America. It called for a new international accord banning the harshest forms of child labor: slavery, prostitution and work in hazardous industries.

The new figures come after an in-depth surveys and interviews in numerous countries. Previous estimates were based almost solely on official statistics.

The ILO report found nearly 153 million children are working in Asia, 80 million in Africa and 17.5 million in Latin America. It called for a new international accord banning the harshest forms of child labor: slavery, prostitution and work in hazardous industries.

By CAROLYN HENSON
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY

Is an autobiography tracing his journey from amateur actor to the Vatican. Pope John Paul II tells of his female schoolmates and what he calls his survival in Poland during World War II. Following up on his bestselling ‘Crossing the Threshold of Hope’,” John Paul’s “Gift and Mystery” is timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

The Vatican will release the book Friday in Italian, and it will be translated into English and many other languages. The Associated Press obtained a copy Monday.

John Paul had a variety of jobs as a young man, including work in an amateur theater troupe and a stint as a quarry worker. He studied for the priesthood during the height of World War II and was ordained Nov. 1, 1946, at 26.

Many have said that the pope’s decision to enter the priesthood in his 20s put him in contact with women in a way that priests who entered seminary in their teens did not experience. In the book, John Paul said that was not a problem for him.

“Maybe someone must have reckoned that if I had been to seminary with such clear religious inclinations did not enroll in a seminary, it meant there were other loves or preoccupations. In truth, I had many female schoolmates and, as busy as I was in school theater, I had ample possibilities of meeting young men and women.

U.N. reveals child labor figures

By VICTOR SIMPSON
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA

From the brothels of Asia to the steel rails of Egypt, nearly twice as many children are working full time in developing countries as previously thought, the International Labor Organization said Tuesday.

The latest calculations from the U.N. labor agency show that 250 million 5-to-14-year-olds are employed — half of them in hazardous industries. Twenty-five percent are in Latin America, 80 million in Africa, and 17.5 million in Latin America.

It called for a new international accord banning the harshest forms of child labor: slavery, prostitution and work in hazardous industries.

Only 49 U.N. members ratified a 1976 child labor convention; some nations said its limits were too broad. The ILO Director General Michel Hansenne said child labor only perpetuates an endless cycle of illiteracy and poverty.

“We all know that … many efforts over the years will be required to eliminate it completely,” he said. “But there are some forms which are intolerable by any standard. These deserve to be identified, exposed and eradicated without further delay.”

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There is a river in Missouri called the Osage. In its way through the southern half of the state from its gene­sis in the Oklahoma hills, joining the mud-stained Missouri River near the Osage. It winds its way through the upper reaches of the Osage each spring, and breed only in the waters of their longfammed backwaters, creating habitat for paddlefish. These endanged species, once abundant in the Osage River, are now rare and on the brink of extinction due to damming and pollution. The Osage is a denizen of the big rivers of the United States. Its logic is expected to influence the operation of other dams around the country. Perhaps it is a sign that certain authorities have recognized the overwhelming importance of entire ecosystems relative to the materialistic concerns of a single species.

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Once Upon An MCAT...  
An Insider's Guide to Medical School

By BERNADETTE PUMPAUGH  
Accent Literary Critic

H elpful and specifically geared towards the college student, "Medical School Admissions: The Insider's Guide" (Mustang Publishing, $12.95) is among the best books available on the market today that details how medical schools accomplish this. Written by three medical school graduates, the book is unique because of the firsthand experiences of the authors themselves and their common sense approaches to pre-medical preparations. MCAT study tips, and all of the other questions usually associated with applying to medical school. Although strongest in its handling of the application process itself, "The Insider's Guide" also devotes a fair amount of time to planning undergraduate study and dealing with the Medical School Admissions Test (MCAT), preparation techniques, and time planning ahead.

Emphasizing the importance of the MCAT while dealing with the test itself, "The Insider's Guide" incorporates the test into its timetable of important dates, a calendar stretching from junior through senior year of college that provides a month-by-month breakdown of when to review for the MCAT, when to collect letters of recommendation, and when to begin the application process with prospective schools. With an entire chapter dedicated to completing the perfect medical school essay, "The Insider's Guide" offers 50 sample essays written by students accepted to Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, and other top schools.

Offering critiques of authorship, proofreading and style, the authors address the pros and cons of writing conservative and safe essays vs. creative or "wacky" ones and explain the pitfalls of apologetic, egotistical and boring writing. The book's strength comes from the essays that illustrate each example: numbered from one to 50, each essay is a glimpse into the diverse experiences and writing styles of students accepted into some of the nation's top medical schools.

Some of the most helpful hints are ones that many readers may not have been aware of; among them, the importance of stressing clinical practice and research and showing an interest in serving segments of the population that generally do not have access to medical care.

One helpful element of the book (at least for those nervous about the interviewing process) is a list of sample interview questions and answers ranging from the expected "How do you envision the medical field?" to the more pointed "What do you know about hospices, HMO's or PPO's?"

Besides reviewing interview basics such as presentation and composing the "Insider's Guide" talks specifically about the interview experience in medical schools and what parts of the application they are likely to focus on.

Also included in the book is a list of the top 10 medical schools divided into groups ranging from "Most Competitive" to "Very Competitive" to "Good," and a roster of the nation's top hospitals as ranked by U.S. News and World Report.

Completely revised and updated, "Medical School Admissions: The Insider's Guide" is an exceptionally good addition to the library of any student preparing to apply to medical school.

"The Complete Book of Beer Drinking Games," has been so successful that the authors have written a sequel, Beer Games 2. No doubt that many college students will, or have, had a lot of fun experimenting with these suggestions for a good time. But when in a state of sobriety (or close enough to it), reading this book is quite the campy experience. And at only $8.95, take note! You could have the eternal admiration of the very lucky SYR star who is the recipient of this treasure.

Holding this book up to formal criticism would only provide the authors, Andy Griscom, Ben Rand and Scott Johnston, with another recipient of this treasure. For me, to satirize, so I won't even attempt it. But I will say that out of a state of sobriety (or close enough to it), reading this book is quite entertaining.

Not only are there many entertaining drinking games, there are even intelligent word games. In game descriptions included are terms, clues and answers; the game is called "Hangover," and don't look for someone to appreciate "25 is not easy to lose your job and need a new job, but are not exactly sure where or how to find that job. Thanks to the wonders of modern technology once-agonizing process of finding the ultimate position is now as simple as a click of your mouse.

One web site that will help you is StudentCenter.com (www.studentcenter.com). This site students can help themselves find everything they need to know about landing the coolest employment positions. From the first step of writing resumes to dressing appropriately for interviews, StudentCenter.com takes students step-by-step through the career-planning and job-search process.

"Finding a job can be a complex, time-intensive scavenger hunt," explains Tohlemair, the President of StudentCenter.com. "But it doesn’t necessarily have to be that way. Rather than pouring through outdated directories, students can finally find information regarding the companies they are interested in through Internet Web sites. With a simple search, the database provides students with company information, salary and benefit packages, and company culture.

There are a plethora of Internet sites out there dedicated to helping people find jobs. But one of the coolest things about the Internet is the built-in research the companies that are interviewing you. It is easy to realize there's industry and company information available on the World Wide Web. Even if it's midnight the night before your interview and it's too late to go to the library and schedule an informational interview, you can always tap into the resources on the planet. But even if you're a pro surfer, you're liable to be gobbled up by the algorithms.
Joshua and the City: A Modern Message

By LARRY WARD
Medical Minute Columnist

As evidenced by the dousing of snow that South Bend
and much of the eastern seaboard received over the
weekend, winter is fast approaching.

With the arrival of Old Man Winter also comes his pesky
sidekick: the flu!

Influenza is a viral infection which is marked by fever and chills,
a sore throat, a cough, muscular aches and pains, fatigue and weakness,
and muscle aches and pains.

The flu, as influenza is more commonly referred to, is spread via inhalation of infected droplets of air. Spread of the flu most commonly occurs indoors in places where many people gather together. Common sites include nursing homes, schools, shopping malls, and other places where large numbers of people come together.

The flu occurs in outbreaks during the winter months (commonly November through February) and early spring (March and April).

There are three types of influenza virus. Types A, B, and C are the three forms of the viral infection.

Finally, for those affected with Type C influenza, the virus results only in a very mild illness.

Doctors and researchers have found that Type B and Type C influenza viruses are very stable, allowing immunizations to be built up against the two strains of the virus. However, Type A influenza is constantly changing, thus resulting in a new epidemic of the strain every few years.

How exactly do doctors diagnose influenza? Actually, diagnosis of influenza is quite an arduous task for physicians.

Influenza comes on very suddenly causing a fever between 101 and 106 degrees Fahrenheit, chills, muscular aches and pains, a dry cough, and a sore throat. Clearly, these symptoms are also symptoms of the common cold. However, the symptoms and pains associated with influenza are much more severe than those of the common cold. The influenza virus takes about one to four days to develop in the sufferer and then runs a course lasting anywhere between one day to one week.

Doctors have a hard time diagnosing influenza because it so frequently resembles the common cold. Therefore, it is usually impossible to diagnose the virus with 100% certainty. However, physicians can make fairly certain that someone is suffering from the flu by checking for throat washings or by looking for antibodies build up in the bloodstream.

Exactly how serious is the flu? The answer is that the flu, in itself, is actually not very severe at all. The flu simply runs its course and within about a week the sufferer feels better.

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Coleman leads Chargers to Monday night win

By BERNIE WILSON
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO - Because 12 Detroit Lions — including 6-foot-4 Herman Moore — couldn't stop little Andre Coleman, the "Wayne Watch" could be running out of time.

Coleman, a 5-foot-9 receiver who lost his starting job to a rookie a week earlier, caught a desperation 46-yard pass from Stan Humphries on the final play of the first half, boosting the San Diego Chargers in a 27-21 victory over the Lions on Monday night.

The Chargers (6-4) won for just the second time in five games, while dumping Detroit (4-6) to its fourth straight loss, including 6-foot-4 Herman Moore — couldn't stop little.
Black Knights seek to end eight-year bowl drought

By NEKESA MUMBID MOODY
Associated Press Writer

WEST POINT, N.Y.
In the ranks of the best college teams this season, there is Florida, Ohio State and...Army? Yes, Army. For the first time since 1988, the Black Knights (9-0) are ranked in the Top 25 college teams this season, there is just two teams be playing in a bowl game by year's end. But while some may question a team whose schedule so far has included just two teams with winning records and two Division I-AA schools, as far as the Black Knights are concerned, the national attention they're starting to get is a little overdue.

"If they don't give us respect, we've definitely earned it," said fullback Joe Hewitt, who had a career-high 161 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns in Saturday's decisive 23-7 victory over Air Force at sold-out Michie Stadium. "I don't see how anybody could not give us respect after this," he said. They certainly got it from Air Force's entire offensive line, allowing only one touchdown and forcing the Falcons to hand over the ball time and again. "We were going three-and-out, giving the offense the ball back," Army linebacker Ben Kotwica said. "When you can keep their defense on the field, you're going to win the game." With just two more games left, against No. 19 Syracuse and Navy, the Black Knights remain in serious contention for a bowl berth, something they haven't achieved in eight years.

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Howard arrested for DWI

By BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Juan Howard was arrested early Monday, charged with drunk driving after his 1995 Mercedes was spotted speeding down a Washington street.

The Washington Bullets forward had just left a nightclub when the arrest was made at 3:45 a.m., said Det. Dennis Rodman pulled down 22 rebounds and the third quarter, with Jordan making three jumpers evaporated.

NBA champions, who at 7-0 are off to the best and dishing out three assists.

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Chicago went up 68-55 after three quarters and limited Phoenix to 36 points in the fourth.

Pippen made two 3-pointers as the Bulls scored a 13-0 Phoenix run.

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NBA

Chicago extends Suns’ skid, remains one of two undefeated teams

By MIKE NADEL
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO

Michael Jordan scored 26 points, Dennis Rodman pulled down 22 rebounds and the Chicago Bulls remained unbeaten by defeating the winless Phoenix Suns 97-79 Monday night.

Scottie Pippen added 18 points for the defending NBA champions, who at 7-0 are off to the best start in franchise history. The Bulls won despite shooting 43 percent from the floor.

Houston 106-101 is the league’s only other undefeated team.

Michael Finley scored 17 points for the Suns (0-6), who are within three losses of their worst start ever. Phoenix shot 39 percent and committed 18 turnovers in its lowest-scoring game this season.

Not even the first halftime lead of the year helped the Suns, whose 41-39 advantage quickly evaporated.

The Bulls outscored Phoenix 17-8 to open the game’s first eight points. Chicago still led 16-10 before Robert Horry scored five points to start a 13-0 Phoenix run.

That deal, which was subsequently voided by the league because it exceeded Miami’s salary cap, would have made him one of highest paid athletes in sports history.

Given a second chance, Bulls owner Abe Pollin shelled out roughly the same amount Miami had offered.

Re-signed by the Bulls, Howard said he had not wanted to leave Washington and called his return "truly a blessing."

This season, he is averaging 17.4 points and 10 rebounds a game. Last year, he averaged 22.1 points and 8.1 rebounds a game and was named to the All-Star team.

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Some highlights in the loss include Beverly and Murphy capturing first and second place in the 200-meter butterfly, Fugate, Melok, and Saylor sweeping the 200-meter backstroke, and Zumbach, Page, and Potter sweeping the 200-meter individual medley.

It was a tough loss for the Irish because they were so well and remained close to the Huskies throughout the match.

As a result of this weekend’s matches against Boston College and the University of Connecticut, the Irish are 2-2 on the year. Notre Dame swims next at home against the University of Pittsburgh.

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our title," said Petrucelli. "Playing Indiana is always a great in-state rivalry for us and it is great for soccer in the state of Indiana."

The team’s never ending search for respect will continue with the Hoosiers. The game day and time have yet to be de-

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By DEBRA DIEMER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s swim team battled the waves Saturday in a double dual meet against University of Chicago and Lake Forest College. Saturday marked the Belles second meet of the season, which resulted in a loss to the University of Chicago by a mere 11 points.

Despite the defeat, the team demonstrated significant improvement and coach Angela Addington is optimistic about upcoming meets.

Unfortunately, the team is struggling due to its lack of size and depth. Many Belles are substituting in for events they are not familiar with in order to fill the field for competition. Sophomore captain Tara Thomas swam three events Saturday including the 200 freestyle, which was a new event for her.

There were many outstanding finishes in the Chicago meet, led by senior captain Shannon Kelleher who placed first in the 200 individual medley. In the 200 freestyle, Kelleher won the competition, beating the rest of the field by seven seconds earning another first place finish for the Belles.

The pace was set by the senior captain and followed by her teammates. Allison Smith placed first in the 200 freestyle, while Thomas earned another first in the 200 backstroke. Making an impact as a freshman, Michelle Samresa contributed with a strong second place finish in the 200 breaststroke.

“Michelle is a National hopeful as a freshman,” said coach Addington.

The 400 medley relay including Thomas, Samresa, Kelleher, and freshman Nancy Midden also splashed their way to a first place finish.

Overall, there was definite improvement by the team. Just in a week, 2-3 seconds have been shaved off many of their times,” said coach Addington.

Addington has confidence in her team. She expects at least half of them to attend Nationals this year. Specifically, she anticipates their peak around January.

The Belles have a home meet Thursday against Calvin. “With a breakthrough of the recent times, the Belles have potential to win. It will be a good meet,” concluded Addington.

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very high,” commented Schroeder-Biek.

Saint Mary’s relay on freshmen Love throughout the match to keep

Saint Mary’s swimmers’ team went 2-0 this weekend, beating Boston College and Connecticut in Big East meets on a short road trip.

The Irish began their weekend against Boston College on Friday, and set out to dominate from the starting event. A quick first-second finish in the 200-meter medley relay propelled the women to a 10-2 lead.

Notre Dame continued to dominate the next few events, with Courtney South, Leticia Herreras, and Shannon Suddarth sweeping the 200-meter freestyle. By the end of the first three events, the Irish led by twenty-four points.

Notre Dame continued to increase their lead due to impressive performances in individual events. Rhiana Saunders set a meet record in her performance on the one-meter diving board, and Suddarth set two meet records in the 400-meter individual medley and the 200-meter breaststroke.

An Irish swimmer placed first in every event except one.

Head coach Bailey Weathers commented, “Linda Gallo and Erin Brooks were key performers in this meet, and the freshmen swimmers stepped up to the challenge that B.C. offered.”

With their first loss, Boston College fell to 2.

On Sunday, Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead against Connecticut, scoring 15 points in the 200-meter medley relay. The two Irish teams took first and second place, setting a meet record in the process. They continued to keep the momentum for the next two events, with Gallo taking first place in both the 100 and 200-meter freestyle. Gallo also set two meet records in the process.

The Irish then widened the gap against the Huskies by collecting 14 points in the 100-meter backstroke. Brooks, Allison Holmes, and Molly Beeler placed first, third and fourth respectively. By the end of the fifth event, Notre Dame led, 54-20.

The Irish continued to dominate for most of the events, with one Irish swimmer placing first in thirteen events. In the 100-meter butterfly, Liz Harger, Herrera, and Allison Newell, placed first, second, and third respectively, sweeping the event.

The Huskies attempted to rally, scoring 43 points in the last three events. However, it wasn’t nearly enough to curb the Irish onslaught, as they won 178-118. The team set eight meet records, including three by Gallo and two by Brooks. The Irish led by as much as 94 points during the meet.

“ ”The whole team made a solid effort in both meets,” Coach Weathers commented. It’s usually hard to win on the road, with the traveling that comes with the meets, but they had an excellent match against Boston College, and their performance continued to improve at the Connecticut meet.

Other Irish swimmers who placed in the meets included Brittany Kline, Anne Iacobucci, and Laura Shepard.

With these two wins, the team’s record improves to 2-0, and 2-0 in conference action.

The Irish swim team returns home to win against Pittsburgh on Friday.
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Defending champs baffled by No. 2 seed

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CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRINGS

Pairings for the first round of tournament play. These games are scheduled to be completed by November 17.

1. (1) North Carolina
2. (2) Notre Dame
3. (3) Duke
4. (4) Tennessee
5. (5) North Carolina State
6. (6) Wake Forest
7. (7) Saint Louis
8. (8) Saint Mary's
9. (9) Virginia
10. (10) Connecticut
11. (11) Nebraska
12. (12) Indiana

Saint Mary's Volleyball

Saint Mary's closes out season in style

Belles sweep Goshen, attain win No. 20

By ANGELA OLSEN

The Saint Mary's Volleyball team wrapped up their season with style on Saturday, beating Goshen in straight sets, 15-9, 15-9, 15-11. The Belles got their twentieth win, which was a goal they had been seeking since they began competing back in August.

Because the team had only three returning players, the new incoming freshmen had pressure on them to perform from the very beginning. Although head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was able to recruit seven stellar freshman players who were all high school standouts, this was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Belles.

Back in August, Schroeder-Biek said, "The freshman are the strongest I've seen yet."

Twenty wins later, she is not about to take back that statement.

In their last match of the season on Saturday, the Belles went in with determination. They had faced Goshen earlier in the season during a tournament and had gone five sets with them. The Belles had emerged victorious that time but as freshman Melissa Miller said, "We barely beat them. This time we were out to prove that we were clearly the better team."

Saint Mary's took an early lead marked by intense play in the first set. "We passed well and executed our offense very good," said freshman middle hitter Ashley Dickerson.

Everything seemed to be clicking in the beginning of the set for the Belles. The big lead didn't last long however, as the Goshen team stepped up their level of play and Saint Mary's watched their lead slip away.

"They relaxed and didn't keep up the intensity," commented Schroeder-Biek.

The Belles managed to pull themselves back together and close out the set 15-9.

Going into the match Saint Mary's was prepared to face a threatening middle hitter from Goshen. The Belles looked to their own middle hitters, Dickerson and junior Betsy Dennis, to respond with an equal threat. The Saint Mary's hitters were up to the challenge and finished the set with nine kills each and seven blocks coming from Dickerson.

"We hold her (Goshen's middle hitter) down," said Schroeder-Biek.

The second and third sets also saw the Belles play strongly. They came out a bit slow, but quickly picked up the pace. They were able to win both sets, 15-9 and 15-11.

Despite the fact that the Irish defeated the Tar Heels in October, they still found themselves behind UNC in the tournament rankings. The team defeated the Tar Heels 2-1 in overtime in Durham.

Among the other seeds are Portland, which is ranked third, and the Connecticut Huskies, who picked up the fourth seed. The Irish have a record of 8-1 over the NCAA field. They have single wins over No. 1 seed North Carolina, Stanford, Washington, Duke, Wisconsin, and Indiana, as well as two wins over No. 4 Connecticut. They sustained their only loss in the regular season to No. 5 seed Santa Clara, 3-1.

With the seedings and pairings the way they stand, Notre Dame could encounter only one seeded team prior to the semifinals.

The second-seeded Irish will face the unseeded University of Indiana Hoosiers. Indiana earned their bid automatically, by winning the Big Ten championship. Previously, Notre Dame defeated the Hoosiers in the regular season, 5-0.

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to defend our title," said Schroeder-Biek.

Irish swimmers who captured first place in individual events include Wes Richardson (1000-meter freestyle), Dave Vonderheide (500-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly), Scott Zumbach (100-meter backstroke, 200-meter breaststroke, 200-meter individual medley), Whowell (100-meter breaststroke), Fugate (200-meter butterfly), Tyler Maertz (one-meter diving and three-meter diving), Kuna (100-meter freestyle, 200-meter freestyle), Jeff Page (200-meter backstroke), and Rich Murphy (500-meter freestyle). There were countless Irish swimmers who placed in the top three swimmers in their given events.

Although Notre Dame was defeated by the University of Connecticut, 169-130, the Irish had no reason to be upset. While a loss is never easy to swallow, the fact that the Notre Dame swimmers swam their fastest times of the year was some consolation in the defeat.

Coach Welsh commented, "We raced well against Connecticut.

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