Movie critic Jude Seymour writes that the new Johnny Depp film “From Hell” is a great addition to the Halloween season.

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**STUDENT SENATE**

Committees discuss ongoing projects for year

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

With most senators in costume for Halloween, the Student Senate discussed several of its ongoing projects at its weekly meeting Wednesday night.

The Senate’s committee on residence life wanted clocks added to classrooms in O’Shaughnessy Hall, according to committee co-chair Aldo Tesi, the senator from Stanford Hall. However, in a meeting with director of space management Joseph Schellinger, the committee learned that the University does not intend to put clocks in the building.

“They’ve tried having clocks in O’Shaughnessy in the past, and people were stealing them,” Tesi told the senate. However, Schellinger is considering added amenities such as pencil sharpeners and three-hole punchers to different locations around campus, according to Tesi.

The Senate’s University affairs committee met with another administrator, counseling center director Patrick Utz, said Zahm senator Mark Roland, one of the committee’s co-chairs. In that meeting, senators and Utz discussed ways the Senate and the counseling center can work together to improve services.

“He was more than receptive,” Roland said of Utz.

In other Senate news:

The Senate will hold its roundtable discussion tonight in both dining halls beginning at 5:30, announced Alumni senator Matt LaFratta. The topic of discussion will be dining hall issues, LaFratta added.

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Dressed in Halloween costumes Wednesday, senators discussed their committee work and projects that will continue throughout the year.

**Notre Dame plans benefit basketball game**

Special to The Observer

University officials have announced that at the Nov. 28 Notre Dame-Army men’s basketball game, a prostate cancer awareness group will use the event to bring attention to the disease.

At 7:30 p.m. at the game in the Joyce Center, representatives of the Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education Program will teach more about this type of cancer.

The event is organized by men’s basketball team and coaches and the Management 231 class in the Mendoza College of Business. The class, a service learning course, is taught by faculty member Chuck Lennon.

At the event, representatives of IrishHealth, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Memorial Hospital, the Northern Indiana Cancer Research Consortium and local physicians will be available on the Joyce Center concourse before the game to answer questions and distribute information.

Men more than 50 years old may qualify for a free clinical trial program, Project Select, being conducted nationally. The project is sponsored by the United States Cancer Institute.

According to organizers the event has two key goals:

♦ to encourage men over 50 to have a regular prostate specific antigen test at their annual physical exam

♦ to promote awareness of prostate cancer and encourage more open discussion of the disease.

The management class will wear special shirts to promote the event on the Monday and Wednesday prior to the game. The Notre Dame and Army basketball teams will wear special shirts during pre-game activities.

On Oct. 19, sports analyst Dick Vitale appeared in the management class to shoot a prostate awareness commercial.

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**NEW YORK ON THEIR MINDS**

Several members of the Notre Dame community attended the “Notre Dame Loves New York” forum Wednesday to talk about their feelings after having seen the attacked city for the first time last week’s fall break.
Irish fans are the best

This week I was reminded about how much I love Notre Dame football and its fans. Sure, we’re in the middle of a season with more downs than ups, but I’d rather be “Gold and Blue through and through” than any other kind of college football fan.

My friends and I traveled up to Boston for the “Catholic Super Bowl” (or so it was called by the Boston College fans) to see our Irish take on the Eagles of Boston College. We had been lucky enough to get tickets and thought that we could sit in the BC student section without any trouble, like many of our friends who visit us here at Notre Dame. However, the assumption we made was proven wrong during halftime.

The BC students had been yelling, cheering and booing like any group of fans would do during a game, when a Notre Dame student in the section took off his jacket and exposed his ND sweatshirt that he was wearing underneath. The group of students around him began taunting, which is expected, but then they began physically pushing him and throwing food and half-full cans of pop, full bottles of water and even a full tray of nachos being thrown at this poor Notre Dame fan, all the while the BC fans are yelling obscenities and threats at him as well.

As I was told was reminded of the Michigan State weekend earlier this year, I was at a “pre-game festivity” that was right next to a group of State fans. They had Spartan helmets, flags, and were cheering the “Go Green White” fight song of MSU the whole time; they were true State fans.

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Incidents like these prove me to more and more that coming to Notre Dame was the best choice I could have made. Many schools taunt us and throw water bottles, and even cars full of trash while we’re playing. Notre Dame fans are known for what they are and have confidence in our team’s ability and winning tradition.

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House to vote on aviation measure

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House leaders scrambled Wednesday for votes Wednesday on a tight vote needed on the role of the federal government in ensuring the safety of the nation’s airways.

The House is to decide Thursday between two aviation security bills: a mostly Republican-backed bill that would make all airport screeners public employees and a mostly Democratic-backed measure that would put the government in charge of screeners but leave screening duties largely in the hands of private workers.

The outcome was too close to call. Seven weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks and with the holiday travel season approaching, lawmakers agreed on the urgency of passing a security bill and restoring the nation’s confidence in the safety of air travel.

"The biggest thing that is interrupting our economy is fear, especially fear of getting onto airplanes," said Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

President Bush, who is actively lobbying for the House Republican bill, and congressional leaders pledged Wednesday to work through their differences and take quick action. "We’re going to get this done," said Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi.

The Democrats are behind a bill that is identical to legislation the Senate passed 109-0 on Oct. 11. Besides making airport screening a federal operation similar to customs or immigration work, it puts the Justice Department in charge of aviation security and takes steps to fortify cockpit doors, assign more air marshals to flights, expand anti-hijacking training for crews and inspect all carry-on and checked bags.

If the House accepts that bill, it would go directly to Bush. The White House has indicated it will sign it despite its reservations over the federal screener issue.

If the House Republican bill wins out, the issue goes to a House-Senate conference. House GOP leaders said they were confident they could quickly reach a compromise. While the two bills differ on the issue of screeners and the House bill keeps oversight of security within a new Transportation Department agency, they share many common objectives.

But unlike in the Senate, where Lott and other conservatives voted for the final bill despite reservations over federal screeners, the two parties remained deeply divided on the eve of the vote.

"There’s a broad consensus that the current airline security system must be replaced," said Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the House’s 3rd-ranked Republican. But he said tough new standards "will turn out to be toothless" if the president doesn’t give the flexibility to choose the most effective security techniques and must adopt a new federal work force instead.

Democrats, in turn, said Republicans were succumbing to the lobbying efforts of the aviation security industry, which now supplies the 28,000 airport screeners through contracts with the airlines. They argue that private screeners are poorly paid and poorly trained and that screening should be performed by law enforcement officers.

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If the House accepts the Republican approach, the Justice Department said Wednesday it would move to control airport screening.

"The Justice Department believes it will be able to get the necessary resources to get the job done," said Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson.

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U.S. intensifies Kabul air strikes

Associated Press

BAGRAM

Thundering blasts, plumes of smoke and screaming warplanes over Taliban front lines north of Kabul on Wednesday testified to an intensifying U.S. air campaign to help the opposition oust Afghanistan’s hardline Islamic militia.

In some of the heaviest bombing of the front lines yet, U.S. jets pounded Taliban positions north of the capital. Children and adults gaped at the skies, where U.S. planes — including B-52 bombers — roared throughout the day and into the night.

The northern-based opposition alliance has repeatedly called for more intense and frequent U.S. air raids against the front lines, where it claims the Taliban have fortified their positions.

It’s not clear if the latest raids will satisfy the opposition, which is betting on breaking the Taliban front lines to advance on the capital and other key areas, such as the northern city of Mazur-e-Sharif.

Both U.S. and alliance officials say they’re stepping up their coordination in the fight against the Taliban, which is under U.S. attack as punishment for harboring Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda terror network, accused of advising the opposition, coordinating resupply and helping direct U.S. airstrikes on Taliban targets. A Pentagon spokesman, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeam, said Wednesday that B-52 bombers were in use against Taliban lines in the north and elsewhere.

On Wednesday, the sound of Taliban anti-aircraft fire echoed across the Shomali plain north of Kabul as American jets streaked across the sky. At one edge of the plain, in the foothills of the Sal Mountains, clouds of dust rose. Northern alliance soldiers said Taliban forces were moving their tanks in the area.
Nation celebrates Halloween

**Associated Press**

**ATLANTA**

Roman Rheingans, a 12-year-old boy diagnosed in a black prince's robe and plastic crown, had the voice of reason this Halloween in Dixie Avenues.

His classmates worried that terrorists might time another strike in America for the ghoulish holiday. So in addition to trick-or-treating in his Atlanta neighborhood, Roman spent the day calming their fears.

"My friends are scared," the boy said, walking up before he gathered mounds of candy Wednesday night. "They're looking up to the sky, expecting to see some giant jumbo jet coming down to the ground.

It could have been any child, any neighborhood, on a Halloween night played out in the shadow of terrorism. The Sept. 11 attacks and lingering threats of al Qaeda left the nation struggling to redefine the children's holiday that makes many feel more comfortable.

"We're only going to neighbor­hoods that we know," he said. "We can always skip a house, and go to one where we feel more comfortable." He forced to recon­cile the good-natured scares of a typical Halloween with the still-new fear of post-Sept. 11 life, mixed its celebration with caution.

"What we said is that because law enforcement is being so incredibly taxed working every time somebody spills a Pixy Stix and thinks they've got anthrax, that we simply didn't have the law enforcement personnel to go and look at every sack of candy in Arkansas.

Mike Huckabee
Arkansas governor

In Boston, Margarita Lebron chose to take her daughter and grandchildren to a trick-or-treating p a r t y instead of trick-or­treating through the neighbor­hood.

"There's a lot of crazy people out there and you don't know that they're capable of doing, especially when they've got an ax dressed up and you don't know who they are," she said.

Malls throughout the country asked their customers not to wear masks, and some banned toy weapons for the day. Off-duty police officers and fire­fighters from metro Minneapolis gave out candy at the Mall of America.

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** Athena Smarter mother**

**School applications bypass post office**

**Associated Press**

**TRIP rON T, N.J.**

Erin Matthews grew up 15 miles from Princeton University, but decided just last week that it had everything she wanted in a college.

Days before the early decision deadline, she hurried to complete the 31-page application.

Not confident about trusting her Ivy League dreams to a postal system beset by anthrax, college counselors hand delivered the application. Others were sent overnight, using private package­delivery companies.

"Had they sent it regular mail, we probably would have all panicked," said Matthews, a 17-year-old at The Peddie School in Hightstown. "It's one of your next four years of life — and whatever happens after that."

Princeton said it would accept applications even if they arrive weeks late as long as they're postmarked by Nov. 1. Anyone who recently mailed an application has been asked to fax the first four pages to the admissions office.

The stress of applying for college is even more acute in New Jersey, home to a regional mall facility that handled at least three letters contaminated with anthrax. It has been closed for testing and cleanup.

The post office service to Princeton shut down late last week after tests detected an anthrax spore strain.

"I thought, 'Oh oh. They're really going to get anxious and concerned,'" said Fred Hargadon, Princeton's dean of admissions. "I mean, they get anxious and concerned about anything anyway."

Other colleges still don't know yet how their mail will be affected.

Some American University mail is being handled by Washington, D.C.'s contami­nated cardboard facility. The university has received some mail, even though the facility is closed.

"We're unsure whether we're getting all our mail," university spokesperson Dan Sedmak said. "We're definite­ly keeping an eye on it."

Butgers University will ask guidance counselors to fax transcripts and is encouraging online applications, spokes­woman Sandra Laumann said.

Some school boards and parents are concerned about SAT scores. Educational Testing Service, the company that administers the test, is head­quartered in Princeton.

The College Board, the exam's New York-based owner, said in a statement that it has received nearly all applications by their Monday deadline.

It expects delays but no major problems.

Some parents from The Peddie School had offered to collect and mail applications in nearby Pennsylvania, but the school settled on using postal services anyway.

"Then we don't have to worry about something else making our mail system go down," college counselor Ted de Villers said. "We don't have to worry about our mail getting stuck somewhere locally."

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Experts examine Kursk sub:**
Investigators trying to determine what triggered the explosions that sank the nuclear submarine Kursk are focusing on detonics in its hull, a top Cabinet official said Wednesday as experts pulled out a 65th body from the wrecked vessel.

**UK embryo cloning law challenged:**
Ant-abortion campaigners launched a High Court battle Wednesday to overturn new regulations that allow the creation of cloned human embryos for medical research. In January, Britain's parliament passed regulations under the 1990 Human Fertilization and Embryology Act to legalize the destruction of human embryos for stem cell research, and, in a global first, permit cloning to create embryos for the research.

**AFGHANISTAN**

**Former fugitive Olson pleads guilty:**
Former Symbionese Liberation Army Fugitive Sara Jane Olson pleaded guilty Wednesday to possessing bombs with intent to murder policemen during the violent era of the revolutionary group in 1975. The surprise plea came in an agreement which does not guarantee Olson a specific sentence. Her lawyers said they expected her to get about five years in prison, but the judge warned she could be sentenced to life behind bars.

**Television psychic violates NY law:**
The marketers behind television psychic Miss Cleo were accused Wednesday of violating New York's "Do Not Call" telemarketing law more than 100 times in the past seven months. C. Adrienne Rhodes, the executive director of the Consumer Protection Board, said Access Resource Services — also called the Psychic Readers Network (PRN) — may be subject to as much as $224,000 in fines.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Anthrax found on postal equipment:**
Trace amounts of anthrax spores were found on a piece of postal equipment sent to an Indiana postal maintenance facility from a contaminated mail processing center in Washington, D.C. Frank O'Bannon said that one positive test for a few anthrax spores had "absolutely no reason for Hoosiers to be alarmed." It did not handle any Indiana mail, so there is no reason to be alarmed. Yesterdays tests are being done. The tests were just undertaken, and so there's nothing even preliminary to report," he said.

**N.Y. anthrax victim is fourth overall**

A New York woman died of inhalation anthrax on Wednesday, the fourth person to perish in a spreading wave of bioterrorism. A co-worker underwent tests for a suspicious skin lesion, brightening concern the disease was spreading outside the mail system.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "I have no progress to report" in identifying the culprits or preventing further attacks. "I think for the American people it's frightening, it's scary," conceded White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, as authorities also reported a new suspected case of anthrax involving a New Jersey postal worker and closed the facility where he works. Authorities expressed particular concern over the early morning death of Kathy T. Nguyen, a 61-year-old Vietnamese immigrant who lived alone in the Bronx and worked in a small Manhattan hospital. Doctors sedated her and put her on a ventilator after she checked into a hospital three days ago, and officials said she had been too sick to assist them in their investigation. The woman worked in a basement supply room that had recently includ- ed a mailroom, but there were no reports of suspicious letters or other obvious cause for alarm — a sharp contrast to other cases in which tainted mail has been linked to the disease. At the White House, Fleischer told reporters that a co-worker of Nguyen at the Manhattan Eye Ear and Throat Hospital had reported a skin lesion that raised concern. "Tests are being done. The tests were just undertaken, and so there's nothing even preliminary to report," he said.
Blair takes peace effort to Saudis

Associated Press

BY ABD

British Prime Minister Tony Blair took his Middle East peace mission to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday after an overnight visit to Syria, where officials highlighted deep differences in the international campaign against terrorism.

Syrian President Bashar Assad gave no indication that he was prepared to restrain violent Palestinian groups that operate from his territory, Syria, which remains on the State Department list of countries that sponsor terrorism, has long argued that Palestinians have the right to use force in opposing Israel's occupation.

"This peace process is an international right," Assad told a news conference with Blair following their private talks at the Glitn presidential palace in Damascus.

"An act of resistance is different from an act of terrorism," Assad said.

Assad also criticized the military campaign in Afghanistan, where Britain so far is the only country fighting with the United States. They also sensed new American doubts about the utility of the war, and new Israeli and Palestinian leaders have said they will meet with Blair on Thursday.

"What I will be saying in Israel tomorrow is that we have to get the process going again," he told Middle East Broadcasting in Riyadh.

He added: "We all want to see an end to the violence, the injustice and the poverty that is there.

Wednesday appeared to be a difficult day for Blair, and his officials are growing concerned about whether anyone during the day had endorsed the U.S.-led military strikes in Afghanistan.

The spokesman would say only that Britain was "deeply concerned" about the rising civilian death toll and called for "precautions in the decisions made by all parties involved".

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"We will now begin the steady progress over the winter, building up to the spring of next year of, fragmenting, undermining and eventually destroying the Taliban regime..."

John Prescott
deputy prime minister

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Prescott's comments came after Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon, in Washington for talks with his U.S. counterpart Donald Rumsfeld, admitted the imminent onset of winter in Afghanistan, could limit military options.

"The weather is closing in. It does limit the opportunity of certain kinds of operations," Hoon told Sky News.

The United States has said it is not time for completing the campaign, which began with aerial bombardment launched on Oct. 7. It aims to uproot the al-Qaida network in Afghanistan while Bin Laden is the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States — and punish Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia for harboring him.

Recent polls have shown that while a majority of Britons still support the war, support has dipped. Before leaving for the Middle East, Blair on Tuesday exhorted Britons to remember the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and remain resolute in the conflict.

The head of the opposition Conservative party, Iain Duncan Smith, criticized Blair on Wednesday, saying the prime minister has failed to communicate clear aims for the campaign and appears "to be losing the battle for the hearts and minds of the British people."

Duncan Smith has supported the government's overall conduct of the war but said mixed messages from government and military officials have led to public confusion and unease.

"Even those who have supported military action from the outset are beginning to ask what our real objectives are and whether we are going about securing them in the right way," he wrote in an article for the Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"Recently it has failed to get the message across that there has to be a clear connection between a set of war aims and the current military action," he said.

Speaking to the British Broadcasting Corporation, the prime minister emphasized he still strongly supports Blair.

"I think the actions he's taken are correct, I think the prosecution of the war is correct," he said.

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Bush pushes economic plan

WASHINGTON

President Bush sought to break the Senate's logjam Wednesday by urging lawmakers to pass an economic stimulus package of mainly tax cuts before November's end.

The Senate's top Democrat insisted there would be no deal without broad assistance for laid-off workers.

Bush told a group of business leaders that Wednesday's report of a drop in the nation's gross domestic product was the latest sign of economic weakness made worse by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's time for our government to act in a positive and constructive way," the president said. "The Congress needs to pass a stimulus package and get it to my desk before the end of November."

The plan should be mostly tax cuts because lawmakers already have approved $55 billion in spending since Sept. 31. Bush said. He repeated his four cornerstone proposals: acceleration of tax cuts set to take effect in the future; a new round of rebate checks for people left out of the first batch; repeal of the corporate Alternative Minimum Tax; and greater expensing write-offs for business investment.

"I caution the Congress not to overspend," Bush said. "The temptation is to fund everybody's good idea. And my attitude is that our money ought to be focused and effective."

A leading Democratic plan contains some of Bush's tax elements but also includes expansion of unemployment benefits and a federal match for COBRA health insurance policies to allow more workers to qualify for Medicaid along with $35 billion in tax cuts.

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School crime drops in four-year period

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

School crime dropped slightly between 1995 and 1999, with the proportion of students saying they were victims of crimes dropping to one in 12, the government says.

More students feel safe at school as well, according to a report released by the Education and Justice departments.

The percentage of students who said they were threatened or injured with a weapon at school in the past 30 days dropped from 10 percent in 1995 to 7 percent in 1999.

Thirty percent of students said drugs were available on campus — 2 percent fewer than in 1995.

Ken Trump, a Cleveland school safety consultant, said school officials have been doing a better job in recent years of balancing prevention programs and crime intervention.

But he said the dropping crime statistics may not be entirely accurate, a notion supported recently by a school police officers' group.

An annual survey by the National Association of School Resource Officers found that 84 percent of officers said crime on campus is underreported to police. Curt Lavarello, the group's executive director, said principals are doing a better job of minimizing crime statistics at their school.

As a result, he said, they often refer to assaults simply as fights or thefts as missing property — even when $150,000 worth of equipment disappears.

Lavarello also questioned the government's report's assertion that 43 percent of schools reported no crimes to police in 1996-1997.

"I've yet to meet the school administrator who has zero crime," he said.

Bush steps up effort to inform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House is intensifying its information-war, sending officials to London and Pakistan to counter the Taliban's anti-American statements and to explain the anti-terrorism fight to foreign audiences.

Terror, run by one of President Bush's top advisers, comes as Bush prepares for speeches and events next week to bring Americans up to date on the bombing in Afghanistan and the fight against anthrax.

The two separate endeavors reflect a desire by Bush and his team to improve their public relations operation amid increasing questions about the Afghanistion war and the government's response to the anthrax scares.

Karen Hughes, counselor to the president, said military officials, diplomats and communication specialists from the administration will be dispatched to Pakistan and a White House aide will go to London to broaden the public relations campaign. They will respond to news developments and pilot long-term communication strategies that bolster the coalition's image.

"This will allow us to respond more frequently to misinformation put out by the Taliban there," Hughes said.

Karen Hughes

presidential counselor

Bush adviser Karl Rove and Mary Matalin, adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, are part of the strategy team, which will hold daily conference calls, Jim Wilkinson, a communications specialist who works for Hughes, will run the new communications headquarters in another building adjacent to the White House.

Another idea is to organize speeches in the region that highlight U.S. humanitarian offers and make the case — oft repeated by Bush — that the United States is fighting terrorism, not the Muslim religion.

Hughes said she also would like to get the word out to Muslims that many of their clerics denounce terrorism.

The effort stems from a conversation Bush had with Hughes shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York. He asked her to think of ways the White House could counter anti-American sentiments in the Muslim world.

As a result of that conversation, Bush has urged American children to donate $1 to Afghanistan's poor and has urged children from bush nations to become pen pals. He also has met with Muslim leaders.

"Separately, White House officials say the president will soon become more involved in explaining his views to the American public. Since his address to Congress last month, Bush has let his Cabinet and top advisers do the bulk of the information work, particularly on the anthrax cases.

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**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Virgin unveils bulletproof doors**

**+ Pilots concerned that new doors will not improve aircraft safety**

Associated Press

Virgin Atlantic airlines unveiled its first bulletproof cockpit door Wednesday on a jumbo jet renamed "The Spirit of New York" to honor the thousands killed in the World Trade Center attack.

Airline chairman Sir Richard Branson called the armor-plated door a "necessary safety change" after the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings that destroyed the twin towers and part of the Pentagon.

The door is designed to withstand small-arms fire and intense heat and shock, with a digital lock and a steel deadbolt.

Virgin's entire fleet will undergo the upgrade at a cost of $3 million, an airline spokesman said.

Virgin flight crews are being trained by British special forces in an effort "to make sure that what happened in the U.S. does not happen here," Branson added.

The first plane refitted with the door is a Boeing 747, renamed "The Spirit of New York," scheduled to ferry British emergency workers to New York to help in the recovery effort.

British Airways announced Tuesday that cockpit doors on all 340 of its jets will be fitted with a full-length metal armor plate.

But the union representing airline pilots said it was concerned about the new security measures.

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"After all, the cockpit doors on the four airliners taken by the terrorists on Sept. 11 were all locked."

**Saudis issue order freezing terrorist assets**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Saudi government has issued an order to freeze assets of people and groups suspected of links to terrorism, cooperating with the U.S. campaign to disrupt terrorist financing. Bush administration officials said Wednesday.

President Bush has ordered the freezing of U.S. assets of six individuals and organizations suspected of conducting or financing terrorism.

The U.S. government is in a delicate situation in its relationship with Saudi Arabia. The longstanding ally sometimes seems reluctant to be a full partner in the U.S.-organized anti-terrorism coalition.

Saudi Arabia is believed to be the home of at least half of the suicide hijackers and other suspects in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was pleased with the Saudi order. "Everything we have asked them to do they have done," he said at the State Department.

If the United States needs more from the Saudis it will ask, Powell said.

The information about Saudi Arabia came as a 29-nation task force, which had met in a two-day emergency session in Washington, announced it had adopted measures to disrupt terrorists' financing.

The measures include imposing anti-money-laundering requirements on nonbank financial systems, such as the informal "hawala" network of money brokers believed to be used by the al-Qaida network of Islamic militant Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The actions by the task force "could potentially save thousands of lives," said Jimmy Gurule, the Treasury undersecretary for enforcement.

He said they show "the kind of cooperation and international teamwork necessary to shut down those who perpetrate acts of terror against us and other law-abiding nations."

The group does not plan to discuss until June, however, possible penalties against countries that fail to cooperate in the effort against terrorist financing.

Saudi Arabia "has cooperated" with the U.S. financial action against terrorism and has issued an order to block the assets, Gurule said.

Asked whether the Saudi government had actually blocked assets, Gurule replied, "I think what's most important is cooperation. In some cases, it may be more desirable to keep bank accounts open and monitor them as part of an investigation, he said.

Treasury officials say 152 countries have pledged cooperation with the U.S. effort. Of those, 81 have issued asset blocking orders, including Saudi Arabia.

The orders freeze the assets and prohibit citizens of those countries from doing business with the named individuals and organizations.

An official said Wednesday that the Gulf Cooperation Council, of which Saudi Arabia is a member, had said in mid-October that its member nations were issuing blocking orders.

The U.S. list of terrorist-linked individuals and organizations includes Yasin al-Qadi, who heads the Saudi-based Mowafac ("Blessed Relief") Foundation, which U.S. officials describe as an al-Qaida front that transfers millions of dollars from wealthy Saudi businessmen to bin Laden, a Saudi exile.

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Sept. 11: A Catholic perspective

The attacks on Sept. 11 have raised a wide range of questions. One is "What difference does a Catholic perspective make?" There are a number of differences as well, and it is worth indicating some of them.

1. Less initial surprise. Absent specific intelligence information, no world-view could have predicted the attacks. However, a Catholic perspective might be more attentive to a number of the factors that contributed to the motivation to carry them out.

Catholic social teaching stresses that all persons, groups and states are deeply "interdependent" in a "universal common good." This contrasts with a view that emphasizes the autonomy and self-interest of nation-states. With this latter view, as long as no one is overlying interfering with our self-interests, then there is little to worry about.

War here is simply the absence of overt conflict. In the case of the United States, this view has been reinforced by historical circumstances. We have had unrivaled power, an economic boom and have not had a war on our soil for some time. The 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Africa caused almost no psychological ripple in the American public or even among the key public officials.

A view that emphasizes interdependence in a universal common good would have been concerned about a variety of factors that contribute to animosity and often lead to conflict. Pope John Paul II writes, "If the social question has acquired a world-wide dimension, this is because the demand for justice can only be satisfied on that level. To ignore this demand could encourage the temptation among victims of injustice to respond with violence, as happens at the origins of so many wars. People excluded from the fair distribution of goods originally destined for all could ask themselves: why not respond with violence to those who treat us first with violence?"

Economic disparity is far from a complete explanation of events, but it is an aspect to which a Catholic perspective pays attention. If peace is not merely the absence of overt conflict, but rather a quality of interdependence - "a right relationship" - then the rich-poor gap in role in contributing to violence is an ongoing concern wherever that gap is manifested.

2. More restrained initial response. In a New York Times column Thomas Friedman wrote, "We have to fight the terrorists as if there were no rules." Friedman's view is that there is what Michael Walzer calls a "supreme emergency."

There is a threat in Walzer's words, "is everything dear in our lives." We have a case of necessity, and "necessity knows no rules." Walzer used the concept of supreme emergency to justify the carpet bombing in World War II and the deterrent threat of nuclear annihilation.

The events of Sept. 11 and after fall to meet the criteria. Over 6,000 lives lost is severe, but most of us in most ways go on about our lives as before even if we take a few more precautions.

More importantly the idea of supreme emergency is objectionable on religious grounds. The just war tradition and the limits it puts on the use of force is in part a statement that we are not God and are not without limits.

The idea of supreme emergency is idolatrous. It makes a proximate good - our nation or way of life - into an ultimate good. The language of "cruise" and "Operation Infinite Justice" early on the administration's response were evidence of just such an idolatrous view.

3. Firmer grounds for condemning the attacks and responding. My own understanding of the just war tradition is that it may not only permit the use of lethal force against the Taliban and the al Qaeda network, it may require it if all other means of conflict resolution prove not to be adequate.

However, a Catholic approach would have firmer grounds for making the case because of its greater sensitivity to non-combatant immunity. The Sept. 11 attacks were particularly abhorrent because noncombatants were targeted.

The United States, however, has a history of targeting noncombatants directly (carpet bombing, Hiroshima and the structure of nuclear deterrence) and of calling "indirect" killings those that are more appropriately understood as direct. Between 500,000 and a million Iraqis, most of them children, died of diseases and malnutrition directly attributable to the U.S. targeting of water supplies and infrastructure.

Greater integrity in world conflicts will require greater sensitivity to the effects of war on noncombatants. This is particularly difficult to do in the kind of conflict in which the United States is presently engaged.

The temptation is to lessen the just war restrictions. It is a temptation that must be resisted.

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Is excessive tailgating a problem at Notre Dame? Vote at NDToday.com by 5 p.m. today.
I’ve never been one of those girls who fixes on athletes. I’d say the closest I’ve ever come was a reasonably strong desire to meet Joey Getherall last year because I knew him by face. In any case, he was 5-foot-8 or something and played college football. I’m 5-foot-1, so I have a special place in my heart for short guys. Overall, I just never been that into the football team as guys are. I’m glad they are, but I’m not out to date them. I’ve heard girls joke about trying to date all the football players, but I’d going to pick a group of guys to date all of. I’d probably pick the Glo Club. Guys who sing, that’s for me. Nevertheless, I’m aware that I’m a very small minority (it’s pretty much just me) when it comes to appreciating men who sing. Most women are all about athletic guys. In fact, there’s a particular football player on campus — we’ll call him, oh, how about “Bucky,” a purely fictional name. The reason I’ve been told to have inspired quite a female following.

I know two girls, one junior and one freshman, who are fixated on Bucky. Last year, the junior, Marie, was completely terrified of Bucky’s sort of big, as most football players are, and bears a striking resemblance to a certain group of ancient warriors, who may or may not be the Vikings. She spent the first half of the season last year terrified of our Bucky. She’d tell me every time she saw him, along with a description of the object terror she had felt. But somehow, as happens to so many women, her terror morphed into a strong desire to marry Bucky and bear his children. In about three days she went from a strong desire to run whenever she saw Bucky to a strong desire to invite him back to her room. This led to a number of strange behaviors on her part. A possible example may be that one of the Irish insiders last year may have had Bucky on the front, which may have led her to creating Bocky shrines, one inside and one outside her room. This was sort of interesting, because Bucky’s girlfriend at the time may have lived in the same dorm she did, leading Marie to fervently pray she would never walk by her. How exactly does one explain that to an irritated girlfriend? This also led to a disruption in our timing for dinner. The football team ate dinner at 6:45 p.m. last year, I think, which meant I had to, too. This, of course, was to increase the likeliness of a Bocky sighting for the day, and it was successful. Plus, we got to find out every day what Bucky was having for dinner, and if that’s not interesting, then what is?

It’s particularly fun when Marie eats dinner at the same time as the football players but with people other than me. I’m used to rearranging my life around Bucky, but other people are generally less so. The other day, Marie met a nice new boy at dinner with Bocky. So she then proceeded to force him to switch her places at the table so she’d have a better view of Bocky. Then Bocky went to get some ice cream, and Marie forced this new boy to escort her to the ice cream machine. This led to a situation so lonely near Bocky, and she didn’t actually get any ice cream. This nice new boy thinks she’s crazy.

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**Movie Review**

**Jack the Ripper goes to 'Hell'**

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

"From Hell," the latest film to deal with the murders committed by Jack the Ripper, is based on a detailed comic book written by Alan Moore that reads as a revisionist history of the famous East End strangler. Moore himself as an artist rather than a historian, consequently taking historical fact and blinding it with fiction of the imagination to concoct a new identity for the killer.

The directing team of Allen and Albert Hughes (The Hughes Brothers) follow Moore's cue, concentrating on telling a good story than getting the facts right. "From Hell" tells the fictional account of the Ripper's pursuer, Inspector Abberline (Johnny Depp). Abberline and the murders with his help of his psychics intuitions, which are coerced by a steady diet of Laudanum (a poison that contains strychnine) at the Whitechapel district of London's East End, among other things (Heather Graham). Mary and Abberline team together in hopes of keeping her and the other prostitutes alive. Meanwhile, the Nicholas Anchor Club broadens its reach. accost Mary and her friends for protection money while at the same time the girls try to unravel the mystery behind the sudden disappearance of their friend Alice and her husband. The Hughes Brothers step away from the previous black urban films — "Menace to Society" and "Dead Presidents" — to give Ripper his first major cinematic birth. In doing so, they bring the romanticized criminal into a Kafka-esque setting of 1880s London. The streets are slicked—soggy, the fog is heavy and the alleys are in empty spaces. The Brothers show, with their stylized sets, that the Whitechapel district was the perfect setting for corruption, prostitution and murder.

Jack the Ripper is one of the most fascinating characters of the 19th century. And part of that fascination stems from the fact that the Ripper's true identity, to this day, unknown. Before modern scientific techniques made fingerprinting possible, it was necessary to catch a murderer in the act. The Ripper works quickly, removing organs and entrails in rapid-fire succession with mind-boggling precision in the dark of night. These facts consumed the curiosities of Londoners, because the Ripper was the first serial murderer in a new age of mass newspaper distribution and a litigious general populace.

The directing team of Allen and Albert Hughes bring all these characterizations to their Ripper, respecting his social significance although at the same time betraying the facts of his real identity. The directors primarily focus on the brightening fears of an already xenopho-bic London population, with the Ripper threatening the stability of the monarchy with his dashingly wars and elusive nature. The movie's underlying theme suggests that Jack may not "give birth to the 20th century" but will instead challenge the assumptions that the London upper class make of his identity. Jack made it unsafe to assume anything about his social, economic, or ethnic class because of the ways in which he operates.

Suddenly, the Ripper's victimology causes the magnifying glass to swing over the British elite (especially those with a keen knowledge of anatomy), making the monarchy quite uncomfortable. Jack has succeeded in doing more than just committing murders: he has obligated the British upper class to drop their pretentious self-denying charades and examine their roles for a possible murderer.

The Hughes Brothers have pieced together a compelling horror flick with a new custom order to add to the Ripper Ripper. Propelled by Johnny Depp's wonderful acting, intricate scenery and a dark brooding sensibility, "From Hell" is a much-appreciated addition to this Halloween season.

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**Movie Review**

**Old-timers clash in the 'Castle'**

By CHRIS SIKORSKI
Scene Movie Critic

You look at any castle, and it has four things: location, walls, garrison and a flag. The difference between most castles and this one is that most are built to keep people out; this one keeps people in.

So begins "The Last Castle," a prison drama directed by Rod Lurie ("The Contender") and starring Robert Redford and James Gandolfini (TV's "The Soprano"). The opening narration sets the metaphorical tone for the entire movie: are the inhabitants of this facility soldiers, political prisoners? General Eugene Irwin (Redford) is a decorated three star general who is court-martialed and sentenced to a prison ruled with an iron fist by Colonel Winter (Gandolfini).

Their first meeting effectively sets the stage for the two gentlemen. Winter states to a subordinate, "they should be nailing a base after him, not sending him here.\" Irwin, however, loses the warden's admiration when Winter overhears him telling the same subordinate, "any man who has a combat memorabilia collection like that has never set foot on a battlefield."

An unpretentious officer at first, the former general soon finds a prison population suffering from injustice and starved for leadership. Reluctant to resume any sort of command, he initially declines prisoners' pleas for assistance. After seeing examples of Winter's tactics, however, he leads the inmates in an all-out revolt.

"The Last Castle" is reminiscent of "The Shawshank Redemption" in that the introduction of a prisoner with a "tainted" status in the outside world leads to an ultimate conflict and irreversible change. However, the movie forges its own territory, blending elements of a stereotypical prison movie and a political war movie into a final product that is not forced or formulaic.

While some aspects may seem cliched the comparison of men to chess pieces, the redemption of an unsavory character in battle, male bonding among former adversaries), the strength of the acting and the dialogue result in an intensely escalating storyline and a thrilling climax.

The big-name stars are of an older generation (possibly why this under-hyped film had an insubstantial opening weekend box office take). While Mark Ruffalo ("You Can Count on Me") gives a worthy performance as an amoral bookie who has personal reasons for dismantling the former general, Gandolfini and Redford are the real draws, portraying grizzled veterans of very different sorts.

Gandolfini brings depth and menace to his role as a dictatorial prison warden, fleshing out a character that could have become a one-dimensional caricature in the hands of a lesser actor. Redford confidently steps into the part of a former leader whose蝗命 trans­formation into calculated determination and an unbeatable mesh. The conflict between these two leaders resembles two opposing political views of terms of war, rather than a warden speaking to a prisoner. The hostility between the two is palpable, and eventually the viewer begins to wonder exactly who embodies the greater power: Irwin, with his loyal army of prisoner-soldiers, or Col. Winter, with his cadre of prison guards. The individual clash of wills foreshadows the escalation into a final war.

Rod Lurie lends both subtle and heavy-handed elements. Some sweeping, dramatic camera work reinforces the captive status of the prison's residents and emphasizes the insignificance of individuals within its walls. However, on the whole, things seem to tie together just a little too neatly and conveniently. It's enjoyable, if you suspend your notion of disbelief.

Lurie, a West Point graduate, relies heavily on the code of honor, loyalty and respect to color war perspective of the characters' interactions. This is a kind of stuff of great war films, but not necessarily great movies.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Comic ‘World’ of teenage angst

By MATT NANIARomeo Movie Editor

After suffering through an endless parade of summer movies geared towards teenagers who like to have their “American Pie” spoon fed to them, along comes “Ghost World,” an edgy, uncompromising, darker comic film that defies tradition and convention.

Based on the comic book by Daniel Clowes, “Ghost World” puts the modern disenfranchised teen under a microscope, and what we see is a world filled with uncertainty and doubt.

Thora Birch and Steve Buscemi are two outsiders in the satiric drama, “Ghost World.”

The real problem with “K-PAX,” located a 1,000 light years from Earth. Jeff Bridges plays psychiatrist Dr. Peter Proctor, who is assigned to figure out what is wrong with Prot. Difficulties arise when Bridges is unable to discover anything wrong with the new patient.

Perhaps that is what drew Enid and Seymour together in the first place. They are as different as night and day, but these opposites hold an attraction that transcends conventional romance.

“Ghost World” is funny — the film doesn’t wrap up in a pretty little bow with a conventional feel good ending. It’s challenging, and any film and filmmaker that cares to lay down that challenge warrants respect and admiration.

If your tastes lean more towards “Election” and “Bushmore” than anything starring Shannon Elizabeth, then “Ghost World” will satisfy you with its audacity and daring. Look for it in Chicago-area theaters and on video in the future.

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By MARK P. NELSON

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“K-PAX” treads water. It has some ambition, but hits too many false notes. The film doesn’t stir the viewer’s emotions, it only slightly nudges them. “K-PAX” benefits from being a more accurate description than art (at one point she praises a brown-noser student for being an intellectual who cares to lay down that challenge warrants respect and admiration.

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character. The film is too much about him than Prot, who is far more interesting to focus on. And, simply put, Bridges is not the right actor for the part. He wears a dead-to-the-world look in every movie. Bridges as the timeless Dude in “The Big Lebowski” is funny — the fact that the Dude had not changed in years was much more of a joke in that film. In “K-PAX,” his possible encounter with an extraterrestrial supposedly changes his character’s life, yet he has the same lifeless expression on his face and in his eyes.

Dowell’s wife (Mary McCormack, “Private Parts”), constantly frets about him. She worries that he is too dedicated to his work. In the end, not much changes, yet she somehow seems to think that a wonderful transformation in their marriage has taken place.

Prot lives with quite a cast of characters in the psychiatric institute — “characters” being a more accurate description than persons. Each of his fellow inmates has an outsider trait that the audience is supposed to recognize. Many of these trains can be seen in other films, notably “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.”

In particular, Spacey is drawn to a fellow patient who does not speak, much as Jack Nicholson’s McMurphy is drawn to the silent Chief in “Cuckoo’s Nest.”

The music in the film functions mainly as a distraction. One sharp mind included Elton John’s “Rocket Man.” What a surprise.

But “K-PAX” does have some excellent ideas. One of Prot’s major claims is that every person has the potential to better himself, also, this interesting idea is stylized by 120 minutes of Bridges’ extremely static character. If the events of a film do not even move the main protagonist, how can they move the viewer?

The film sells short the many thought-provoking insights Prot suggests. It never really drives into the questions it poses.

At one point, Prot explicitly refers to Christ and Buddha, just as he is implicitly suggested to be living a life along the lines of those two figures. Unfortunately, the film comes plausibly, but not satisfyingly.

At the end of the film, Prot has come to a believable conclusion; Bridges’ psychopath has not. The change that Prot supposedly advocates to Dowell is neither sold to him or, consequently, the audience.

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OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Sunday Bowl champs are ready to make their move. A year ago, the Baltimore Ravens entered November just one game over .500 and looking very little like a playoff team. But virtually duplicated that success this start season, they’re seeking an identical finish.

"Now is the time when the cream rises to the top," tight end Marshall Sharp said Wednesday. "Every now and then you get a couple of teams that get off to great starts, but you know it’s not for real and they fall by the wayside. Teams that are for real find a way to sustain the growth they started in September and October.

That’s precisely what Baltimore did a year ago. After a three-game skid left the Ravens 5-4 on Oct. 29, they closed the regular season with seven straight wins and breezed through the playoffs. If the formula for success requires struggling through the first two months of the season, then Baltimore is right on course.

The Ravens were in danger of falling under .500 before rallying to win seven of their last nine games and place at left defensive end by Sean Gilbert.

"We’ve got to get the mindset and the players know as much. We have a bit of a history in November and December, so I’m hoping to draw on that," he said.

The schedule sets up well for a second-half surge. After the Ravens play the Steelers and Tennessee to close out November, five of their final seven games are at PSINet Stadium, where Baltimore has won eight straight.

"It takes it out of you, playing on the road so many times," defensive tackle Tony Siragusa said. "Guys are tired of traveling. It’s been tough to get out of it. But maybe in the second half of the season, when we’re more familiar with it, we will be a lot more refreshed." The Ravens went 2-1 in October, which is a whole lot better than last season, when they were 0-4 in November and December.

"October has been a shaky month for us the past couple of years. But we still managed to get into the playoffs, said Siragusa. "You’ve got to get better every game, and I think we are. We’re just trying to follow what we did last year. Improve every game, get the wins in the barn, then keep going.

It should be easier this season, because the Ravens have history - and their reputation - to build on. The Ravens may not get back their starting quarterback for the year.

"We’ve got to get the mindset back that we’re the Baltimore Ravens, we’re a great defensive team and we’re winners," tight end Travis Taylor said. "We were at a low point, so we’ve got to get back the attitude that we need."

"That’s OK, because the Ravens are just getting started. That’s precisely what Baltimore has been doing all this time. We’re still a young team, a lot of things to prove ourselves."

The Ravens are soundly defeated in Cincinnati and Cleveland, and now concede that Pittsburgh, their opponent Sunday at the RCA Dome, is the team to beat in the AFC Central. That’s OK, because the Ravens are just getting started.

"The way we practice in training camp is the way we practice during the regular season," Head Coach Mike Nolan said. "Try to be ready to be trying to be fresh in November and December.

The technique has produced the desired results.

"We’re going to find out if we’ve built this November and December," head coach Brian Billick said.

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Ravens get ready to fly

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers defensive end Jay Williams lashed out at the team’s coaching staff Wednesday, saying he wants to play every down or play somewhere else.

Williams, who led the team in sacks last season with six, was benched last week against the New York Jets and replaced at left defensive end by Sean Gilbert.

"When they told me about the change last week, I felt like I was smacked in the face and spit on," Williams said. "I felt like I wasn’t given the opportunity to show what I could do."

Williams started the first six games for the Panthers in left defensive end, but recorded just 16 tackles and made eight tackles mostly - and first on second downs. He said he agreed to play for Carolina after the 1999 season because the Panthers offered him an opportunity to be an every down player as left defensive end.

"Now he feels misled," Marshall said. "I mean, how can I not feel that way? When I got here, all I asked for was the opportunity to start," Williams said. "I didn’t care if I started as long as I got the opportunity to prove myself, the starting job, that’s all I cared about." The Carolina Panthers are 6-4 and the defending NFC South champs. "Now is the time when the

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Saturday's Gospel

GOD'S ATTENTION TO US...

Does God Check Email?

by Frank Santoni, Assistant Director, Special Projects

I have a confession to make: I shirk time at work by writing personal notes to friends and family every morning before I do any of work-related activity. It's true, I can't deny it. Each day, when I get to work at the Coleman-Morse Center, the first thing I do is check my email. I watch impatiently while the blue status bar pushes its way across the screen as it finds each new email message that awaits me. I fidget, listening for the loud beep to signal "You have new mail" as dozens of new missives fill up my In-Box. I scan the list for familiar senders' names and click eagerly on each discovery. For the next half hour or so, I systematically reply to each personal message, one by one.

There you have it. It's off my chest and with the number of priests around campus I hope I might have a good chance at atonement before the end of this column.

It's old news that email has changed the way we communicate, the way we work, even the way we live. We've all heard, before the advent of this instant form of communication, the chicken soup variety sent by family and friends. My attachments folder bulges with powerpoint presentations of interviews with God and religious digital pictures.

All this email talk got me wondering. If email is so convenient and so pervasive, and if it's already improved the way I stay connected with the people I love, then wouldn't it stand to reason that I should get God into my address book? I mean, doesn't God have to account for? And if he does, how often does he reply to his messages? Knowing that kind of info would come in very handy since I have a lot of questions and several requests. Just think of the possibilities. Daily emails would surely speed up the process of getting answers from the Almighty. If I had a problem in the morning I could shoot off an urgent email to God and get an answer by lunch.

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Trying to reach God via email proved to be a frustrating endeavor. I was met with no answers and only more questions. I imagined an efficient back and forth between me and God. Come to think of it, that could easily describe all the other methods I use to try to reach God, too. My litany of questions and requests is often lengthy, but the time I give God to reply is always short. I list all the important people in my life, throw in any major life issues and conclude with a general request for abundant blessings.

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Bears defense points on board

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill.
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"Right now it's big for us," McQuarters said of the Bears' ability to score on defense. "Not only are we talking about it, we're actually going out and doing it.

The Bears (5-3) have six takeaways through their first six games and have converted those into 31 points, including the three TD returns.

"We emphasize it every time we get a turnover in practice. Every time a defensive player has the ball in his hands, he has that aggressiveness and we're trying to score." Brown said.

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But big bounces also help.

"To win a championship you have to have some bounces, so if we have enough bounces, great, I'll take them all year," defensive coordinator Greg Blache said.

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NCAA to change scholarships

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

The NCAA's Board of Directors is expected to make a decision Thursday on a new basketball scholarship rule that has upset coaches.

The proposal would place a two-year moratorium on the so-called "5/8 rule" that prohibits schools from awarding more than five scholarships in any one year and no more than eight over a two-year period. It also would increase the two-year limit to nine.

"They at least did admit their mistake, to a degree," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "The biggest mistake was doing something at all."

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Jordan falls prey to series

TV ratings for return much lower than baseball

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Michael Jordan had no chance against the World Series. About 13 million more U.S. TV homes tuned in to see the New York Yankees play the Arizona Diamondbacks than watched Jordan's first game with the Wash-ing-ton Wizards on Tuesday night.

Fox's broadcast of the Yankees' 2-1 victory over the Diamondbacks in Game 3 of the World Series was watched by more than 16.2 million television households. About 3.3 million saw the Wizards' 93-91 loss to the New York Knicks on TBS.

The baseball game produced a national rating of 15.4 with a 24 share, 24 percent higher than the rating for Game 3 between the Yankees and Mets last year. That helped the current Fall Classic move well ahead of the record-low pace in 2000-01, and more than doubled what TBS drew for its season opener last year between the Knicks and 76ers.

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The TBS rating still tripled what CBS averaged for NBA regular season broadcasts in 2000-01, and more than doubled what TBS drew for its season opener last year between the Knicks and 76ers.

The baseball game produced a national rating of 15.4 with a 24 share, 24 percent higher than the rating for Game 3 between the Yankees and Mets last year. That helped the current Fall Classic move well ahead of the record-low pace in 2000-01, and more than doubled what TBS drew for its season opener last year between the Knicks and 76ers.

Jordan, who is making his second return from retirement, will go head-to-head with baseball again Thursday.

Last year's World Series, also on Fox, was the worst-rated ever, averaging a 12.4 rating and 23 percent share from 1999 and 12 percent from 1998's previous record low.

Sunday night's Game 2, which Arizona won 4-0, drew a 15.0/22, making it the fourth most-watched program last week, trailing only "E.R.", "Friends" and "CSI." Fox is in the first season of a $2.5 billion, five-year contract with baseball.
Owners ratify agreement

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

NFL owners on Wednesday ratified a three-year extension of the labor agreement that will assure the league of labor peace through the 2007 season assuming that the players ratify it.

The agreement was agreed to in principle in June by the NFL Management Council and the NFL Players Association and would be the fourth extension of the original agreement reached in 1993. The league's last labor-related interruption was the 1987 strike.

Among the still-to-be-resolved issues before the agreement can be ratified by the players is how much of the NFL's increased security costs the union will pick up, and how the league and the players would divide any losses if games are canceled by unforeseen events such as the terrorist attacks.

The terrorist acts led the NFL to extend labor agreement for more catches

earlier, Tagliabue said, "We think the cost of that should be split with the players association under the CBA in some way and not borne entirely by the owners." Tagliabue would not estimate how much of the additional security is costing each team or the league, but suggested it would be substantial, especially during the postseason.

The owners, meeting in Pittsburgh, also heard a detailed presentation Wednesday on security for the Super Bowl on Feb. 3 in New Orleans.

"It will be the most secure game played in the history of the league," Tagliabue said.

The collective bargaining agreement extension would push the salary cap through 2006 and would carry beyond the NFL's $17.6 billion television contract, which has four more years to run past this season.

Under the proposed extension, players could receive an increase in salary to as high as 65.5 percent of designated gross revenues in 2005.

Veteran players also would have a portion of their salaries paid out of a league-wide fund instead of counting against the salary cap.

One of the criticisms of the current agreement was it gives too little security for higher-paid veterans to hold their jobs.

Minimum salaries would increase to $225,000 for rookies and will go up to $300,000, $375,000 and $450,000 in subsequent seasons. A $525,000 minimum would apply through six seasons, with players in their seventh through ninth years guaranteed $650,000.

For 10 years or more of service, the minimum would be $750,000.

The owners also talked about the NFL's TV contracts, which have four more seasons to run past this season.

Tagliabue said there was no discussion of any givebacks to rights holders CBS, Fox, ABC and ESPN despite a downturn in TV advertising revenue since the terrorist attacks.

"We're not considering any givebacks to anybody... We kind of looked ahead, knowing what the rights obligations of the networks are to us," Tagliabue said. "But we didn't reach any conclusions and we're not going to rule one way or another based on two months of experience."

Despite the economic downturn, Tagliabue said NFL merchandise sales are double what was projected before the season.

FRIDAY

Philadelphia

Freddie Mitchell was supposed to give Donovan McNabb a much-needed threat at wide receiver. He's barely been on the field with him.

Mitchell, selected with the 25th pick in April's draft, has just two catches in his first six games with the Philadelphia Eagles. But coach Andy Reid may be ready to call the rookie's number more often.

"We're to that stage now where we're easing him in, easing him in and easing him in, and with that, he's asked to learn the whole package," Reid said Wednesday. "He's getting close to that point where he should get in there and execute. He just hasn't been in there to do that, every route against every coverage and so on."

Mitchell, a flashy receiver out of UCLA, had 77 catches for 1,494 yards and nine touchdowns last season. He was the fifth receiver taken in the draft, and the highest selected by Philadelphia in 17 years.

But Mitchell hasn't been able to beat out Na Brown for the No. 1 pick is supposed to go in the draft, and the highest selected by Philadelphia in 17 years.

Mitchell realize expectations were high when he was drafted. But he isn't disappointed.

"The No. 1 pick is drafted on potential," Mitchell said. "A lot of people think the No. 1 pick is supposed to go in and play right away. That's not the case. You're drafted on potential and ability."

The main concern for rookies is learning the intricacies of a complicated West Coast offense.

Mitchell played in a variation of it at UCLA.

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New York

Tino Martinez made his first hit of this World Series count.

With New York down to its final out in Game 4, Martinez connected for a game-tying, two-run homer in the ninth inning off Arizona closer Byung-Hyun Kim to help the Yankees beat the Diamondbacks 4-3 in 10 innings Wednesday night.

Martinez had been hitless in nine at-bats in the Series against Arizona's tough pitching and the Yankees had scored only four runs before his big shot helped turned the momentum and tied the Series at two games apiece.

New York didn't win it until Derek Jeter's solo shot in the 11th. Martinez was one of the first Yankees to pour out of the dugout to mob Jeter at home plate.

But the celebration wouldn't have been possible without Martinez, who made sure his career in with the Yankees will last at least until a Game 6 in Arizona.

Martinez is in the final year of his contract and his future in New York is in doubt. The Yankees have been grooming top prospect Nick Johnson to take over at first base and also might be interested in signing reigning AL MVP Jason Giambi.

But Martinez is making their decision difficult, leading the team with 34 homers and 113 RBIs in the regular season.

He has been a steady presence in the lineup since replacing fan favorite Don Mattingly after the 1995 season.

Booed at first, Martinez quickly won over the fans and has been one of the key players in the Yankees' run of four World Series titles in five years.

He has hit 183 homers for the Yankees in the regular and postseason — including a grand slam that turned the tide in Game 1 of the 1998 Series against San Diego — but none was bigger than his shot against Arizona.

Trailing 3-1 entering the ninth, the Yankees were looking at a 3-1 Series deficit. With the tricky, side-arming Kim on the mound, their chances didn't look good even after Paul O'Neill's soft single with one out to left field.

After Bernie Williams struck out, Martinez walked to the plate. He didn't want to deliver, hitting Kim's first pitch deep to center field over a leaping Steve Finley to tie the game and send Yankee Stadium into a frenzy.

O'Neill wildly pumped his fist when the ball cleared the wall.

The rest of the Yankees leaped out of the dugout in excitement and greeted a smiling Martinez after he touched home plate with the tying run.

Yankee Orlando Hernandez and Diamondback Erubial Durazo watch as Yankees catcher Jorge Posada tags out the Diamondback's Tony Womack in the fifth inning of New York's win against Arizona to tie the series at two.
Barbour promoted to associate athletic director

Sandy Barbour, in her second year as a member of the Notre Dame athletic administration staff at Notre Dame, has been promoted to senior associate athletic director at Notre Dame. She served as athletic director at Tulane from 1996-99, joined White's staff as associate athletic director for compliance and administration at Notre Dame in the summer of 2000. She continues to oversee the areas of eligibility, interpretations, compliance education and NCAA certification — and now has additional senior level responsibilities while assisting in the day-to-day operation of the department.

She is the sport administrator for women's lacrosse, men's and women's cross country and track and field and supervises the athletic training and strength and conditioning units. She also assists White with administration responsibilities for women's basketball, football and the men's basketball programs.

"Sandy is a highly seasoned and skilled athletics administrator," says White. "Over the years, Sandy has always found just the right way to articulate both the departmental and university-wide mission and, more importantly, she has provided leadership and managerial ability to bring the expressed vision to reality."

Barbour was appointed athletic director at Tulane when White left to become director of athletics at Arizona State University.

In her first year, 1996-97, Tulane won four conference titles, a feat never before accomplished in the history of Tulane athletics. In 1998, the football team posted a perfect 12-0 record and won the Liberty Bowl with a victory over Brigham Young, while the Green Wave captured six conference titles, another school record.

One of eight female athletic directors at Division I-A schools at the time, Barbour was chair of the board of directors of the National Association of Collegiate Women's Athletics Administrators.

In her associate's role at Tulane, she oversaw all matters related to internal operations, including supervision of intercollegiate programs, compliance with NCAA and Conference USA rules, academic student life, business affairs, facilities and recruiting.

Barbour was part of the administrative team that navigated the successful transition to Conference USA and helped the school maintain one of the top Division I-A graduation rates.

As senior women's administrators at Tulane, she worked with 2000 seniors and 710 undergraduate students and oversaw 15 Olympic sports.

A native of Annapolis, Md., Barbour spent seven years at Northwestern University prior to joining the Tulane staff.

At Northwestern from 1982 through 1989, she began as assistant field hockey and lacrosse coach and director of athletic recruiting services, then in '84 became assistant athletic director for intercollegiate programs, overseeing 15 Olympic sports.

Born Dec. 2, 1959, Barbour is a 1981 honors graduate of Wake Forest University with a degree in physical education.

A two-sport athlete at the school, she was the captain of the field hockey team and a member of the women's basketball squad.

Barbour earned a master's degree in sports management from Massachusetts in 1983 and received an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1991. In '97, she was named Massachusetts' Distinguished Alumnus in Sports Management.

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game at point guard last year for the Irish and now works in Notre Dame's sports information department in addition to being a member of the International Select All-Star team.

"I miss him — I really miss him," Bray said. "I'm thrilled to coach Chris Thomas and nurture a talented young guard, but Martin and I were on the same page from day one. They played a little bit in pickup before. Will be up age the better of youth?"

"I'll be a little different seeing Martin on the other team," Graves said. "He knows our tendencies and we know his tendencies."

But more than anything, the Irish are looking forward to playing against someone other than themselves. And they're not going to be blowing off tonight's game — Bray and Graves both said it's a valuable opportunity to see how the team looks this early in the season.

"After two-a-days, you get into the dog days and you do need to play someone else," he said. "Beating on each other is one page from day one. They had a talented young guard, but Martin and I were on the same page from day one. They played a little bit in pickup before. Will be up age the better of youth?"

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"After two-a-days, you get into the dog days and you do need to play someone else," he said. "Beating on each other is Getting a little old. I'm looking forward to Thursday when we're all sitting on the bench together and starting to look at ourselves against some outside competition."

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Dineen took her last look at a collegiate volleyball court as a player on Tuesday, along with defensive specialist Denise Langolis and middle hitter Jolie LeBeau. Senior outside attacker Angie Meyers was unable to finish her senior season due to a knee injury. Although Tuesday's game wasn't a victory, Dineen was satisfied with the way the team played as a solid way to finish her senior year.

"I think we really came together as a team against Alma and all the games were really close," she said. "We played really well, so it was a good way to finish the season on a high note."

Although Alma held the lead during most of the match, the Belles did manage to keep things close until the end.

"It was actually pretty much back and forth," Dineen said. "They would get ahead and we would battle back and get it close. It was pretty back and forth."

It was ultimately the Alma defense that brought home the win for the Scots. Despite a varied Saint Mary's offensive attack, the Alma defense refused to allow the Belles to score points and preserved the win for the second-ranked team in the MIAA tournament.

"Alma has really good defense," Dineen said. "They got a lot of our digs and tips. We tried to mix things up on defense and they always seemed to be right there."

Junior Elizabeth Albert and freshman Alison Shvirk led the Belles attack. Albert made 12 kills and 19 digs during the game while Shvirk made nine kills and 25 digs.

"Everyone really stepped up and really played their position to the fullest," Dineen said.

Alma will continue in the playoffs and face off against Calvin on Friday in the semifinals.

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Irish score Big East honors

Special to the Observer

Two members of the sixth-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team were recognized by the Big East Conference for their contributions to last week's wins at Yale (2-0) and at home versus 23rd-ranked Michigan. Sophomore forward Amanda Gueritin was named the Big East offensive player of the week while fifth-year defender Monica Gonzalez was recognized as the league's defensive player of the week.

In other news, Notre Dame moved up from eighth to sixth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, edging past Nebraska, Penn State and St. Mary's (Calif.) while Portland vaulted from 10th to fourth.

North Carolina remains first in the poll, followed by four teams from the West region: Stanford, Santa Clara, Portland and UCLA.

Gueritin extended her goalscoring streak to five games, after recording both Irish goals at Yale and scoring in overtime to beat Michigan. She has scored four of Notre Dame's last five goals. Five of the last seven and six of the last 10-with her season totals including team bests in points (24), goals (9) and game-winning goals (4).

Gonzalez earned her second Big East defensive honor in the last five weeks, after helping the Irish allow just one goal, 10 shots (only four on goal) and one corner kick during the week. The versatile veteran continues to excel at her new central defender position, where she has played since late September after playing mostly outside back in the Irish defense during 2000 and the first month of 2001.

Notre Dame players have combined for seven Big East weekly awards this season, with junior Vanessa Pruzinsky and senior Liz Wagner named the defensive player and goalkeeper of the week after the season-opening wins over Penn State and Hartford while senior midfielders Mia Sarkesian was the offensive player of the week after scoring gamewinners versus Nebraska and Northwestern. Sophomore forward Amy Warner was named the league's offensive player of the week in mid-October, after totaling three goals in wins over St. John's and Miami.

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the Irish for the Class of 2001 was Belles senior midfielder Joelle Jolie LeBeau. Senior Denise Langolis and middle attacker Angie Meyers hit it off with Jolie LeBeau. Senior Danielle Dineen said.

"They would get ahead and we would really play our positions," Jordan said. "We had a good combination of players and we had a great back line." The defense, Jordan said, was good during most of the match, the Belles attack. Albert made 12 kills and 19 digs during the game while Shvirk made nine kills and 25 digs.

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ND University of Notre Dame
**Irish look to avenge bad pool, memories**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

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And there’s one more problem. Too. It was the only site where Notre Dame lost a dual meet last season.

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But this evening’s competition in West Lafayette, Ind. will likely be a different story. For one thing, Notre Dame will have the chance to compete in Purdue’s new $17 million aquatic facility, the replacement for the 60-year-old pool that was closed at the university earlier this year.

And the Irish swimmers — who’ve had this date circled on their calendars since last year’s loss — won’t be underestimating anyone on the Purdue squad.

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On paper, the Irish match up against Purdue, with a solid advantage in both sprint and distance events. The toughest match-ups will be in the breaststroke and backstroke events, where senior backstroker Kelly Hecking will have her hands full with Purdue junior Lisa Dolansky, and senior breaststroker Alison Lloyd will face difficult competition from Purdue junior Lindsay Lange.

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And if just beating their rival wasn’t enough motivation, the Notre Dame women have one more goal going into tonight’s competition, too. They want to make their mark on the new pool.

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**ND AFTER FIVE**

**Thursday, Nov. 1**

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open House, College of Eng. 1st Year Students, DeBartolo 101
5:00 p.m. “The Economic Causes and Consequences of the September 11 Attacks”, a Panel Discussion analyzing the after-effects, Hesburgh Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Film, Malena, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library
7:00 p.m. Professor Thomas Noble speaking on “Saint Willibrord and All Saint’s Day”, DeBartolo 131
7:30 p.m. Men’s Basketball vs. International Select, Joyce Center
8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert, Washington Hall
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Trip to Bendix Woods/Hayride, Contact Rec Sports
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop In Lacrosse, Rolfs
8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
8:30 p.m. Bonfire, Holy Cross Hill
9:00 p.m. Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:00 p.m. Movies: America’s Sweethearts and The Exorcist, DeBartolo 101 and 155

**Friday, Nov. 2**

6:30 p.m. Trailblazers Social Hour, LaFortune Notre Dame Room
6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner with Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Center for Social Concerns
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Football Pep Rally, Joyce Center (student doors 5:30 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Trailblazers Panel Discussion with ND Alumni, LaFortune Student Center, Notre Dame Room
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop In, Badminton, Rolfs
7:30 p.m. Movies: America’s Sweetheart and The Exorcist, DeBartolo 101 and 155
7:30 p.m. Men’s Swimming & Diving vs. Tennessee, Rolfs Aquatic Center
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**Saturday, Nov. 3**

7:30 p.m. Movies: America’s Sweetheart and The Exorcist, DeBartolo 101 and 155
7:30 p.m. Men’s Soccer vs. Syracuse, Alumni Field
8:00 p.m. Abundence of Flava, BCAC talent show, Washington Hall
8:00 p.m. Folk Choir Concert for the Missions, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke in the Huddle, LaFortune Student Center
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A glimpse of the future

Promising Thomas takes court for first time in college

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Editor

He's quiet, but doesn't hide his excitement. He's reserved, but knows his talent. And he's anxious, but at the same time, radiates confidence.

Tonight, the Chris Thomas era begins as Irish fans get their first glimpse of the freshman point guard in his first collegiate game as the Irish host the International Select All-Star team in Notre Dame's first of two exhibition games.

"I'm just looking forward to that whole atmosphere," he said. "I haven't been in a place where it's this big with this many fans."

Thomas, a McDonald's All-American and Indiana's Mr. Basketball, enters Notre Dame with the highest expectations of Irish fans for any freshman since Troy Murphy arrived three years ago.

"I'm very excited to see Chris out there," said Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey. "He's quiet and stay out the way, but he's quiet, but doesn't hide his excitement."

But with senior tri-captains David Graves, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan joining junior Matt Carroll in the starting lineup, Thomas feels much more comfortable having that experience surrounding him.

"They're so mature about the whole process, with bringing me into the system and accepting me as my point guard," Thomas said. "The biggest thing was them trusting me with the ball, and I think they do.""He doesn't try to do too much out there, and he looks for other people to help him out," Graves said. "Usually, you want a freshman to be quiet and stay out the way, but he's been a major part. He's kind of a quiet leader out there.

Irish fans got an early glimpse of Thomas' athleticism when he won the slam-dunk contest at Midnight Madness earlier this season. And while Brey said he expects to see his young point guard make early turnovers that he wouldn't make later in the season, he's not going to waste time trying to tell Thomas every little thing.

"Chris Thomas is at his best when he's instinctive and reacting to the game and playing with a free mind, and we as a coaching staff are going to try to let him do that," Brey said. "My theme is when you have good players, let them play. He's going to learn some things, and there's some things he's going to learn the hard way, but he has to be allowed to be daring, when he's daring, he's really good. Chris Thomas is at his best when he's instinctive."

It's ironic that the first college point guard Thomas will face is Martin Inglesby, who started every game in his first four years with the Irish. Jordan has become a regular in the offensive guard rotation with 24:49 of playing time in 2001. He's made appearances in four games this year and, according to Irish head coach Bob Davie, he's earned every opportunity he's received.

"I told him when he recruited him, I sat him down and said, "You're going to have to be patient and nurture him," Davie said. "You're going to have to work for everything you get. You know, let's face it, you're going to have to be in some ways an overachiever, not because you don't have enough athletic ability but because you are under-sized. You're just going to have to outwork everybody.""

For five years Jordan put in his time in the weight room and with his playbook to improve. Through his dedication, he has become one of the most reliable players on the offensive line.

"He knows how to get it done," Irish center Jeff Paine said. "He doesn't look like the most dominant player but he gets it done ... He has a lot of experience and knows what is going on.

"But at the same time that Jordan worked hard on the practice field to improve, rumors swirled that he only received his scholarship because of his influential father. The rumors began even before Jordan enrolled. In the Feb. 6, 1997 edition of The Observer, each football player signing with the Irish was good competition for us and I felt like we finished the season with our heads held high.

The Scots took the match in three close games, winning 20-25, 20-23, 30-24. The Belles contributed their strong performance to heightened communication, a part of their game that has been weak all season.

"I think we communicated well to each other," senior Jaime Dinesen said. "We've been working on that all season and I think it came togeth­ er in the last game."