Student participation historically low in municipal elections

By LAURA VILIM News Writer

Municipal elections for such offices as mayor, council and city clerk will be held in counties across Indiana. Despite the fact that such races in non-presidential election years tend to receive low voter turnout. Of the three levels of elections that are held in the United States — municipal, state and federal — municipal, or local, elections historically have the lowest voter turnout. There is also a particularly low percentage of young adults who vote in their local elections, especially for those who are enrolled in college or working in a job away from home.

For students at Notre Dame, several factors contribute to this lack of participation in municipal elections. According to assistant professor of political science Louis Ayala, coverage of the politicians who are running for office is usually limited to local newspapers, a resource that few students have access to while living hundreds of miles from home. Local television stations have only recently devoted part of their daily news to election coverage, but even this information is typically not enough for a voter to make an informed decision about a particular candidate. In addition, even with access to information about the candidates, it is difficult to locate where and when students can vote in elections in a town they now call home only three months out of the year.

Another factor that keeps students from the polls is the general lack of information about polling places, dates and times that voting is available and the intricacies of absentee ballots. Several students interviewed on campus were unaware that elections were being held today, others were unfamiliar with the term "municipal elections." Many students said they are unsure of when and where elections are held every first Tuesday of November, but decided not to vote in this particular race.
Impossible dream?

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You'd better know damn well what I'm talking about, eh? Well, without further hemming and hawing over the matter, I might as well confess it's sleep.

Have you ever met someone who said they needed to sleep LESS? I don't believe I have, and I doubt you have either.

Unless, of course, you're a close personal friend of a giant panda. In which case I don't particularly want to know any more details. I've had athing against being stuck in the face with bamboo.

In this day of 24-hour news channels and tabloid magazines, CNN and the National Enquirer, maddening energy levels are at an all-time low. It's hard to take time out for things that really matter.

I suppose right about now you're ready to put the paper down, expecting some pith on the value of getting a good night's sleep. Well, you'd normally be correct, judging from this space's usual occupancy (or For Rent sign blowing in the breeze, whichever you prefer).

Right now, though, I really don't care. I'm going on about four hours of sleep in the last forty-eight and, I've had so much Starbucks that I'm thinking of opening a Siegfried Hall franchise. Ah, the joys of PLS.

No, really, I love PLS, and that wasn't supposed to be a snide joke aimed at business majors either — another difference between me and the Energizer Bunny that is the campus dead horse of all jokes. It's just that sometimes, I really question my sanity — especially at 3 a.m. when things still aren't done. Like this column, for example.

I'm fully expecting the great newspaper god to fly down out of the sky and smile me dead with a charcoal-smears on my forehead, but that's just my beauty of it. I know he's not out of some desire to see my own words in print, not out of some desire to see a certain configuration of letters on my report card, but out of, ah, what, let's be honest: adenalin and caffeine. Probably in some proportion that would make my normal quite geriatric family doctor turn the air blue.

There's no moral to this story, there's no lesson to be learned. It is, maybe that makes me happy. Maybe I need this or that or the other, but then again, maybe I just need to cover my television set with Crisco and heave it into one of the lakes.

If you ask me, the probabilities are just about even...
Members adopt new bylaws, name Council of Representatives

By MATT BRAMANTI

Executive Cabinet members met Monday evening to discuss their new bylaws, which shake up the composition of the broad-based committee. Under its new bylaws, which were adopted unanimously, the body will now be called the Council of Representatives, reflecting its composition of members from bodies across student government.

A key change to the bylaws allows for four members of the Student Senate to receive voting seats on the new council. Student Body President Pat Hallahan said the addition of the senators allows the council to more directly represent the concerns of students.

"It increases representation across the board," Hallahan said.

The new bylaws also eliminate several positions from the council. Chairs of the six Club Coordination Council divisions will no longer sit on the Council of Representatives, though the CCC president will remain a voting member. In addition, the Student Union Board director of programming will no longer be a council member.

Hallahan said the new arrangement is more fair to all student constituencies. "Their voices won't be lost — they'll be heard through the heads of their organizations," he said. "There's no real loss and a lot of gain," he said.

Several amendments were added to the new bylaws. Tai Romero, SUB director of programming, proposed an amendment making Council of Representatives meetings open to the public.

The council approved the amendment without objection, reversing an April decision to close the Executive Cabinet meetings. Other amendments clarified the definition of a quorum and mandated that members give three days' notice before bringing new business to the council.

The council also voted to meet twice a week for the rest of the semester, in order to allow enough meeting time for a successful transition to the new constitution.

"We don't want to lose this momentum," said Charlie Ebersol, SUB manager.

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Undergrads often uninterested in academia

By JOE TROMBELLO

A combination of parental expectation, career choice and conversations with faculty members outside of the classroom that do not focus on the world of academia may explain why Notre Dame students said there is a general stigma about entering into higher education, some undergraduates said.

Although many students said faculty members are often willing to meet with them during office hours, they also said that conversation topics are often about class-related matters and not about academia in general.

As a result, and by choice, students know little about entering into the field of academia. Many said that because of parental sacrifice and a deeply-instilled work ethic, they think that students are uninterested in becoming professors.

"I feel intimidated," said senior biology major Jessica Campbell, "because [professors] are so busy. I just feel they don't have time. Notre Dame is such a big research university, I've gotten the impression that teaching is not what they want to be there for. I would just rather not bother them," she said.

Students also said they usually attend office hours for a specific purpose — with a question about a test or a lecture — rather than simply to talk to professors about issues unrelated to class.

"I am goal-oriented, and if I'm going to meet with a teacher, information that I expect to get is going to be on the test," Webster said. Students also said their parents instilled in them a strong work ethic, and they recognize that their parents often make financial sacrifices for them to attend Notre Dame. Because of these factors, students said they do not often consider entering academia and becoming professors, as they feel obligated to graduate with a "firm" career path in mind.

"We are heavily weighted toward the corporate world and the career world here," Eric Wooldridge said. Some also said that perceptions of academia and a general lack of knowledge about what professors actually do might cause an unfair stigma towards becoming one.

"Maybe a lot of students don't know what it [academia] entails and bear, 'You'll be in the lab all day' — which can maybe cause a stigma," Campbell said.

Robert Gibbs, a finance/psychology major, said that parental influence may also lead students to choose a major that satisfies their parents and may lead to a financially successful career. However, he said this perception probably extends to the general college population as opposed simply to Notre Dame.

"I think there might be pressure felt to choose a major based on what [would give] a comfortable living because ... your parents have sacrificed to put you through college," he said. "I think a lot of people choose majors based on that — they feel like they owe it to their parents."

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to see that what we are learning in class has practical applications," she said.

The Honors Perspective

Like other Notre Dame students, undergraduates in the University's Honors Program and those recommended for prestigious scholarships like the Rhodes said they tend to engage in intellectual discourse outside of the classroom and little difference between themselves and the rest of Notre Dame undergraduates.

"It's not a division between Honors Program students and non-Honors program students," said senior Mary Mullen, an honors student and Rhodes Scholarship candidate, "it's a division between people whom academicians consider to be as important as Rhodes scholars.

"I just think that because I'm really interested in academics and in making the most of my four years here...I have gone to a lot of the lectures," she said.

Mullen also said she has found the ability of Notre Dame students to integrate academic issues with their conversations to be an impressive quality.

"The percentage of people who talk [about academics] outside of class is really high at Notre Dame. The way that people think, I'm pretty impressed with all the time. How people in normal conversations can tie it [academics] in is really incredible," she said.

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Municipal elections tend to draw less attention from the public sector because, often, none of the highly dramatized events that occur on the state or federal level is present among local candidates.

Ironically, local issues are not thought to be as important as some of the debates occurring on the federal level, even though attending to local issues would affect more citizens than would national issues.

He said students and faculty might be motivated to vote more often if they keep in mind that beneficial changes in their everyday lives cannot occur if they do not let their politicians know there is a problem.

"There are [one] complaint[s] that there are not enough fun things to do in town, or that the roads...bear up your car, or that you wish downtown had more diverse entertainment options, remember that municipal elections play a large part in deciding these questions," Apal said.

"If you want the city to be more responsive to your needs and wishes, you first need to register.

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“Everyone’s excited about the new season,” Tarnowski said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Spain closes border with Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR — Spain briefly closed off its border with Gibraltar on Monday while a cruise ship with some 2,000 passengers, including several dozen sickened by a highly contagious stomach virus, docked at the British territory.

The 13-hour border closure — the first in nearly two decades — angered London which called the move unnecessary, and temporarily kept several hundred people from entering the tiny territory from Spain. Spain and Britain regularly disagree over the sovereignty of the once-strategic military post.

The British-owned Auriera, which was denied entry to a Greek port on Friday because of the illnesses, docked for 11 hours at Gibraltar. About 50 passengers stayed on board while the rest of the passengers, mostly Britons, were allowed to go ashore.

Sumatran park, town hit by flood

BUKIT LAWANG, Indonesia — A torrent of water, mud and logs swept through new towns, with the vast wildfires that ravaged parts of Southern California all but extinguished.

Dozens of inns and restaurants that line its banks were destroyed.

"No longer will our state and local parts..." - Associated Press

AGHANISTAN
Draft constitution made public

KABUL — Two years after the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan’s government unveiled a historic draft constitution Monday, aiming to east aside a quarter-century of conflict and create an Islamic state under a powerful presidency.

The draft makes Afghanistan an Islamic republic, but stops short of imposing the harsh brand of Islamic law favored by the Taliban, and for the first time enshrines a permanent role for women in governing the country.

Still, turning the document into guarantees of equality, liberty, dignity and free speech into reality in a country lacking all of them will be a singular challenge for President Hamid Karzai and future Afghan leaders.

The draft, containing 160 articles in 12 chapters, is to be presented next month for approval at a constitutional loya jirga, or grand council, of some 500 delegates from across the country. National elections would then be scheduled in June.

The document was the result of a year’s work — and months of delay — reflecting up divided and fierce back-room struggles inside the member Constitutional Review Commission.

The most dramatic change from earlier drafts was the omission of the post of prime minister and concentration of power in the president who will be commander in chief of the military, have the power to appoint one-third of the parliament’s upper house, and to name police and national security officials.

Extending that centralized power to Afghanistan’s provinces and patchwork of regional allegiances and ethnic groups — where warlords rule feudal princes in areas that seem frozen in time — will be the constitution’s true test.

"The degree of centralizing that you see here is for the time being simply wishful thinking, unless there’s going to be a change of the balance of power between the center and the provinces," said Vikram Parekh, senior analyst on Afghanistan for the International Crisis Group think tank.

"Frankly, I don’t see in the near term how that’s going to be implementable.

The draft’s first article declares “Afghanistan is an Islamic Republic,” an indication of how the government’s desire to bring the country together under the banner of Islam, practiced by almost all Afghans.

The religion of Afghanistan is the sacred religion of Islam. Followers of other religions are free to perform their religious ceremonies within the limits of the provisions of law,” the draft states, according to an English translation provided by the government.

At a ceremony at the Presidential Palace, red-band copies of the draft constitution were handed to former King Mohammad Zaher Shah, President Karzai and Lakhdar Brahimi, special envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

I hope this will be acceptable for the people and will direct people toward peace, security and democracy," said the 88-year-old Zaher Shah.

The constitution accords for the former king the ceremonial title of “Father of the Nation.” But it has no provisions for the monarchy to continue after his death — an issue that could be contentious in southern regions loyal to Zaher Shah.

Many feared a strong prime minister could have emerged as a political and military rival to the president, a major concern in a country that has known little but war for the past generation. Much debate focused on limiting the powers of that position the commission decided to drop it entirely.

Nayamatullah Shahrani, head of the Afghan constitutional commission, presents a copy of the Afghan draft constitution to former King Mohammad Zahir Shah as President Hamid Karzai looks on, during a ceremony in Kabul Monday.

REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS
State applies for terrorism funds

INDIANA — President Bush is mulling through a rescue program for states that will provide more than $44 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to train emergency responders who would be the first on the scene of a terrorist attack.

Most of the money — nearly $24 million — will go toward helping state and local law enforcement and emergency personnel pay for planning, training and equipment for first responders.

Another $10 million will help law enforcement, firefighters and governments combat terrorism, particularly attacks involving weapons of mass destruction.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said that for the first time, agencies can apply for grants through Homeland Security.

"No longer will our state and local partners have to go to different places within the department to find out how to apply for..." - Associated Press

ISRAEL
Foreign reporters to need ‘accreditation’

JERUSALEM — Israel will force journalists to undergo stringent checks by its Shin Bet security service as a requirement for accreditation, the head of the Government Press Office said Tuesday.

Israeli and foreign journalists criticized the measure as an attempt to inhibit the work of the press as a nucleus.” - Associated Press

Free security checks

Most journalists who cover Israel are accredited under the new system, which called the move unnecessary, and temporarily kept several hundred people from entering the tiny territory from Spain. Spain and Britain regularly disagree over the sovereignty of the once-strategic military post.

"I am sure that [the Shin Bet] have inform the press office if they pose a..." - Daniel Seaman

Citing security concerns, Government Press Office director Daniel Seaman said he decided to hand a list of more than 17,000 accredited journalists to the Shin Bet for security checks beginning Jan. 1.

Until now, only Palestinian journalists were checked by the Shin Bet, Seaman said. Under the new policy, Israeli and foreign journalists will also have to go through a security check, although it will not be as thorough as that given to Palestinians, he said.

"That is unfair to other journalists who provide a..." - Daniel Seaman

Seaman said that after journalists are accredited under the new system, the Shin Bet will evaluate them and inform the press office if they pose a threat.
Prize winner speaks on classical architecture

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF

Leon Krier, renowned architect and first recipient of the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture's Richard Driehaus Prize for Classical Architecture spoke Monday at Washington Hall on the subject of classical architecture and the modernist movement.

The lecture began with a brief introduction by architecture professor Richard Iaconomos. "Krier challenged us to examine the disposable society we promote," Iaconomos said.

The "disposable society" is one riddled with the confusion of modernism, he said. Krier advocates a return to the classical and traditional elements of architecture.

The dominant factor in architecture, Krier said, is a structure's surrounding geography. "Architecture is the response of the human psyche and human needs to the geography," he said.

As proof of this point, he included references to the similitude of all buildings in mountain ranges and those in river valleys. During the course of the lecture, he spoke of what he called the tragic demise of classical architecture, saying that he believes that modernism is too contradictory and confusing. Modernism, he said, dictates that buildings should be built "in the spirit of the time." However, Krier said that the spirit of the time is only known in the long run. He said that he witnessed the destructive effect of the modernist movement first-hand while living in Luxembourg.

Krier's most prominent work is the town of Poundbury in Dorset, England. He has also written many books, including Architecture: Choices or Fails.

Known as the godfather of the New Urbanist style of architecture, he was present with the Driehaus Prize for his works, both written and architectural, as well as the teaching positions he has held throughout his career.

The Driehaus Prize is presented to the person who makes a significant contribution to the field of classical architecture. Krier is the first person to receive the award, which was bestowed on March 22, 2003.

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A woman who wants to take the GED is in need of tutors in math and spelling. She is available before 10:30am and after 7:45pm any day of the week at her house. Contact Cassandra Robinson at 251-0325 or 232-8808 between 11am-7pm (pays zero and ask for English). One Time Opportunities
An elderly man with a large yard needs help raking leaves. He has the rakes and bags, and leaves could be raked either on a Wednesday or Friday. Contact Alex LaBanco at 256-9806.

New Childrens Defense Fund Chapter Formed

A campus Chapter of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has been formed at the University of Notre Dame. CDF is a 30-year-old national organization which has a mission to "leave no child behind and to ensure every child a healthy start, a head start, a fair start and a moral start."
The goal of the group is to "inform, educate, and motivate" students on the issues that are facing the youth of this country. Through lectures and events hosted by CDF, the student group intends to engage the community to become more socially aware on issues that children are facing, to become informed on policy issues, and to be motivated to act accordingly.
The Notre Dame Chapter of CDF received university approval in the Fall 2003 after senior Dennis Barret returned from a semester studying in Washington, DC. As an intern with CDF, Dennis saw a need to increase awareness of social issues, particularly those dealing with children.

Contact Maureen Carney at Carney.136@nd.edu for more information.

Seminars and Programs

Take the Urban Plunge

Immerse yourself in the realities of urban poverty. The Urban Plunge is a one-credit experiential learning course scheduled for a 48-hour period during winter break. The deadline is November 7. Dowload an application and learning agreement at http://centetforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/academic/urban_plunge.html

Summer Service Project Internship

Applications are now available for the Summer Service Project Internship. SSPI is eight weeks of volunteer work in service agencies serving disadvantaged people during the summer months.

Information meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7pm in Morrissey Hall. Students from SSPI '03 will talk about their experiences. See posters in your Halls for more information. Contact: Sue Cunningham (cunningham.5@nd.edu), Director Summer Service Projects, Alumni Relations with questions.

Hispanic Leadership Intern Program

This is an eight-week immersion into the Latino community of metropolitan Chicago. Intern with one of five community agencies. Application deadline is November 19. Contact Colleen Knight Santoni (knight.28@nd.edu) with questions.
Thomson SA, and TCL International Holdings workers to move to startup company will have the scale it needs to be venture that they hope will eventually become a Chinese television giant.

The deal is not expected to affect Thomson's

employment. The SEC's Boston office announced he was leaving "to minimize any further distractions for his staff."

According to recent news reports, an employee of large mutual fund company Putnam Investments seeking to expose abuses at the firm was brushed off by attorneys in the SEC office as general go-getting

receives hearing from Massachusetts securities regulators.

There were also industry casualties: California's chief executive, Lawrence J. Lasser, is stepping down following the filing of civil fraud charges against the firm and a slate of new top officials is being appointed at the nation's fifth-largest mutual fund company, the firm's parent company announced Monday.

Richard Strong, chairman of Strong Mutual Funds, also resigned amid multiple inquiries into his personal trading of the company's funds. But Strong stays as a board member and as chairman and CEO of Strong Capital Management, the invest­

ment arm of Strong Mutual Funds.

Regulators said a Senate hearing that fundamental changes are needed in the way the $7 trillion mutual fund industry operates and governs itself. That's in addition to stiff penalties and wrongdoers, they said.

The SEC found, for example, that a quarter of the nation's largest broker-age houses helped favored clients illegally trade mutual funds after hours. That finding moved Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R­Ill., to ask: "We're talking about serious, wholesale criminal violations coming to light, aren't we?"

Fitzgerald is chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee examining the burgeoning mutual fund scandal and the regulators' response. A House panel is also holding hearings this week on the debacle, which has tarnished the reputation of the industry and among brokers.

The SEC's enforcement director, told the subcommittee he wanted to emphasize that we will aggressively pursue those who have violated the law and injured investors as a result of illegal late trading, market timing, self-dealing or any other illegal activity we uncover."

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**Supreme Court to hear HMO case**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it will use the case of a Texas woman whose Health Management Organization (HMO) gave her only one day in the hospital to recover from a hysterectomy to clarify when patients can sue health insurers for denying treatment that a doctor recommends.

The facts of Ruby Calad's case go to the heart of many patients' frustrations with managed care plans, which save money by limiting coverage for expensive procedures.

"That is the quintessential HMO horror story," said George Parker Young, Calad's lawyer. "They gave her one day after major female surgery," even though her doctor object­
ed. "It kind of sums up (patients') worst fears about HMOs."

The court also agreed to hear a companion case from Texas involving a post-polio patient required to use a cheaper pain pill than his doctor had recommended. Juan Davila claims he suffered bleeding ulcers and nearly had a heart attack.

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**New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, left, speaks to Mary Schaprio, Vice Chairman of the National Association of Securities Dealers, prior to a Senate com­mittee hearing.**

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I have always felt like a person without a past. Unlike people who can trace their families back to some far away time and place. I am unjustly ignorant of my cultural identity. Due to two of history's greatest crimes — Middle Passage and the enslavement of Africans — breaking the African-American Legacy of my ancestors and history. Because of this void, I decided to venture on a CSC Seminar to the South Carolina Sea Islands and learn about the Gullah people — a rare group of African-Americans. The Gullah people are ancestors of West Africans, stolen in the Middle Passage and brought to the United States. In an early headhunting exercise, the traders noticed these people from countries along the coastline including Sierra Leone, Senegal, and Liberia to practice efficient methods of cultivating rice. Thus, traders tore countless Africans from their homes, languages, cultures and families to both enhance effective growing techniques and exploit the people for slave labor. The African-Americans who survived the high concentration of disease and cargo (people) dumps of the Middle Passage had a greater evil waiting for them — slavery.

The story of the Gullah people in the Sea Islands is one of unique characteristics compared to other plantation experiences such as the South. Due to the tropical climate conditions and malaria, whites could not settle on the islands and impose the typical violence-based plantation dynamic. Therefore, African people worked in rice fields with little influence from whites. In these conditions, cultural attributes of West Africa such as the craft of sweetgrass basket-making survived, while aspects were blended among the community with the new environment. The Gullah language consists of a mixture of words from various African tongues, European languages of slave captors and English; with its own unique syntax and structure. After the Civil War, the newly freed peoples of the Sea Islands bought and maintained the land of their captivity since the property was a proxy of and no value to whites — yet. Unfortunately, within the last 50 years, the Sea Islands have transformed from an intolerable living area to a glamorous gateway to a luxury development. Now the culture-crushing tactic already dished out to African-Americans during slavery times is being served up big time to the Gullah People. Every aspect of their culture stands at risk of annihilation. Building companies working to conserve the ecological paradises like Hilton Head, Kiawah Island and Sea Islands reservoirs knocked down Gullah people walls and directly approached land holders and basically bammboozled them out of their land. Either by flashing a suitcase full of dollar bills or presenting perplexing contracts of sale, developers snatched up land to erect golf courses, vacation homes and gated communities. Now sweetgrass basket makers have to buy the needed grass from Florida because chemicals used in the upkeep of resorts and golf courses kill the crop. So, "No Trespassing" signs and people from that land who belonged to a people stolen for slavery and oppressed in freedom.

Alexandria Scott, a sophomore major, would like send some love to the Observer."
Oxford achieves synthesis of old and new

Walking the streets, I have come to notice more often the contrast, the anachronisms—cranes dissecting beside old stone monuments, bulldozers belching diesel smoke past green, manicured lawns, yelling workmen and scurrying dawn. Oxford is not so important for what it was, but for what it is still is, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

First, let's look at student life and then I'll meander into a more meditative look at Oxford.

Allow me to correct a misconception that I reported in the last column. From what I have seen of student drinking here at Oxford, there is not the culture of binge drinking that is so prevalent at Notre Dame. While the Oxford students on average probably drink the same amount of alcohol as their counterparts under the Dome, the atmosphere here is more open, tolerant and embracing of the drinking culture, and so students seem to drink not to get drunk, but for the pleasure and enjoyment of alcohol. The Notre Dame community can learn much from the healthy way that alcohol is embraced at Oxford.

Second, there are so many more opportunities to relax and talk at Oxford than there are at Notre Dame. For example, there are dozens of small, ethnic restaurants throughout the city, serving food in casual environments perfect for chatting and lazing away the weather (which, to be honest, really isn't that bad). One of the other Domers here succinctly summed up the differences between South Bend and Oxford

...while we were dining at a fancy Italian restaurant: "Did you guys know that the Olive Garden voted the best restaurant in South Bend?"

Also, New College has its own beer cellar adjacent to the dining hall; how many dorms at Notre Dame have their own bars? (Actually, I shouldn't ask that question, since I'm from Zahm; how many dorms have their own legal bars?)

Life here, is, for better and worse, much more laid back, much more relaxed, off-cuff. Oxford students reflect the European ethos; they don't seem to have the driving zeal of so many Americans (and Notre Dame students in particular).

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The academic system here, as I have written previously, is as different from Notre Dame as night from day. First off, I have no classes. None. I have two academic obligations over the course of the week: one hour-long tutorial on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. Oxford is unique, in all of higher education, its emphasis on individual interaction between mentor and student, and in the maturity that it assumes from every student. My teachers assign me a list of problems; some are mandatory, others optional, and I am sent off into the blue yonder in search of solutions.

When I do finally return with answers is when the fun begins. For example, when my mathematics tutor and I sit down to discuss, he begins by folding his hands, staring out the window for what could be three or four minutes, saying a sentence, deliberating over every word, weighing every syllable, and then frowns his brow when I respond. This continues for an hour. At which point, having exhausted what knowledge I had gained over the week, I am sent once again in search of answers to finely crafted questions.

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But, as at Notre Dame, most of my time is spent in my hall (or College, at Oxford). New College is universally regarded as one of the most beautiful colleges, with good reason. When New College was built in the middle of Oxford's late-14th century red-light district, part of the agreement was that the College would maintain the walls. And so it has preserved, these many years, its medieval wall: the stairs that lead to the archer posts, the turrets and crenellations, the gargoyles struggling to emerge from the rock face.

What characterizes Oxford as an institution is the balance, the tension between the old and the new. As Susan Sontag professed in her acceptance speech of the Friedenspreis, "old and new are the perennial poles of all feeling and sense of orientation in the world." And Oxford is constantly trying to synthesize the two, to reconcile tutorials with higher expenses, decaying buildings with diesel, liberal education with science. Oxford is a place where the past meets the future, and this is the bond between Oxford and Notre Dame: the attempt to preserve while innovating.

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Letter to the Editor

Dorm rivalries taken too far

On the night before Halloween, students from Keenan Hall participate in a traditional community service event known as the Keenan Great Pumpkin. As a symbol of our pride and commitment to the event, the men of Keenan hang a huge wooden sign in the shape of a pumpkin that reads: "Coming soon, the Keenan Great Pumpkin." During the Great Pumpkin, students from Keenan and other dorms take young children from the local Boys and Girls Club trick-or-treating at all of their dorms.

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Editorial Cartoon

Bush's Dream

The Observer
By MATT FREY
Scene Editor

Jenny McCarthy and Pamela Anderson: together for the first time on the big screen. Could my life get any better?

Yes. The movie could have been rated R. You may have heard of Scary Movie or even Scary Movie 2. Those infamous scary movies with no plots and too many laughs to count. The commercials promised much of the same in Scary Movie 3: it's a shame those commercials had every actual joke in them. All I got from this movie was a headache from the 30-year-old man sitting one row over.

I must admit the raunchy and albeit satirical humor did make even this cynical boy crack a smile, ever so slight it may have been, but the movie itself was just okay. Only 85 minutes long, this movie was run-of-the-mill at best. Although the Wayans brothers are credited with creating several of the main characters in the film (see the Coors Twins), the movie lacked the usual hilarious comedy stars of the past such as the Coors Twins. The Wayans brothers are those infamous film goers who make even this cynical movie fan chuckle. (Tear drop). In fact, this is a movie that can wait until it comes out on video. In fact, it can wait until it is on the five for five for five list. You know — five movies for five days for five dollars... what a deal for all your dull classics. In the Wayans' defense, I know they tried, but the not-so-original Priest, Michael Jackson and violent humor has run its course. So, have some money, buy a stick of gum at the Huddle and continue on your merry way. We all know that SUB will have it cheap in the spring.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Third time not quite the charm**

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Imagine yourself sitting on a jury, evaluating and deciding the fate for another human — or, in the case of this movie, an office shootout. The Runaway Jury, you must decide whether a gun production company is at fault for an office shooting. What would you do to influence your decision?

Other people?

Runaway Jury features an all-star cast to round off a great plot line. When a promising businessman (Dylan McDermott) is murdered during an office rampage, his widow hires Louisiana lawyer Wendell Rohr (Dustin Hoffman, with little to do) to take on the gun manufacturer who supplied the weapon in the first place. Looking to buy its way out of a huge settlement, the gun corporation hires a shady character named Rankin Fitch (Gene Hackman) to sway the verdict their way by manipulating the jury.

When Nicholas Easter (John Cusack) is selected to serve on the jury, Fitch and Rabbit soon learn that Easter is engaged in his own jury tampering, with the help of a mysterious outsider (Anna Paris). Runaway Jury takes moviegoers back into John Grisham's thrilling ups and downs of the lives inside a controversial courtroom. All the favorites from Grisham's novels can be found in this intriguing and engaging film, the courtroom villains, the easily swayed hand of justice, chases, intrigue and the nicest, most honest lawyers that seem to only exist in print or in the movies.

The film is one of the better Grisham adaptations from novel to the big screen. It is light and keeps audiences on their toes, much like The Rainmaker and The Pelican Brief. The film arms itself with a terrific cast and a willingness to keep the momentum going.

In wrapping this book for the screen, the biggest change is the reason for the trial. In Grisham's book, it was a suit against a big tobacco corporation. The film hinges on the issue of gun control, taking on a very topical subject that provides urgency where a trial about tobacco could not provide. This urgency pushes the movie along and adds much to the plot, keeping audiences on the edge of their seats for what might happen next.

Hackman beautifully stars as the manipulative man of the movie, coupled with the high levels of enthusiasm for the role. Hackman dominates the screen during his scenes and convinces the audience of not only the reality of the situation, but also the urgency involved in this controversial court case.

At the conclusion of the movie, as I surveyed the audience, all I could see was the nervousness in their faces as the verdict was about to be delivered. After all the blackmail and bribery throughout the entirety of the plot, the verdict was predictable and a sigh of relief was felt after it came out. This movie was full of thrills, twists and turns. It provided two hours of thought-provoking entertainment. If you are at all into court cases or John Grisham, be sure to see Runaway Jury.

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**Hackman headlines stellar cast in engaging film**

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By TIM MASTERSON
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One billion dollars.

The overwhelming box office returns for the sequels of The Matrix have already grossed over a billion dollars, and with The Matrix: Revolutions due out this Wednesday, Matrix fever is starting to spread across the globe. Larry and Andy Wachowski, who have already established an empire of merchandise, from video games to comic books, and are poised to make even more with the release of The Matrix Reloaded on DVD.

Reloaded picks up where the first film left off just half of the way through the story. This scene sets the stage for the second installment to the Wachowski brothers' science fiction trilogy of films. The matrix left off and is only half of the final chapter to save humans from destruction.

Hollywood injects Christmas cheer into holiday season

MTV Movie Awards Reloaded, featuring spectacular performance by Will Farrell as the film's character, the architect. Unless French subtitles and Matrix interpretations are found somewhere, none of the actors will be able to get past the rest of this disc.

Although some, myself included, may find some elements of Reloaded to be less than stimulating, it is overall a thrilling film and a great gift for friends and family this holiday season. Let's hope that the entertainment should do, Reloaded succeeds in leaving the viewer wanting more.

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The Observer

Neo (Keanu Reeves) uses his God-like powers to stop a bullet of bullets in the second installment to the Wachowski brothers' science fiction trilogy of films.
Equestrian club places third in first competition

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women's equestrian team completed its first semester competition placing third in a pair of IHSA Horse Shows this weekend at Taylor University. On Saturday, the Irish earned 27 points to take the "first place"Earlham University's 36 points and 18 points ahead of the Irish co-captain Liz Bell was high point rider overall on Saturday and earned her reserve high point rider honors, edging Lucy Wisher of IUPEU, who finished reserve high point rider. Oostberg, teammate Ball and Withers all participated in a ride-off as they finished in a three-way tie for the show-jump champion. Oostberg took first in open flat C and second in open jump B, while Ball took first in novice flat B and second in novice jump C; Oliverio also garnered a first in novice jump B and C; Oliverio saw second and third respectively in novice jump A and C.

On Sunday, the club finished with 22 points behind Purdue and open-jump IUPI with 31 and 28 points respectively. Oostberg earned high point rider honors, edging Lucy Wisher of IUPEU, who finished reserve high point rider. Oostberg, teammate Ball and Withers all participated in a ride-off as they finished in a three-way tie for the show-jump champion. Oostberg took first in open flat C and second in open jump B, while Ball took first in novice flat B and second in novice jump C; Oliverio also garnered a first in novice jump B and C; Oliverio saw second and third respectively in novice jump A and C.

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Guillen named White Sox manager

Associated Press

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### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

**Philadelphia Phillies**

- **Billy Wagner** traded from the Houston Astros Monday to the Philadelphia Phillies for pitcher Brandon Duckworth and two minor leaguers.

### IN BRIEF

**Mattingly to become Yankees hitting coach**

- NEW YORK — Don Mattingly is returning to the New York Yankees.
- A six-time All-Star who was the team's captain from 1991 until his retirement in 1995, Mattingly was persuaded by owner George Steinbrenner to become the team's hitting coach.
- While no announcement was made Monday, his hiring was dis­closed by baseball's best bullpens toJose Mesa and Mike Ezequiel Astacio.
- Wagner, a three-time All-Star, goes from one of baseball's best bullpens to among its worst. The Phillies converted just 33 saves in 51 opportunities as Jose Mesa and Mike Williams both faltered.
- "I'm excited about coming to Philadelphia because they obviously have made a commitment to winning a champi­onship," Wagner said.
- Wagner had criticized Astros owner Drayton McLane for not making a move to get another quality starting pitcher for the 2003 season and expected more of the same for nextseason. "It's going to be a tape job," Wagner said after the season finale. "It's not like we're going out there and getting any marquee pitch­ers. Wagner didn't back off his comments after the trade.
- "My comments to Drayton were truthful. They were about winning, not about him being a bad owner," Wagner said.
- Whatever the case, the Phillies are thrilled to have General manager Ed Wade said getting a closer was the team's top priority in the offseason. "Billy Wagner was at the top of our list," Wade said.
- Phillies manager Larry Bowa compared Wagner to Atlanta's John Smoltz and Los Angeles' Eric Gagne. "He's a dominant closer," Bowa said. "There's a big void we filled real quick."

**Dislocated shoulder injury to keep Bashir out a couple of weeks**

- INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis safety Idrees Bashir is expected to miss Sunday's game at Jacksonville and is likely to be out longer with a dislocated right shoulder.
- Coats coach Tony Dungy said Bashir will miss "a couple weeks at least" with the injury. He hurt the shoulder while trying to tackle Miami running back Ricky Williams during Sunday's 23-17 victory.
- Bashir has started 37 of 46 games throughout his career. He was replaced Sunday by Jason Doering and Dungy said the Colts would use one of their cornerbacks at safety in practice this week. Dungy gave the Colts an extra off day Monday after their seventh win in eight games.

**Dungy was uncertain whether kick returner Brad Pyatt would play against the Jaguars. Pyatt was injured on a punt return early in the first quarter Sunday when Miami's Tommy Hendricks made a helmet-to-helmet tackle.**

- Pyatt said the ground for several minutes as doctors immobi­lized him and he left the field on a stretcher. Dungy said it was a chest injury and Pyatt believed he could play this week.
- "That was a very scary situation," Dungy said. "You feel like he got a concussion or some type of neck injury, but when we went out there, he was saying 'My chest, my chest.'"

- The Colts also lost wide receiver Brandon Stokley during the game on Sunday with a concussion. Dungy said the team would conduct neurological tests before clearing him to practice this week and did not rule him out of the Jacksonville game.
Men's Interhall Football
Morrissey able to overcome Zahm 20-7 in quarterfinal

By KEVIN O'NEILL
Sports Writer

The true indicator of the heart of a team is how they respond to adversity, third seeded Morrissey certainly showed themselves to be in possession of heart as mounting an impressive comeback to defeat a valiant Zahm team 20-7 and move one step closer to the championship.

Tailback Nick Klein ran 13 times for 75 yards and a touchdown and quarterback Marty Mooney threw for 75 yards and a touchdown and ran for a valiant Zahm team 20-7 and move one step closer to the championship.

The Manorites advance to take on Siegfried, the team that ended the season 0-2, to try and get some turnovers, "That's a big motivator," he said.

The Manorites sudden led 8-7 and had forced Zahm to switch to their customary defense.

"We had to switch back to the 5-2 to try and stop the run," Maimone said.

When the Morrissey defense came back on the field, they made it clear that they had settled down, forcing an immediate three and out by allowing just one first down while forcing two turnovers over the remainder of the game.

"We got all the assignments down and played like we had played all year and tried to get some turnovers," linebacker Brian Dinsmore said.

With the defense back to its dominating ways, the Morrissey offense was able to mount another scoring drive before the half. With Zahm in the 5-2 to stop Klein, Mooney dropped back, and recognizing that Zahm was in tight man coverage, took off up the left sideline. Mooney had one man to beat as he crossed the Zahm 25, and beat him with an impressive juke to make his run a 60-yard, momentum changing touchdown.

"I thought the turning point was Mooney's run," Morrissey captain Aaron Ronsheim said. "It was huge to get that score right before the half."

Following a Dinsmore interception that positioned the ball at the Zahm 24, the Manorites scored the game-icing 11-yard touchdown on a tipped pass that fell into the arms of Maimone.

Despite the loss, Zahm had a lot to be proud of after starting the season 0-2 and could have folded, but we came back strong and made the playoffs. I think we played them pretty even overall today."

The Manorites advance to take on Siegfried, the team that ended their season in the first round of the playoffs last year. Dinsmore knows the Manorites will need to come out ready to play to beat the Ramblers.

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Men's INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Ramsblers defeat Dawgs on late TD

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

The game went down to the wire, but, in the end, it was Siegfried's well-rounded attack that pulled through with a 10-6 victory over Alumni.

Bingle connected with receiver Jon Kaup on fourth-and-four to keep the Ramsblers hopes alive. A clipping penalty pushed them back, but Kaup and sophomore Marques Holten made some big receptions to overcome the deficit and move the Ramsblers to just within the 10-yard line. On first-and-goal Bingle scrambled in the right until Mike Wahl got open and the two connected for the winning touchdown.

"It was awesome. Bill made a great play," Wahl said. "He's the best quarterback in the league.

Alumni, unfortunately, goes home empty-handed and disappointed.

I think it took us too long to get things going. When we finally did get our offense going we ran out of time," Alumni senior Chris Seponski said. "Siegfried is a good team; their quarterback and receivers do a good job."

With a number of seniors on the team, Alumni was not ready for the season ending.

"We went to the championship last year so we wanted to put in more of a fight this year," Seponski said. "Siegfried's well-rounded attack worked its way down the field, but, in the end, it was Siegfried's good coverage kept the score 6-3. Siegfried worked its way down the field thanks to clutch plays by Bingle and several of his receivers.

"We know we have a potent offense. We really used all of our weapons today," Bingle said after six different receivers made receptions.

Despite Keenan giving up the touchdown, its offense remained stagnant as Knight quarterback and team captain Patrick Downey immediately threw an interception to Alex Furgus and allowed Knot to run the clock to end the first half.

"We had no life in us during the first half," Downey said.

Fortunately for Keenan, the offense managed to recover an early fourth quarter fumble. But Knot could not capitalize and was forced punt and allow Keenan to decide the final outcome.

With 28 seconds remaining in the game, Keenan kicker Andrew Warner knifed a 25-yard field goal to end the game and make the score 10-7.

Warner was a surprise, as Keenan struggled all year in punting. He was a last replace ment on the Keenan roster and proved to be a critical asset as Keenan moves on to the second round of the playoffs.

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After leading by a touchdown heading into the third quarter, Knot's offense managed to recover an early fourth quarter fumble. But Knot could not capitalize and was forced punt and allow Keenan to decide the final outcome.

"Everything went our way in the first half," Knot captain Drew Domonov said. "The loss was heartbreaking ... we left everything out on the field."

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Belles try to end slump

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continued its slump with a 1-0 loss to Albion College Saturday.

"We are in a bit of a slump right now, and the stats do not necessarily prove how well we have done this season," said Saint Mary mid fielder Katie Nobel.

Saint Mary's now stands at 5-5-3. The Belles are in fifth place in the MIAA standings after being ranked second earlier this season. The Belles have one only win of their last four games, against Hope College.

Despite the Belles solid defense, the Ramsblers consist of Shannon Culbertson, Stephanie Arna, Carrie Orr and goalie Laura Heline, Albion still managed to score early in the first half.

"It was a highly physical game," Saint Mary's forward Carolyn Logan said.

Our continued to play stellar defense and Heline played a fabulous game added Logan's. However, Saint Mary's does not intend for this loss to affect them during its next game against Olivet this afternoon.

"We are hoping to get another win," Katie Noble said. "We already beat this team 4-0 earlier this season.

The team is more focused upon Calvin that is Saint Mary's game of regular season. Calvin gave Saint Mary's difficulties earlier in the season with a 2-2 overtime tie. Noble is depending upon the team to its composer and to end the season on a high note after the two-week slump.

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B-ball

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more points than most of last year. I think we're headed in the right direction."

Notre Dame came out slow and fell behind for most of the first ten minutes of the game. The Irish made only 1-of-9 of its first nine shots during the first five initial minutes of the half. But after getting into the flow of the game, Notre Dame found its shooting touch, making 11 of the next 14 shots to take its first lead of the game, on a pair of La'Tania Severe free throws, 18-17 with 11:59 left in the first half.

The Irish continued to shoot well for the remainder of the half and led 45-35 at intermission. The team shot 51.6 percent in the half.

Notre Dame shot even better in the second half (53.6 percent) and slowly added to its lead. Northwest Sports cut the lead to 11 with six minutes to play, but the Irish quickly pushed it back up to 20 by the end of the game.

Monday's game was the first chance for Notre Dame's three freshmen to see their first collegiate action. Crystal Irwin played 12 minutes, had six points, three rebounds and fouled out. Susie Powers missed all three of her shots and grabbed three rebounds in 14 minutes, while Breona Gray made her only shot in nine minutes of play.

"I thought Crystal did a good job out there," McGraw said. "She scored, she defended pretty well and I was pleased with how she played tonight. Susie did some good things and Breona is going to be very good defender for us."

The key for the Irish was the play of Duffy and LaVere and McGraw was impressed with the duo's play.

"I was really pleased with Courtney's play in the post," McGraw said. "I thought she played extremely well. I thought Megan played a very good floor game."

The Irish play a second and final exhibition game Sunday at 1 p.m. against Team Concept at the Joyce Center.

Notes:

♦ Junior Teresa Borton did not play Monday because of off-season heel surgery. She is expected to miss the month of November, but should be back by the first week of December.

♦ Senior Jeneka Joyce also did not play and will not practice for another 10 days due to an injury.

♦ With 11:44 left in the game, senior Monique Hernandez went down in a collision and injured her foot. McGraw said Hernandez will have x-rays tomorrow.

♦ The Irish improved to 19-1 in exhibition games since the 1993-94 season.

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haven't lost faith in the man
Alumni Association Executive
Director Chuck Lennon calls the
captain that sails the ship on the
"Sea of Green."

"How could you not believe in
a man like that? He's been driv­
ing us the whole time, and I put
my faith in him," Notre Dame
quarterback Brady Quinn said.

With the Irish at 2-6, even
winning four straight games
would not put them in a bowl
game since Notre Dame doesn't
accept bowl bids from the
lower-tier bowls.

Therefore, all this team has
left is to play for something that
has become very common on
the mouths of coaches and play­
ers once this season went south
— pride. That's the message the
fifth-year seniors, who only
have four games left in an Irish
uniform, are trying to pass on to
the younger team members with
hopes of turning this sink­
ing ship around quickly.

"For me, and this being my
fifth year and my last year, it's
pride," Notre Dame cornerback
Jason Beckstrom said. "The
way I try and go about it, and
the things I try and tell the
younger guys, is that this is a
metaphor for life — that's what
football is. Despite the fact that
we're 2-6, you can't give up.

In life, you're going to get
curveballs, you're going to be
down, the odds are going to
stack against you, but you've
got to keep going.

While the players try to help
the coaching staff and
Willingham keep the morale up
the locker room, ultimately, it
comes down to the head man
himself.

"That is always one of the
most difficult jobs of any coach,
when things aren't going well to
keep a team moving forward, to
keep them positive," Willingham
said. "We will find ways to do
that. I can't tell you exactly
what they are today. There are
still things this football team can
accomplish."

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FOOTBALL
Seminoles quick
start sets the tone

By MATT LOZAR
Associated Press Editor

On their first offensive play of
the 2003 Notre Dame-Florida
State contest, the Irish went
over the top of the Seminole
defense and scored a touch­
down on a 65-yard bomb from
then quarterback Carlyle
Holiday to graduated wide
receiver Arnaz Battle.

This year, the Seminoles
got to right back and gave the
Irish a little of their own medi­
cine.

Florida State quarterback
Chris Rix ran a play-action fake
on the first play of the game,
and wide receiver Craphonso
Thorpe had seven catches for
217 yards and two touchdowns.

But that wasn't the case.
Against Florida State, Notre
Dame came out and ran three
straight pass plays to open up
the game. Playing an extremely
fast team like the Seminoles,
the Irish would want to
establish a physical presence by
running ball.

"I don't know, but I think the
first three plays being passes,"
Notre Dame running back
Julius Jones said. "You might
have to ask the coaches on
that. I just go out and run the
plays they give us."

Quarterback Brady Quinn felt
the coaches were just trying to
"change things up."

Irish still favored

Despite the 2-6 start to the
season and being outscored by
a combined 68 over the past
two home games, the Irish
come out as favorites for
Saturday's contest. While the
actual betting line varies at
different casinos, Notre Dame is
about an eight point favorite to
beat Navy.

The Midshipmen are 6-3 this
season and boast the top­
ranked rushing offense in the
NCAA.

However, Notre Dame has
defeated Navy 39 consecutive
times, which is an NCAA
record.

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The Shamrocks lacked substantial offensive drives for much of the first half, mostly due to several interceptions by Badin's front seven led by linebacker Laura Feeny and safety Laura Huarte.

McGillin captured On-Kay Wong noted that much of the team seemed to have an off day. "Nothing really had it all day," Wong said. "We needed one big play to spark a comeback, and we just didn't have that."

The Shamrocks started the second half with renewed intensity and two 10-yard runs by running back Rachel Perron. However, the Bullfrogs responded to their efforts with Retai Schreuder blocking a pass intended for Perron.

"That halftime really stepped up and we couldn't really get a long drive together," Wong said of the second half. With 10 minutes remaining in the second half, Carter caught another touchdown pass from Heath to guarantee the victory.

The Bullfrogs were also successful in their attempt for the Shamrocks' secondary with Melissa Sands catching a pass from Heath. Badin's defense maintained the 28-0 lead with a number of interceptions by Huarte and Feeny.

The Bullfrogs are set to meet Welsh Family 19, Breen-Phillips tomorrow night at 7:30 at home. "Our offense was really working, we ran some routes like (Sands) wanted. It was a team effort," Jamie McEldowney, Welsh Family wide receiver.

The Shamrocks seemed to come back strong in the second half, with 25 yards to McEldowney and 25 yards to McEldowney and Lauren Pierce. Sands completed three second-half passes for 90 yards, including the two touchdowns that proved to be too much for Breen-Phillips to overcome.

"Our receivers were awesome today," Sands said. "The conditions were bad, but we managed to put it together.

Welsh Family seemed to ignore the wet, slippery field, amassing over 130 yards against a very solid Breen-Phillips defense. Breen-Phillips had only lost one game this year before Sunday's encounter with Welsh. "Our offense was really working, we ran some routes like (Sands) wanted," McEldowney said. "It was a team effort."

The Welsh Family defense was impressive itself, looking overpowering as it shut out the Breen-Phillips offense. A Katie D'Orsogna second half interception virtually erased all hope of Breen-Phillips coming back from what was then a 13-0 Welsh lead.

Breen-Phillips looked anemic on offense, moving the ball inconsistently in the second half. The passing game couldn't get going, and they were forced into quarterback scrambles and draws to move the ball.

On its final drive, Breen-Phillips failed to complete a pass.

The win advanced Welsh to the semi-finals against Lewis, the top team in women's inter­ball in the regular season.

"We played really well," coach Brian Adams said. "Lewis is a great team, too. We'll have to figure them out this week at practice.

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

**ThiNKER E X P A N D E R**

**Answer:** Privacy phone

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**Horoscope**

**Eugenia Last**

Sharing this birthday: Loretta Swit, Pauline Togher, Peter Boyne, Markie Post, Walter Cronkite.

**Happy Birthday:** Don't hesitate to ask for help. You can get ahead of the year if you use your mind and plunge into your personal needs. Precision is one quality that will help bring you the success that you're looking for. This is a year of action. You've planned your strategies; now take action. Your numbers: 1, 2, 6, 33, 37, 44.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Extra energy means you will be even more outgoing this year. You should be pursuing potential partners or pleasing the one you already have. You need to get involved in physical activities. ***

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Get downs to business. You can make a difference if you are willing to focus on your strengths. Invest your money in new and long-term investments. ***

**Gemini (May 21-June 21):** Investments will not be as they appear. It is evident that there is someone around you who is trying to make advantage of your gullibility. Don't be fooled.***

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** Some minor accidents will occur if you don't take precautions. ***

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your generosity will lead to financial setbacks or difficulties with children. Someone close to your heart may try to control your freedom. Don't let anyone push you into things you're not sure about.***

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** This is not the day to make decisions or changes to your personal life. You will be feeling a little rejected. Take some time to look at your options and consider the possibilities available to you. ***

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will be among the winners, but before you know, make sure that you have attended to all your responsibilities. Arguments with relatives may lead to a split in the family.***

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't leave your personal papers unfinished. The end of the year is fast approaching, and you need to make all the necessary adjustments now. Problems with elderly will be taken care of well. ***

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll have to concentrate on the one you already have. You need to get involved in physical activities. ***

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You've planned your strategies; now take action. ***

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** It's time to do a little shopping, but don't go overboard. Your finances will not be as they appear. ***

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** It's not easy to be with relatives today. Do not let them intrude into situations that are pending. It is best to refrain from arguing or let them go you at an awkward pause.***

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**Birthday Boyo:** You are an outstanding that it will be important not to let yourself get trapped or engulfed throughout your life. You know how to enjoy life, and because of this some people may turn you on. You will teach those who are rigid to loosen up.

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

*by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion*

**Yesterday's Answer**

- [ ] PARKA ALIVE ABACUS EXPEND

**Answer:** The janitor's favorite spot in the batting order

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FOOTBALL

Staying the course
Willingham still confident in direction of program

By MATT LOZAR
Assistant Sports Editor

How appropriate that Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham made a reference to watercraft in his post-game conference against Florida State with Navy coming to South Bend Saturday.

"The first thing we have to do is get a win this next weekend," Willingham said. "We have to have our ship righted and point-ed in the right direction."

Everything seems to be heading downhill rapidly for the Irish, suddenly fans don’t think Willingham seems like the man to win this next game he did last year. But that’s not a master plan.

"I don’t think it’s any question this is one of the toughest spots I’ve ever been in," Willingham said. "But at the same time, I know what our goal is, our goal is to clearly build this program to be a great team. I still believe that can happen. Sometimes, it’s difficult to see. I think we are pointed in the right direction, and we will stay in that direction."

While at Stanford, Willingham’s teams were very inconsistent from year to year. He started his head coaching career with the Cardinal in 1995 with think-back-to-back seven win seasons but followed those years with five and three win years. However, Willingham led Stanford to the Rose Bowl in 1999 after that 3-6 season for the school’s first trip to Pasadena, Calif., in 28 years. Then Stanford followed that year with a disappointing 5-6 campaign before Willingham’s last year where the team went 9-3.

At Notre Dame, Willingham started last year with the most wins by a first year coach in Irish history but followed the pattern of his past head coaching career as the Irish are 2-6 this season. But ask the players, and they see football/page 17

LaVere and Duffy lead Irish in win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Only until she saw the final stats did sophomore point guard Megan Duffy realize just how many assists she had in Notre Dame’s first exhibition game of the season — 13 to be exact. Duffy will take those and 14 points any game this season.

"I’ll take those numbers any night, no matter who we’re playing," Duffy said. "I didn’t think I had that many assists but I’ll take it. It’s a good start, something to build on."

Fellow sophomore Courtney LaVere had 21 points on 10-of-14 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds, while junior forward Jacqueline Batteast added 18 points and 10 boards to lead the Irish to an 85-65 victory over Northwest Sports in an exhibition game Monday night.

"I thought we did a lot of good things offensively," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I’m really encouraged by the things we did. I thought we ran the ball better and scored a lot more points than we have in the past." see B-BALL/page 16

McGlinn Shamrocks Sunday night

MEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Dillon uses run game to advance

By STEVE COYER and DAN TAPIETTIO
Sports Writers

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Dillon’s offense which had 23 fourth quarter touchdowns that would’ve sealed their victory.

"We need to address a few things on defense, and we can’t keep making mistakes like we did today," Dillon captain J.T. Arseniadis said.

By ANN LOUGHERY and ROBBY GRIBBN
Sports Writers

“Clockwork” was the word Badin captain Jen Carter felt best described the Bullfrogs convincing 28-6 win over the McGinn Shamrocks Sunday afternoon.

Beginning with the first offensive drive of the game, the Bullfrogs proved they deserve a life in the postsea-son. After a long sustained offensive drive from their own 15-yard line, the Bullfrogs scored their first touchdowns of the game, courtesy of quarterback Steph Heath.

Before the end of the first quarter, the Bullfrogs scored another touchdowns, this time via a 10-yard pass to receiver Megan Charlebois.

“Everything just clicked,” Carter said of the early offensive drives. Carter contributed a touch­down towards the end of the game.

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