New provost introduces himself to faculty

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Thomas Burish didn't have a hard time explaining why he left his job as president of Washington and Lee University to become the next provost of Notre Dame in his address to faculty members Monday.

He recalled a conversation with a female freshman student about her dorm shelves, cluttered with pictures of male celebrities.

"Then she said to me, unnecessarily I thought, 'President Burish, I'd be happy to put your photograph up there too,'" Burish said, provoking hearty laughter.

"I knew then it was time to go."

Although he joked about choosing provostship over presidency, Burish — also a former Vanderbilt provost and Notre Dame graduate — gave more serious reasons for coming back to South Bend.

"What's most important to me professionally is to be at a great academic institution that aspires to be greater," Burish said. "Notre Dame now is a great institution of higher education but this University seeks to progress even farther, as all great universities do. It is perhaps a feature of greatness, to aspire to be even more."

Given the University's "wonderful, strong, academic institution" and the select group of women who probably dated to remember Allende who used the extremist youth who probably were not even born in 1973, reality now for some at SMC.

Older students have to balance school with responsibilities

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

It's a.m., and most of Saint Mary's first-year stu­ dent Kimberly Fugate's classmates are still sound asleep in their dorm rooms. But Fugate is wide awake, squeezing in a morning workout and getting herself and her two children ready for school.

At 29, Fugate is one of a handful of women on campus who does not fit into the traditional student body demographic of 18 to 22-year-olds. The elementary education student who plans to graduate in 2008 faces multiple challenges — raising a family and completing her courses, all while trying to make ends meet.

"My lifestyle is very different from those on campus," Fugate said. "I seem to have not very much time to form new friendships. I try to use all my time to study, eat, or pick up the kids from school."

Eight such students attend Saint Mary's, and contribute to the unique atmosphere of the College, Saint Mary's registrar Lorraine Kitchener said.

Fugate, along with Angela Sturm, Maris-rose Semuhungu and Sister Stella Maris Kunihira, are among the select group of women who probably weren't even born in 1973 who wanted to demonstrate their...
Promised Land?

It's no secret that there are millions of Latin American undocumented immigrants residing and working in the United States.

To many law-abiding U.S. citizens this is an outrage, and the movement of the undocumented immigrants stealing away jobs from lower-class Americans is revolting. For me, a summer in Houston dispersed many of the common misconceptions surrounding the immigrants' situation.

While living on site at a Catholic Worker house of hospitality open to Latin American immigrants, I encountered the most desperate mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters. I had previously heard the horror stories of stories smuggling people across the border in the back of a truck, running the risk of asphyxiation, or of immigrants walking under the blazing Texas sun over the desert. I was even aware of the immigrants' dangerous practice of boarding moving trains, assuming their arms will resist the body's weight for the day-long ride.

Surprisingly though, the hardest part of the immigrants' odyssey is not their arrival. Surely the gang members, rapists, and the corrupt policemen pose a threat, but the greatest difficulty awaits within the promised land. The prejudice and the discrimination the immigrants encounter immediately shatter the dream that America is paved in streets of gold and that work is abundant. Though their intentions may be to earn an honest living to feed a family of starving children, the immigrants are greeted as immoral criminals, with suspicion.

There are civil border patrols known as the Minutemen, armed and vigilant, denouncing the immigrants' presence at the border with suspicion. There are opportunistic employers who exploit them with less than fair wages and conditions. The immigrants work hard to make the situation better, a reality that is not necessarily the case today. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at aberrios@nd.edu or corrections@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Alleged drunk driver jumps into back seat CANGHERBA, Australia — An allegedly drunk driver stunned pursuing police in northern Australia by jumping into the back seat with his three passengers, leaving his car to careen out of control on an outback road, police said Monday.

Police charged the 24-year-old man with resisting arrest and driving under the influence of alcohol after he abandoned the wheel on Saturday, ignoring the police car's siren and signals to pull over, said Sgt. Wayne Jenkins, a police officer in the Northern Territory town of Katherine.

One of the car's passengers suffered minor injuries when she panicked and jumped from the driver's seat while it was still rolling 25 miles per hour, he said.

The run-away car then rapidly lost speed, allowing a policeman to get out of his vehicle, chase it down on foot and bring it to a halt by applying the brake.

Rat catching department proves worthless NEW DELHI — New Delhi's government has a rat catching department that hasn't caught a single rodent in more than a decade, a newspaper reported Monday.

There are 97 rat catchers on the municipal payroll, all working for the Rat Surveillance Department, a decades-old agency that last saw a lot of action back in 1994, when a plague outbreak killed 36 people in areas of northwest India near the capital, The Hindustan Times newspaper reported.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The fifth annual Saturday Scholar Series will begin at 11 a.m. this Saturday in the Hesburgh Center. History professor Linda Przybylszewski will give a lecture entitled "Catholics, Concubines and the Constitution."

A panel discussion titled "Why do we need the UN?" will be held today from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The Saint Mary's Student Government Association is hosting the State of the School Address on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

The 2005 National Conference on Organ Pedagogy, which runs through Wednesday at the Delbartolo Center for the Performing Arts, features performances, lectures and master classes by internationally acclaimed organists.

Fiddler's Hearth is hosting a "Patrick Day" Irish Fest Friday, Sept. 16 through Sept. 23 to raise money for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Irish bands The Sprigs, The Bardic, The Feardar Apollos, The Fenians, Thea, Brock McGuire and local band Kennedy's Kitchen will perform. Fiddler's Hearth is located in downtown South Bend at 157 N. Main. For tickets and information, call 232-2853.

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

INSIDE COLUMN

No, I do not have a web blog. No, because I'm not very familiar with web blogs.

"Yes, I haven't posted in years."

"Yes — a cool people blog."

"Yes, it's a nice quick way to rent or say random things!"

"No, because I'm a private person — in more ways than one."

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Jenkins’ assistant speaks to group

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Frances Shavers, executive assistant to University President Father John Jenkins, brought a different perspective to Monday’s Council of Representatives (COR) meeting.

Shavers’ responsibilities involve four general areas: athletics, community relations, alumni relations and government relations. She spoke to representatives about the importance of an active student government.

“It is great for us because you bring an enthusiasm to your roles and your passion about Notre Dame and making this place even better,” Shavers said.

“One of the things I’ve appreciated about Jenkins is that he is definitely a person who values what you say both during the conversation and afterwards.”

What you say is very interested in what you’re made up, but can change his mind because he is listening to what you’re saying. He thinks deeply about what you say both during the conversation and afterwards. Jenkins is at heart a scholar but stays balanced between administrative duties and scholarly pursuits, Shavers said, citing some of the president’s interests.

— running, “Seinfeld” and Plato.

“He understands that both the academic and administrative sides are necessary components of Notre Dame,” she said. “One supports the other.”

Shavers urged students to participate in the upcoming inauguration events.

“If I could do one thing over when I was a student here, I would have attended the events when [University President Emeritus] Father [Edward] Malloy took over from [University President Emeritus] Father [Theodore] Hesburgh,” she said.

In other COR news:

♦ Sophomore John Trippi was approved without opposition as judicial council vice president of Peer Advocacy.

Trippi is only a sophomore, but he said this is something he is willing to work on for his entire time here,” Judicial Council president James Leito said. “One of the main problems with Peer Advocacy is that it’s usually led by a senior. Having such a young person in charge can lead consistency to the program.”

Peer Advocacy is a resource for students who have a hearing with the Office of Residence Life, Trippi said.

“It’s a resource for them to get to know the process better, for someone who has not gotten in trouble before,” he said. “My one fear is that students will think of us as their lawyer to get them out of trouble. We don’t have the power to do that, but we can tell them what their rights are.”

Trippi said he would recruit peer advocates and start an advertising campaign to inform the student body of this resource.

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## FALL CAREER EXPO

**Sept. 14th**

**4:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.**

**Joyce Center**

Over 120 companies will be attending the Fall Career Expo. The ones marked with an asterisk will be interviewing on campus the next day.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Colombian airplane hijacked BOGOTA, Colombia — A father in a wheelchair was among at least 13 people, including seven Americans, to be hijacked last night. The hijackers reportedly wanted to demand the release of a family member being held in a prison. The whereabouts of the victims are unknown.**

**North Korea enters nuclear talk SEUL, South Korea — North Korea has agreed to resume nuclear talks, but the talks will be conditional on the United States lifting sanctions and providing economic aid.**

**Vatican evaluates gay ordination ROME, Italy — Vatican officials said last night that the ordination of gay priests is being considered, but that a final decision will be made after a comprehensive study is conducted. The decision is expected to be announced next month.**

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Gary fighting license branch closure GARY, Indiana — Mayor Scott King has announced that the city will close its full-service license branch on Saturday. The closure is expected to have a negative impact on the local economy.**

**Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts, right, arrives for the start of his confirmation hearing in the Caucus Room of the Senate's Russell office building on Capitol Hill.**

**FEMA director Brown steps down WASHINGTON — Mike Brown, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has announced his resignation. Brown, who has been under fire for his handling of Hurricane Katrina, said he was stepping down to avoid further controversy.**
Catholic mission, Burish said Notre Dame "combines the elements most important" in his life.

"Notre Dame is a Catholic university in the best sense, in terms of broad mission and not in terms of narrow defensive posture," he said. "It was a very important part of the decision to come back to Notre Dame."

While Burish said it was too soon to outline specific goals — "I've been here all of nine days," he said — he stressed the need to enhance the academic mission of the University.

"I know that budgets have been tight," Burish said. "While I can't promise that all of a sudden, Notre Dame's going to have more money or that donors are going to give the money where we want them to give it, I can say with sincerity that in conversations I've had with [University President] Father [John] Jenkins and [University Executive Vice President] John Affleck-Graves, there's clear recognition by all three of us that this has to be the priority."

Burish emphasized the importance of communication, seeking feedback from faculty members on a preliminary series of questions for the upcoming year.

"In our quest to be a greater university, what do we need to ensure does not change?" Burish asked. "Secondly, how can we advance the research scholarship performance mission of the University while simultaneously further strengthening our teaching mission?"

He also asked for input on how to properly reward faculty for interdisciplinary contributions, deal with the advantages and disadvantages of Notre Dame's Catholic character and make the provost's office "maximally helpful."

Burish listed a few immediate steps he planned to take toward answering these questions, such as holding a variety of meetings with faculty members and creating a committee to examine graduate studies and research at Notre Dame.

But he also urged patience, recalling a story told by President John F. Kennedy about a French diplomat who wanted to plant a particular tree in the middle of his garden.

"The gardener said, 'Sir, that's a magnificent tree... but it grows very slowly, and it will not reach the beautiful state you're envisioning for many years. You're not a young man,'" Burish said. "The diplomat said, 'Then we'll plant it today, because I have no time to waste.'"

He then tied the story to Notre Dame as a metaphor for the University's growth.

"Our predecessors planted the tree of this University many, many years ago knowing they would never see it reach its full potential," Burish said. "We inherit that legacy, to build the University to the point where it reaches its potential. Will we see that? I don't know. But there's a chance we will. And whether or not we do, it's our obligation to give it everything we have and make this University the greatest Catholic research university in the world."

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Ford plans to sell Hertz business

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co., aiming to focus its operations on core automotive businesses, said Monday it will sell its Hertz Corp. rental car business for $5.6 billion in cash.

Detroit-based Ford, the nation’s second-biggest automaker, said it will sell all shares of common stock in Hertz, its wholly owned subsidiary, to an entities equity group composed of Clayton Dubilier & Rice, The Carlyle Group and Merrill Lynch Global Private Equity in a deal valued at about $15 billion, including debt.

Ford announced in April it was considering shedding Hertz, which is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale since 1994, to concentrate on its core automotive business. The infusion of cash would help the automaker, which has been struggling with falling sport utility vehicle sales, growing U.S. health care costs and other issues. Ford’s second-quarter profit fell 19 percent to $464 million.

In Brief

Oracle to buy rival Siebel

SAN FRANCISCO — Business software maker Oracle Corp. is buying its struggling rival Siebel Systems Inc. for about $8.55 billion, continuing a recent shopping spree that has eliminated two of its biggest competitors in nine months.

Under the terms of the deal announced Monday, Redwood Shores-based Oracle will pay $10.66 per share in cash or stock for San Mateo-based Siebel, a once rapidly growing maker of customer support software that has fallen on hard times during the past three years. The price represents a 17 percent premium from Siebel’s stock price at the market value of the stock on Monday.

Siebel shares rose $1.16, or 12.7 percent, to $10.24 on Tuesday morning on the Nasdaq Stock Market while Oracle shares rose 31 cents to $12.59.

Siebel has $2.24 billion in cash, reducing Oracle’s net takeover cost to $3.6 billion.

With sales growth tapering off in Oracle’s core business of database software, company CEO Larry Ellison set out in 2003 to become a more formidable force in business applications through acquisitions.

Ford plans to sell Hertz business

Delta plans to file for bankruptcy

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation’s third-largest carrier, plans for bankruptcy protection in New York as early as Wednesday, according to an industry consultant who has been informed of the company’s plans.

The consultant, who was not authorized to disclose the information and thus spoke on condition of anonymity, said the airline is seeking Chapter 11 protection along with GE Commercial Finance and other creditors, including thecms $2 billion in debtor-in-possession financing. The money would allow the airline to operate in bankruptcy.

Canadian Auto Workers union President Buzz Hargrove says Ford Canada’s decision to sell its Hertz car rental business to rival Clayton Dubilier & Rice, The Carlyle Group and Merrill Lynch Global Private Equity should be treated as the start of a broader sale of the struggling auto maker’s non-core divisions.

"It was an extremely challenging situation that could have led to a shutdown," Hargrove told a news conference. "I believe our members will see the wisdom in what we have done here."

The proposed contract must now be ratified by rank-and-file workers on Saturday. The union would then open talks with DaimlerChrysler on Monday.

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Ford Canada agrees to wage increases, satisfying both sides after long talks

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Canadian Auto Workers union plans to delay tentative contract settlements with Ford Canada that will result in some layoffs and “modest” wage increases for the next three years, union president Buzz Hargrove said.

The deal with Ford sets a precedent for a competitor, General Motors Canada, which has offered DaimlerChrysler, will be expected to accept in subsequent talks that begin Monday.

The deal calls for a wage increase of 45 Canadian cents ($0.33 U.S. cents) per hour for the 27,000-member workforce in the first year, 30 Canadian cents ($0.23 U.S. cents) in the second and another 30 Canadian cents ($0.23 U.S. cents) in the final year of the three-year deal.

It’s the smallest increase since 1985, said Hargrove, adding market conditions are tough due to skyrocketing oil prices, outsourcing and intense foreign competition, all of which have hammered Ford Canada, its U.S. parent Ford Motor Co. and other North American automakers.

Hargrove also said Ford workers should tip three 2,000 Canadian dollars ($1,700) off the current employee discount for Ford automobiles and a 1,000 Canadian dollars ($850) reduction in car insurance.

Hargrove said he would expect an estimated 1,100 layoffs at Ford’s 11,600 Ontario employees by the end of the year, with the number rising to 2,000 in the next three years, union and pension increases over the next three years, union president Buzz Hargrove said.

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RESUME SUBMISSION DEADLINE TONIGHT

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 13
Networking Reception
Joyce Center, Monogram Room
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13
Career Fair
Joyce Center Concourse
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14
Interview Day
Flanner Hall
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Frustration and anger: It was this type of youth who were the actors in Sunday’s protests, as students used the day to peacefully march and lay flowers at the site of the grenade. For these young adults, the protests served less of a historical purpose than as a chance to voice current frustrations, including unemployment—which is more than 30 percent for all people under 25 and more than 40 percent for the very young class youth—as well as anti-American sentiments.

“Most people are frustrated because of the omnipresence of Bush’s government and the lack of respect for his international policy, above all in Iraq but around the world as well,” Montes said.

However, the anti-Americanism in the protests was almost exclusively at the government, and Chile is a very open place for Americans to visit and live.

“The feeling of the grand majority of Chileans is a leader disposition toward the U.S.,” Montes said. “I feel the grand majority of Chileans, old and young, rich and poor alike, have a good opinion of U.S. values and culture. And the American people, I feel, the vast majority, can distinguish between Bush’s government and our American people. I think we all have a right to criticise in any kind of way for students from the United States in Chile.”

While Sept. 11 still serves as an open wound for much of the country’s population, it’s without a doubt the most divisive day in Chile’s history.

“For many Chileans, it is a very sad day, a black day in Chile’s history,” Montes said. “But at the same time, for a population highly educated, it is the day of Chile’s liberation from Marxism.”

Sunday’s disturbances were virtual destruction of the sole black mark on a city that is otherwise very safe and free of violence. The events of the day, year, even by American standards.

“I feel that Chile continues to be a place where the future belongs to Chileans and foreign investors alike,” Montes said.

Ultimately, Sunday’s disturbances can distinguish between Bush’s government and the American people. I will have a great education and student is well worth the cost of education and grades than rush through and ignore all my other responsibilities,” she said.

A generation of difference: Third-year student, Kunihira, who decided to give her age, joined the Saint Mary’s community from Uganda, an unusual practice in the United States.

“A nursing student, Kunihira said she was attracted to Saint Mary’s before she knew anything about it. She said having a full course load in addition to raising two children is no easy task. “I am still up at 9 p.m. cooking dinner and will be up all night studying for an exam,” Kunihira said.

Kunihira said she finds little difference between “traditional” and “non-traditional” students at Saint Mary’s.

The only difference Kunihira drew between Saint Mary’s and Uganda colleges is that Saint Mary’s admits students who have come straight from high school, an unusual practice in Uganda.

“Many young people have come straight from high school, an unusual practice in Uganda,” Kunihira said. “I used to this kind of life, despite the reason for I was studying with those who were older than me.”

Kunihira, a sociology major, plans to teach when she returns to Uganda. She said she would like to establish a vocational school for young men and women in different courses, allowing them to gain different skills used to earn a living.

The bottom line: Whether fresh out of high school or returning to college with a little more real-world experience, students at Saint Mary’s College are there for the same reasons to gain valuable knowledge, earn a degree and embrace college life.

Despite her age and commitment to her religious order, Kunihira tries to take advantage of opportunities available to traditional students.

“The interesting event that I will never forget is the Catalyst trip I took to the South last fall with SMC students, the staff members and some women from Mihirana,” Kunihira said, referring to an annual Fall Break trip sponsored by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership.

“Everybody who participated in this event were younger and older, educated and not highly educated,” Kunihira said. “The focus was on social issues that would transform our way of thinking about other people. The unique challenge of being a mother, breadwinner and student is well worth the final result, Fugate said. “So choos for college life no sleep, and living off pure adrenaline,” Fugate said. “It will all pay off in the end, and I will have a great education and an example to set for my children.”

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Rakow said NDSP is handling the case and consulting with the St. Joseph County Special Victims Unit. No arrests had been made as of Monday, according to Rakow, who said cases such as this take time to process.

He also asserted that the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community should understand that this was an isolated incident.

"This was two people that knew each other," he said. "Nobody jumped out of the bushes, nobody attacked anybody. These were two people that were walking around the lake. They stopped and there was non-consensual sex."

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Walsh Hall hosts 'Football 101' rally

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is a featured speaker

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

Tonight the Wild Women of Walsh will do their part to swell the already bursting Irish football excitement on campus and educate students with "Football 101."

The entire campus is invited to attend the interactive -- and informative -- pep rally that begins in LaFortune Ballroom at 8:30 p.m. Football players, including quarterback Brady Quinn, kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick and linebacker Corey Mays will be the featured speakers. Chuck "Raising the Roof" Lennon, cheerleaders and the Leprechaun will also be present.

The event, which is one of Walsh's signature events, will feature trivia questions, door prizes and food. Three autographed footballs signed by the evening's celebrities will be raffled off. At the conclusion of the event, students will have the chance to speak to the celebrity guests personally. The "Football 101" co-commissioners, Mario Brenner, Julie Campbell and Mary Sullivan, said they hoped the event would help students prepare for Saturday's home game against Michigan State.

"This fun event is especially helpful to international students who may be unfamiliar with football," said Mary Sullivan, co-commissioner. "This fun event is especially helpful to international students and others who may be unfamiliar with football."

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The Observer

The new bigotry

The current anti-smoking initiative being debated in The St. Joseph County Council is indicative of the self-righteous attempt to socially engineer American society by means of an increasingly corpulent government that continues to deprive Americans of their own liberties and individualism. The nefariously upfright forces of political correctness have ordained themselves to be much more capable of making life decisions than the common citizen. This is a shamefully paternalistic view that was spawned in the elitist circles of the East Coast intelligentsia. Supported by a couple decades worth of well-funded public awareness campaigns, these actors managed to introduce a divisive character to the American spirit, and to repress the rugged individualism that spawned the greatest American achievements.

America was made great by men and women who dared to think for themselves. The first patriots declared independence from the world’s great superpower and won it by steel and blood. The pioneers crossed a great plain and settled a vast expanse of land out of an adventurous spirit coupled with a fierce zeal to control their own fate. These feats were made by Americans who possessed a great faith in the average person’s right to rule themselves. This distinctly American sense of liberty is dying, and people increasingly trust what they are told. What is more is that they are indeed forcefully being told how to think; recently, the most egregious example of this at Notre Dame was when Gina Firth from the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education sent out an email telling all the students how important it was for them to go out and join in supporting the initiative. She never stopped to think that some students might actually oppose it, or at least that they would like the option of being allowed to decide for themselves.

The onslaught against tobacco smokers obliterates the worst of this paternalistic mindset. The social engineers have made it socially acceptable to vilify smokers; they probably attempt to rationalize it by thinking that anyone who still wants to smoke after being informed must be evil. Even our beloved Notre Dame is rife with this attitude. Any smoker on campus has surely felt the occasional stare while walking across the quad. If one is lucky he or she might even get a fake cough or look of outright disgust.

Tobacco does have definite benefits, although they are much too sublime and mercurial to be quantified or captured in any scientific study. A fine hand-rolled cigar contains a world of complexity and a depth of flavor that rivals the best wine. As the aficionado discovers the beauty of his cigar, he is forced to delve deep into his own soul to discover the frequency where his soul and sensual and intellectual artistry of the cigar coincide. The aficionado emerges from the caverns of his own existence a better, more contemplative person.

Cigars are the most maligned of all tobacco products, yet they have some redeeming values. It would be impossible to express the grief of many friends who have met each other through them. Especially during the student anti-smoking bigotry that now exists, many smokers have found a sense of solidarity that instantly binds them together.

While they are certainly not good for you — such as drinking and smoking. If someone should wish to refrain from what is obviously a fine decision, but should we all be forced to entirely refrain from them? Most certainly not. Flatter, one should practice moderation, try to maintain a good balance in life, and not judge others.

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Ad misleads prospects

If I understand the objections to the "Candle" ad, one main problem is that the ad will mislead applying students into thinking that prayer is the key to admission. Consequently, many highly qualified, non-religious or minority students will not bother applying because they don't want to light the many required candles.

Am I alone in thinking no one smart enough to get into Notre Dame could make that mistake? Would a clarifying disclaimer not really improve the ad?

At halftime of the Michigan State game, the picture fades to black, then we see the father: "75 years or so ago, my father was a member of the Dome: 'For those of you who don't know, out of high school, I canceled my S.A.T.s in response to last week's ad, we do want to stress that our Admissions Office cannot, technically, grant prayers. We apologize for the confusion. Go back to school and sign up for a varsity sport while you still can.'

The other problem is identified by the folks trotting out the tired claim that any ad that does not include some sort of a group "excludes" or "discourages" them. This argument tells us more about the biases of the complainers than any in the ad.

How about another clarification? "For those of you who are of a race, class or religion not pictured in last week's add, we are truly incapable of identifying with people not of your own race, class or religion, please substitute in your mind a picture of someone who is just like you, doing whatever it is you do, or you can visit www.ad.edu, where you can download a copy of the ad specific to your precise demographic." Do we want to attract the people in need of this clarification to Notre Dame?

Should we be concerned about how some of them already seem to have gotten in?

As for nice poor fellow John Kearney, and his theology classmates laughing at prayer, let those of us who pray, pray for his soul, because as Tennyson wrote, "more things are done by prayer than this world dreams of...."

Christopher Regan
alum
Class of 1979
Sept. 12

Spot reflects true feelings

I respectfully but totally disagree with the Kearney-Mullany letter concerning the Notre Dame television ad. Maybe I do not have the background in theology that they do, but it seems to me that there is nothing "theologically unconscionable" about praying to the Lord for our dreams to come true. That is all that the young lady in the commercial was doing. Her prayers reflect her faith and her belief that God plays a direct role in human affairs.

The fact that not every application can be accepted does not mean that God did not listen to the prayers of those applicants — it simply means that in His mysterious ways He has other plans for those people.

As a Notre Dame grad, and as the father of a freshman, I can state that the commerce department has screwed up and reflected how our family felt when the mailman brought the large envelope to our home this past April.

Tom Nedich
alum
Class of 1984
Sept. 12

What it means to be ND

Fans lack class

Ashamed at Ann Arbor

I love Notre Dame. I love our traditions and values. I love our football, our band, our team. I loved being at the Big House and watching the Irish take down the number three team in the country. However, I was ashamed to be a part of our University for the first time when I was at the game.

I sat for a while, stood in the ND student section at Michigan Stadium, a great, energetic atmosphere great for rallying around our team and cheering them to victory, and, apparently, great for disgracing what Notre Dame is. Now, as it often is in these circumstances, it was a very small minority that ruined the experience for me and especially those sitting around us.

I am all for getting into the game, I love cheering for our team, I like the "Kill!" chant. I am even okay with the occasional "Michigan sucks!" What appalled me, though, were the direct attacks I heard against the Michigan players and fans. For instance, a young Michigan fan of about ten years old threw a beach ball into the ND student section, just passing along the fun, I thought. A fellow student, however, perceived this as a different issue. "Up to what happened (a breach ball?) he first threatened the kid physical harm. Once he realized the boy was with his dad, he warned the father to watch his son because he was going to "get it," not just once, but ongoing for about five minutes. I was impressed that the guy showed the courage to not retaliate.

That was only one instance that made me ashamed to be a part of this group, to mention more F-bombs and hand gestures than I have ever seen, direct and at the field in general. I feel that innocent Michigan fans just watching the game. ND students apparently had a great number of ideas of things that we were going to do to them or that they should do to us that I need not mention but I'm sure we can all imagine. I would bet that the individuals yelling these things would not appreciate if any of these actually did happen. Let me also mention that there were plenty of kids around us that were below high school age and undoubtedly heard much of what was said.

I hate that I was ashamed to be a part of the best student section in the world. I hate that the Michigan fans had far more class than the Notre Dame fans I was with. I hate that I can't take pride in the outstanding reputation that Notre Dame (supposedly) upholds. I can now see why some people don't appreciate everything that Notre Dame is, and how they can consider us snobby and arrogant.

And I can already hear the excuses coming back. I was "just getting into the game." I was "drunk, so it wasn't a big deal" or "They were saying that kind of stuff to me first." These excuses are just as shallow as the statements shouted at the game. We (again, I say "we") loosely, as it was a minority showed no class, no pride in Notre Dame. I imagine I am not the only one who feels this way, deplored by a few of my fellow students. But one of the things that comes to life is not the evil people, but the good people that stand around and do nothing. That is why I write this, and that is why I encourage fans to check themselves and those around them, realizing that, especially at away games, we represent Notre Dame. I wish we could represent it as it really is: classy, mature, intelligent.

We have three more away games and six more home games. Let's show the Notre Dame Spirit how it really is. Let's respect our opponents in the stands as we pound away games, we represent Notre Dame. I wish we could represent it as it really is: classy, mature, intelligent.

Matt Haggerty
Class of 1995
Sept. 11

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

‘Psychonauts’ a crazy, imaginative ride

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Game Editor

When asked, most people can think of their favorite film director right off the top of their head. Or their preferred musician. But their favorite video game designer? Not so easy.

Even if that last question was answered, one should consider the name of Tim Schafer. A legend in the world of computer games, he was the mind behind such LucasArts classics as "Grim Fandango" and "Full Throttle." He left LucasArts a decade ago to create Double Fine Productions.

Since then, things have been fairly quiet. Double Fine Productions has juggled distributors and ran into some of the problems with which many fledgling companies are associated. Things were looking grim for the company until its first game hit shelves in the form of "Psychonauts." And what a game it is.

At heart a platformer, "Psychonauts" truly stands out. The experience is so rich that it defies description. The player assumes the identity of Raz, short for Rasputin. At the beginning of the game, he sneaks into a Psych camp in hopes of one day becoming a Psychonaut.

Raz soon finds that all is not well in the camp, as in some malevolent way he is stealing the brains from the campers. To find the one responsible for the crazily-challenged campers, Raz must use his own psychic powers to enter the minds of the people around him to seek out clues. This is where the game truly stands out.

The levels warp and wrap around themselves, creating what could only be a physics nightmare for the programmers. They executed it perfectly though, making this one of the few games that feels technically flawless. As the game progresses, Raz unlocks more psychic tricks, further setting the game apart. He is able to roll around and bounce on a thought bubble, see through the eyes of others and set things on fire using pyro-kinesis.

The character in the game is alone worth the purchase, or at least a rental. Using the aforementioned pyrokinesis skill on random objects triggers the game's characteristic humor, which are often hilarious. It's hard to resist smiling upon hearing Raz exclaim that shooting up a man is fun and useful or some other random remark.

This can be expected however, looking at Schafer's previous work. One thing that has always characterized his work was an unusual and creative sense of humor, an element that defines "Psychonauts."

In the minds into which he ventures, it is often Raz's task to collect various objects and trinkets. Using tools that he acquires, Raz will collect the mental levels, hardware and figurines to further unlock new abilities.

As the game progresses, it loses some of the original spark as the difficulty ramps dramatically. It remains a rewarding experience through the end though, making "Psychonauts" a highly recommended title. It would be a good idea to add Tim Schafer's to the list of names to watch.

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Raz runs from the mental censor in Tim Schafer's imaginative game "Psychonauts." This game is out for PlayStation 2 and Xbox.

Psychoanauts
Double Fine Productions

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Aliens conquer in 'Destroy All Humans!'

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Game Editor

Aliens are attacking.

If movies have taught society anything, it's that options are limited in this scenario. Fight back with a computer virus? Hide in a basement with Tim Robbins? Laugh manically, reveling in the unfolding chaos?

If the preferred answer is laugh manically, then "Destroy All Humans!" is the game for you.

The plot places you in the shoes of Cryptospordium 137, an alien invader in charge of reclaiming lost DNA for the Furon Empire. Apparently, a long time ago the members of the Furon Empire visited a little planet called Earth. Having already spent a long time in space, the aliens mingled with the natives. Long story short, Furon DNA is implanted in every human being's genetic structure now.

Good for the Furons, bad for humanity. The Furons have lost the ability to reproduce due to radiation and have since continued their existence through rampant cloning. However, it's not a perfect process, and every generation loses some intelligence, narcissism and increased aggression.

This brings us back to Cryptospordium 137, or Crypto for short. Crypto's predecessor, Cryptospordium 136, was charged with the task of reclaiming the lost Furon DNA found in humans. While in the process of doing so, he accidentally flew his flying saucer into a rocket and crashed. Now its up to Crypto to continue his mission, while trying to find out what happened to his clone.

If the game sounds weird and interesting, that is because that is what the developers intended: chaos and irreverence. Disciplining cows and abducting the local beauty pageant queen are not below Crypto's mad designs. "Destroy All Humans!" has personality to spare for those interested.

Part of this is derived from the truly interactive environments. Most objects in the game can be manipulated by Crypto's psycho-kinesis, which increases in strength as the game progresses. When in his flying saucer, entire towns can be leveled by Crypto's death ray and other assorted weapons. Similar to the recently released "Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction," practically everything in the environment can be destroyed.

Another reason to the character the game boasts are the voice actors. J. Grant Albrecht, an experienced voice actor in the video game industry, is the voice of Crypto. Slightly more recognizable in his role is Richard Steven Horvitz, who performs the role of Orthopox, Crypto's supervisor. His recent work including "Invasion Zim" and "Psychonauts," he is well suited to the role of Crypto's abusive boss.

Despite all of the game's character, several significant details detract from the experience. While buildings and vehicles can be leveled, trees cannot be harmed, a detail that ruins the "realism" of the game. The missions get slightly repetitive, with few real standouts.

Even with those complaints, "Destroy All Humans!" still has plenty to offer even the most casual gamer. The learning curve is decent, with most people finding themselves enjoying the intricacies of controlling an alien and his ship in short order.

So join the Furon Empire and be prepared for an entertaining turn in the shoes of the alien invader.

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Destroy All Humans!
Pandemic Studios

Crypto, a egotistical alien charged with saving his race, leaves his flying saucer to create mischief. "Destroy All Humans!" is out for PlayStation 2 and Xbox.
The never-ending click-click of roller coasters brings fear and anticipation to a day at the amusement park. Although summer is nearly over, it is never too late to make a road trip to an amusement park, as parks allow visitors to continue to defy gravity further and further into the year.

The closest big name amusement park to South Bend is Cedar Point, stretching from the "starting line" position, riders begin a countdown with the familiar "Christmas tree" red, yellow and green lights. When the lights turn green, the riders begin a countdown with the familiar "Christmas tree" red, yellow and green lights. When the lights turn green, the trains that resemble drag racing cars begin a countdown with the familiar "Christmas tree" red, yellow and green lights. When the lights turn green, the train launches forward at an astounding 120 mph toward a completely vertical climb up a 420 foot tower, more than twice the height of the Main Building. Upon reaching the top of the coaster, riders have a brief second to appreciate the breathtaking view before plummeting face first down the 420 feet to the ground.

Top Thrill Dragster was the first roller coaster to break the 400 foot barrier and set the bar for other parks to build coasters even faster and higher than before thought possible (the current roller coaster standards in 2007 with a coaster standing 500 feet tall). Junior Michael Speed, who visited Cedar Point recently, describes Top Thrill Dragster as, "the most intense ride imaginable. It must be what it feels like to fly in a fighter jet."

For those who find the fighter jet feeling of Top Thrill Dragster somewhat intimidating, a more reasonable coaster exists in Millennium Force. Millennium Force holds the record as the tallest and fastest coaster in the world. Millennium Force stands 310 feet tall and reaches speeds of 93 mph. Thanks to the height, blazing speed and many stomach-thrashing hills, Millennium Force has earned the ranking of the best steel coaster in the world from ThrillSeeker.com, an internationally recognized publication that covers amusement and water park news and trends. If the idea of 300 feet makes you queasy, try your luck at the next-tallest coaster at the park, Magnum XL-200. The first coaster ever to reach the 200 foot mark, this "hyper-coaster" is nearly one mile long and is so loved by enthusiasts, it has been ranked as a Top 5 coaster ever since its construction in 1989.

In addition to these three giants, Cedar Point features 13 more outstanding roller coasters including the inverted coaster Raptor, the stand-up coaster Mantis, the twin-towered Gemini and Mean Streak. Most of these coasters would be the premier amusement rides at parks such as Six Flags, but they play only minor supporting roles at Cedar Point. In addition to world-class roller coasters, Cedar Point also offers many smaller, carnival-type rides that hearken back to the park's origins as a basic turn-of-the-century boardwalk resort. These rides have always been intended to spin and flip people upside down in ways than ever. The brand new maxAir spin's riders around at 70 mph while swinging them at heights up to 140 feet and providing several seconds of weightlessness.

In addition to housing a staggering 68 attractions and shows on 364 acres of land, Cedar Point is also a full fledged resort. There are three hotels, a campground, a marina and several miles of beaches, not to mention the absolutely fantastic world-class food. Nut content with the old waterpark which sits directly underneath Magnum XL-200, Cedar Point built an indoor themed waterpark/resort this spring called Castaway Bay, complete with tropical slides, a lazy river and a wave pool. Employees at Cedar Point are continually rated as some of the most pleasant and helpful in the country, and if you make a trip there, be sure to thank them for all the hard work they do. Food purchased in the park is expensive, as it would be expected, but the choices are quite diverse and surprisingly good.

There are also numerous fast food restaurants within a five minute drive of the front gate for those trying to save money. Normal one day park admission costs $44.95, but discounts can usually be found online, sometimes in amounts up to $15 off the regular price. Cedar Point is open for normal operation on the remaining weekends in September.

For weekends during the entire month of October, Cedar Point transforms into a haunted atmosphere called HauntWeekends. Roller coasters no longer draw the only screams, as the whole park is eerily decorated for Halloween. Most of these coasters are repeated, but technology allows designers to do this in more extreme ways than ever. The brand new maxAir spins riders around at 70 mph while swinging them at heights up to 140 feet and providing several seconds of weightlessness.

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Florida Marlins take over wild-card; Phillies stay close with win

Dontrelle Willis earns 21st win, homers as Florida beats Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON - Dontrelle Willis gave Florida the NL wild-card lead with an outstanding all-around effort.

The effervescent lefty homered and earned his 21st win, pitching his seventh complete game this season in the Marlins' 8-2 victory Monday night over the Houston Astros.

"He's a complete guy," Florida manager Jack McKeon said. "He hits, he fields, he pitches. With him in the lineup, it's like an extra bat."

McKeon was asked if there is anything Willis can't do.

"He probably is going to have to work on covering second base," McKeon said with a smile. "He's a gamer. He's a competitor. You almost expect him to go out and have a game like this every time. It's a surprise if it doesn't happen."

Florida moved a half-game ahead of the Astros in the wild-card standings, taking the top spot for the first time since after games of Aug. 30.

Willis (21-8) tied St. Louis ace Adam Wainwright for the NL lead in victories and complete games by winning his sixth straight start. He allowed eight hits, struck out four and walked one in the opener of a key four-game series.

Willis connected for a two-run shot off Scott Strickland in the sixth inning, giving the Marlins a 6-1 lead. It was his third career homer and first since April 14, 2004, against Montreal in Puerto Rico. He also scored twice and has 11 RBI this year. He hasn't lost since Aug. 12 against San Francisco.

The pitcher's batting average of .299 is higher than his ERA (2.49).

"He's a position player in a pitcher's body," Willis said. "I continue to hurt my team with my hitting," he said. "I'm definitely going to work on that this offseason.

"I pitch hard. I definitely leave it all on the field every game," Willis added.

Haren (13-10) made sure the Astros didn't come back in the opener of a three-game series they can't afford to lose. Oakland, a major league-best 36-25 since the All-Star break, beat C.C. Sabathia (13-10) to pull within one game of the wild-card-leading Indians.

"By far, it's the happiest I've been after a win all year," said Haren, who lasted just 2 2/3 innings in his previous start, a no-decision against St. Louis.

"With Sabathia on the mound, I knew he would hit or be around. I'm happy for my team. That's why I'm pitching because these games are so, so important."

The A's made three errors but did just enough offensively to hand Sabathia his first loss since July 30. Jason Kendall hit an RBI single in the third off the left-hander, and Mark Kotsay delivered a sacrifice fly in the seventh against reliever Scott Sauerbeck.

"We had a little ragged play," Oakland manager Ken Macha said.

"But the pitching raised it up little bit," Cleveland, 19-7 since Aug. 16, has a one-game edge over the A's, who open a three-game set on Tuesday at Tampa Bay.

Florida Marlins ace Dontrelle Willis throws a pitch Monday night at Minute Maid Park. He threw a complete game.

Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Eude Brito adjusts his hat after giving up a single to the Atlanta Braves' Brian Jordan Monday night.

Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 5

David Ortiz's 3-run double sealed Boston's 6-5 win Monday night, including a drive in the 11th inning that gave the Red Sox a 2-game lead over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"He's unbelievable," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "On a night when you are on the road and you give up the lead, and you find a way to win, that's enormous."

Many Ramirez also homered for the Red Sox, who bounced back after wasting a 5-0 lead. They moved 3 games ahead of the second-place New York Yankees in the AL East.

Brito hit a solo homer off Ted Lilly in the fourth, and single for the fifth in a three-run drive against Pete Walker (6-5), which gave him his eighth multim homer game this season. Ortiz has 49 homers, one of the career high he set last season, and is just 4-8 against Toronto this season. "They're wearing us out with base hits," Walker said.

"He's a big threat all the time," Ortiz said. "I got my mind ready to go, make quality pitches and get people out." Brito said.

Pat Burrell had three hits and drove in a run with a double before edging his hitting streak to 18 games and three relievers allowed two over three innings for the Phillies. With Florida's 8-2 win over Houston, the Phillies are third in the wild-card race, a half-game behind the Astros and one game back of the Marlins.

Philadelphia moved seven games behind NL East-leading Atlanta with three more games to lose in the series.
San Francisco happy to welcome Bonds back to lineup

Slugger slaps double in first at-bat after a five-month absence

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds is just a foot or two shy of his old sluggin' self.

In his season debut for San Francisco, Bonds strode to the plate Monday night, tipped his batting helmet to the roaring, flashbulb-popping crowd, worked a 3-2 count and lined a double that fell just shy of clearing the wall in left-center.

It appeared at first that Bonds had homered in his first-at bat since last October, but wait! A fan had reached over the fence and interfered with the ball, collecting it into the stands, and it was ruled a double.

The scoreboard briefly flashed "704" — which turned out to be premature. Bonds scored moments later on Ray Durham's single to right.

The fan was immediately ejected, consistent with policy for those who interfere with the game.

Playing for the first time following three surgeries this year on his troublesome right knee, Bonds led off the second inning for the Giants, stretching his bat above his head as he walked out of the dugout and acknowledging the fans before digging in against San Diego's Adam Eaton.

Thus began a wild, 11-pitch at-bat in which Eaton, who has given up three of Bonds' 703 career home runs, challenged Bonds with the crowd was on its feet all the way.

The sequence: ball one low and outside, ball two low and outside — "Boo!" from the crowd. Called strike one, called strike two in tight — Bonds mouthing the word "Wow" in disbelief at the call. Foul ball into the second deck, another foul behind him into the second-tier seats, two straight towering fouls into the right-field stands, ball low and away, a foul to left.

In the third inning, Bonds hit a shallow fly to center in his second at-bat. He filed out to deep center in the fifth, and center fielder Dave Roberts banged into the wall after making the catch. The Giants were hanging onto a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The 41-year-old Bonds, resuming his quest for Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755, received a warm ovation when he took his spot in left field in the top of the first, tipping his bat to the cheering crowd.

Bonds was accompanied to the field and warmed up by 9-year-old Christopher Laub, a leukemia patient from nearby Tiburon, who wrote to Bonds during the slugger's rehab and encouraged him to "stay strong because I've had to stay strong because I have leukemia." They have been corresponding ever since.

A lengthy tribute and highlight show of the superstar played on the main center-field scoreboard before the first pitch, ending with "Welcome Back, Barry!"

Bonds is clearly still plenty loved in the Bay Area despite the steroids controversy surrounding him, though everybody expects far worse treatment on the road.

The Giants activated their slugger from the 60-day disabled list earlier in the day after Bonds spent months rehabilitating his knee.

He was in the starting lineup in left field and batting cleanup in the opener of a three-game series against the Padres.

When Bonds casually strolled into the dugout for his pregame preparations, the cameras were already clicking at his every move — even his brief stop at the water cooler.

"Everybody knows what he can do," said San Francisco shortstop Omar Vizquel, anticipating his first game with Bonds after Vizquel spent the past 11 seasons with the Cleveland Indians.

"Personally, I'm one of those players who came here to watch him play. Finally, the moment has come. Being on the field with him is going to be exciting."

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Vick, Dunn lead Falcons over Eagles

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles couldn’t wait to get started on their rematch of the NFC championship game, two players got kicked out before the game kicked off. Then, it was the Falcons who got a bit of payback.

Michael Vick ran for one touchdown and set up another with a long pass, enough to give Atlanta a 14-10 victory over the Eagles on Monday night. Clearly, emotions were running high. Jeremiah Trotter of the Eagles and Kevin Mathis of the Falcons were ejected after a scuffle broke out in pregame warmups, setting an intense tone for the rest of the night.

The Eagles, after falling behind 14-0 in the first quarter, shut down Vick the rest of the way. But they couldn’t come all the way back, their final bid falling short when Donovan McNabb took a vicious hit from Rod Coleman, a fourth-down pass falling far short of Terrell Owens streaking down the sideline with 1:33 left. Vick kneed a couple of times to run out the clock, giving the Falcons a victory over the team that knocked them out of the playoffs two of the last three years.

Less than eight months ago, the Eagles beat Atlanta 27-10 for the NFC title in frigid Philadelphia. About a half-hour before the opening kickoff, with thousands of fans still making their way into the Georgia Dome and the players going through routine warmups, the teams began jawing at each other near midfield.

Trotter, the Eagles’ three-time Pro Bowl linebacker, apparently shoved Mathis, a backup corner­back. Mathis responded with a punch. Then, everyone got into it.

After checking the replay monitor, the officials kicked out Trotter and Mathis, a ruling that definitely favored the Falcons. Mathis is a bit player, used mainly in passing situations, while Trotter anchors the middle of the Philadelphia defense.

Second-year Mike Labinio, who got in only three games as a rookie, made his first career start in place of Trotter. The Falcons took advantage, rushing for 200 yards. Warrick Dunn led the way with 113 yards on 20 carries.

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IN BRIEF

Mariners’ Wilson announces retirement

SEATTLE — Seattle Mariners catcher Dan Wilson, sidelined most of this season by a knee injury, announced his retirement Monday.

The 36-year-old Wilson tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee on May 4 while returning to first base after a teammate hit a fly ball against the Los Angeles Angels. He has been on the 60-day disabled list since May 6.

A career .251 hitter coming into this season, Wilson was batting .185 with two hits in 10 games.

He spent 14 seasons in the major leagues, including 12 in Seattle.

Wilson was an All-Star for the Mariners in 1996, when he hit .285 with career highs of 18 homers and 83 RBIs.

He came to Seattle in a trade on Nov. 3, 1993, with right-hander Bobby Ayala in a deal that sent right­hander Erik Hanson and second baseman Bret Boone to the Reds.

Under manager Lou Piniella, Wilson became Seattle’s regular catcher, a job he held for 11 seasons until this spring, when he was relegated to backup duty.

Briscoe injured in fiery IRL crash

JOLIET, Ill. — IRL driver Ryan Briscoe, injured in a fiery crash Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway, was transferred from a hospital in Oak Lawn on Monday to Indianapolis’ Methodist Hospital.

Briscoe, who suffered a concussion, two broken clavicles, a bruised lung and contusions to his arms and legs, will undergo further evaluation and treatment and may remain hospitalized for several days.

The accident occurred on the 20th lap in Turn 3 as contact with Alex Barron sent Briscoe’s Target Chip Ganassi car airborne and against the retaining fence.

"I remember the initial contact with Alex and thought that we might just get away with not hitting the wall, but suddenly I was airborne and the rest is a little fuzzy," Briscoe said in a statement.

Olowokandi acquitted of misdemeanor charges

INDIANAPOLIS — A judge acquitted Minnesota Timberwolves center Kevin Olowokandi on Monday of misdemeanor charges of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct at a downtown nightclub last fall.

Olowokandi was arrested about 3 a.m. on Nov. 25 after he refused to leave Tikis Bob’s and had to be subdued by police with a stun gun. He was held overnight in jail and released in the morning, and the Timberwolves suspended him for their game against the Indiana Pacers that night and their next game against Memphis for “conduct detrimental to the team.”

Olowokandi said he was trying to retrieve a sweat shirt from the club.

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Visit the student section of the DPAC Web site, http://performingarts.nd.edu, for more information and to fill out an application. All applications must be received by midnight on Sunday, September 18, 2005.
Young is unhappy about not being selected Baseball America's prospect of the year for the second straight year and Triple-A Durham.

Young, who turns 20 on Wednesday, is the youngest player to win, joining Rocco Baldelli (2002) and the oldest to be picked as minor league player of the year since Andruw Jones won the award as an 18-year-old in 1995 and again in 1996, when he was 19. He's the second Devil Ray to win, joining Rocco Baldelli (2002).

Young said he will prepare for spring training this winter with intentions of making the big league team but that he wouldn't be surprised if the Devil Rays wound up sending him back to Durham for part or all of next season in order to hold down his service time in the majors and extend the time the team unilaterally can set his salary.

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NFL

Dungy gets new three-year deal

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy never intended to leave Indianapolis for another job. Now, he's sure he won't.

One day after owner Jim Irsay announced the Colts had given Dungy a three-year contract extension, Dungy said Indianapolis would be his final stop on the NFL's coaching carousel.

"I don't know how long I'll coach, but this is it," Dungy said.

"Hopefully, when it's over we'll have been to a few more Super Bowls."

Getting to the first one with Indianapolis would be a start.

Since joining the Colts in January 2002, Dungy has consistently had the team in Super Bowl contention. He's won back-to-back division titles with 12-4 records each year, gotten the Colts into the playoffs each of his first three seasons and is only the second coach in franchise history to win at least 10 games each of his first three years.

Ted Marchibroda is the other.

He even took the Colts to the 2003 AFC championship game.

With a reputation as a defensive coach, Dungy has shown he can open up the offense.

The Colts have had the NFL's highest-scoring team over the past several seasons.

To Dungy, the combination of Dungy's easygoing personality and success warranted a longer deal.

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The Saints win their season opener 23-20 at Carolina on Sunday. Their first home game is set for this coming Sunday, but was moved to Monday and will be played at Giants Stadium against the Giants. Saints season-ticket holders and anyone who had purchased tickets for the Giants-Saints game at the Superdome were given first call for tickets to the relocated game.

After that, however, Giants season-ticket holders were given priority, meaning it will be a true road game for the Saints.

The manager of the Superdome has said it will take months before the building's future can be determined.

It's possible to stadium will be torn down, leaving the Saints to find a new home.

During Hurricane Katrina, thousands inside seeking refuge, three large holes were blown through the roof.

In all, about 75 percent of the roof failed and water poured into the building during the storm, along with debris.

Benson has a home in the San Antonio area and for decades owned car dealerships in the city.

He urged local fans to fill every seat and encouraged the networks to air the games.

national audience "to give this city great recognition for what they've done for the New Orleans Saints."

"It's most important for there to be capacity crowds to attend every game we have here," Benson said.

"It could make me proud, not only of our football team, but of that kind of city you have here."
Mark Messier celebrates winning the 1990 Stanley Cup with the Edmonton Oilers. He retired Monday from the New York Rangers.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Messier was 30 and already a five-time Stanley Cup champion when it was time to leave the hometown Edmonton Oilers.

That was the summer of 1991, three years after Wayne Gretzky’s stunning trade to Los Angeles and a year removed from the Oilers’ fifth title in seven years. The dynasty was over and Messier was the latest big star about to be shipped out.

Glen Sather, the man who built the team and ran it from the bench during the glory years, asked Messier where he wanted to go. The answer was the New York Rangers, a team that hadn’t won a Stanley Cup since 1940.

On Monday, the stone-jawed captain said goodbye, announcing his retirement after a 25-year career and six championships — including the one in 1994 that ended the Rangers’ drought. He is second only to Gretzky on the NHL’s career scoring list.

It took only three seasons for Messier to deliver with the Rangers and cement himself as one of the greatest leaders in team sports.

“I knew all the past history of the teams in New York... but I don’t think anything can really prepare you for going to play in New York until you get there,” Messier said during a conference call. “I felt that I was fairly confident in what it took to win a Stanley Cup.”

Messier embraced the challenge, and when it appeared another chance was going to slip away he pulled a page out of the Joe Namath handbook and guaranteed a victory.

With the Rangers trailing New Jersey 3-2 in the 1994 Eastern Conference finals, Messier promised New York would force a seventh game. He made good on his word by posting his fourth and final playoff hat trick in a 4-2 victory.

New York won Game 7 in double overtime to advance to the finals, which ended with a seventh-game victory over Vancouver.

He had the biggest influence on my career far of any player that I played with,” said Boston defenseman Brian Leetch, a Rangers’ player from 1988-04. “I wish every one could have had an opportunity to be in the locker room with him and see his dedication to his teammates and to winning.”

Messier became a star in Edmonton in the 1980s and a headline on Broadway in the ’90s. But the end of his career couldn’t come close to matching the early part. His final seven seasons all finished without a postseason appearance — three in Vancouver after his first departure from New York and four more in his second stint with the Rangers.

“That is something that is always going to be a disappointment for me because I think there are so many good things that happened in the playoffs previous to that it will diminish those feelings,” Messier said.

Sather, now the Rangers’ GM, left room for Messier to come back but talks never got that far.

On Jan. 12, exactly 37 years after Namath fulfilled his promise and lifted the Jets in the Super Bowl over the heavily favored Baltimore Colts, the Rangers will retire Messier’s No. 11 before a game against the Oilers. It will join Red Gilbert’s No. 7, Ed Giacomin’s No. 1 and teammate Mike Richter’s No. 35.

That will give him a chance to better show his emotions. Messier said he made the announcement on a conference call because, “one wants to see a blubbering idiot at the podium.”

Messier all but said goodbye on March 31, 2004, following the Rangers’ final home game before the lockout that wiped out all of last season. He isn’t sure he would’ve played anyway.

In fact, he said the desire to return was stronger now than this time last year. But he leaves in good health and is looking forward to spending time with his young family. He has an 18-year-old son playing hockey in Texas and a 2-year-old child and a 3-week-old baby girl at home.

“There was nothing left for me to really achieve,” Messier said.

“It was time for me to move on and go into something else.”

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Struggling squad challenges Belles**

**Saint Mary's to face Olivet tonight after win in MIAA opener**

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Belles had one goal this season: to improve upon last year's campaign. And improve they have. Saint Mary's is two-thirds of the way to matching its win total from last season and has matched its longest winning streak from last year in three games.

The squad will look to continue the upward trend and possibly four in a row tonight when they host Olivet at 7 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Center in its second conference match of the season.

The Belles (4-6, 0-1) enter tonight's match with momentum after sweeping three matches Saturday at the Wooster College invitational to cap off their tournament.

The team showed its toughness by bouncing back from two sets of the Friday. Olivet (1-7, 0-1) enters tonight's match with a seven-match losing streak.

The Comets lost all four of their matches over the weekend at the Hanover tournament.

Olivet has struggled in conference play over the last five years, going 7-65 and never finishing higher than seventh in the nine-team MIAA.

**We need to pass well off the serve to win the offense well.**

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Hurricane absolutely devastated Auburn defender's hometown**

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — An Auburn football player who spent days believing his two younger brothers were killed in Hurricane Katrina and not knowing his father's hometown was a battered boat during a harrowing time, the Coast Guard says in a report obtained by The Associated Press.

"We saw them at [the] Elmhurst College tournament earlier in the year, and they are a much-improved team," Schroeder-Biek said. "They will challenge us. They have a strong outside attacker and a number of other good players.

"Saint Mary's and Olivet had identical 1-3 records at the Elmhurst College tournament. Schroeder-Biek said it was important for her team to dictate play tonight.

"We have to set the standard," she said. "We need to play our game and set a high standard. We cannot play down.

"Defeating conference bottom-feeders will be vital if the Commodores aim to climb the MIAA standings this year.

The Belles and Comets split two matches last season.

Saint Mary's will place its focus tonight on service reception, an area where the Belles struggled over the weekend. Schroeder-Biek explained that service reception is the cornerstone of the Belles' offense.

"We need to pass well off the serve to return our offense well," Schroeder-Biek said. "We don't want our setter [Amanda David] to have to run to the ball and worry about her different options. She is new to the position and for serving, but we need to pass as planned."

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FOOTBALL

Weis impressed with freshman linebacker

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Scott Smith was the latest Irish freshman to see his first action on Saturday. The linebacker entered the game for Corey Mays, who felt sick for a few plays. Smith helped nail down Notre Dame's defense on a reverse to help prevent a touchdown.

"The last thing you really want to be is there and all of a sudden see your freshman middle linebacker come running in for the first time playing against Michigan," Weis said. "But I tell you what, he had one great hustle play on that reverse. I mean, he was already all the way up in the line of scrimmage and he turned and tracked a guy down and ended up making a hit on him right there.

Weis said Smith, who hails from Highland Park, Ill., has been progressing his practice role to the point where he's Mayes' backup.

"Obviously it's a learning experience for him and a lot of other guys, but I think it was great to get his feet wet and to get him in there some in the heat of the action. And it wasn't in a non-pressure game, so obviously it wasn't like he was overwhelmed by the game." And Weis said Smith may not be the last freshman to see his first playing time this season.

"There's more coming," Weis said.

"Because we played eight of them so far, and it would not surprise me if more of them end up seeing time than that."

Tickets

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pulled in the annual alumni ticket drawing.

Alumni who donate at least $100 every year have the opportunity to request up to two tickets to each game on the Irish schedule.

Over 33,000 tickets are available for home games, while the ticket office received 5,000 tickets to each of the first two road games.

All six Notre Dame home games — Michigan State (Sept. 20), USC (Oct. 15), BYU (Oct. 22), Tennessee (Nov. 11), Navy (Nov. 12) and Syracuse (Nov. 19) — were officially sold out as the ticket office received more requests than the allotted 33,000 tickets.

Notre Dame's showdown with bitter rival No. 1 USC in mid-October was the most requested game, with 53,437 tickets were requested, over 20,000 more than available. The nearly 50,000 requests mark the fourth highest total in the history of Notre Dame Stadium.

Following USC, the home opener against Michigan State was the second most popular home game (49,521 requests).

In addition, alumni requested more seats than available for every Irish road contest, with the exception of the final regular season game against Stanford (Nov. 26) in Palo Alto, Cal., where the office was able to fulfill all ticket requests.

Michigan was the most-requested road game (14,645), followed by the season opener Sept. 3 against Pittsburgh at Heinz Field — a 42-21 Notre Dame victory.

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Defense

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Melissa Tancredi and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir from the backfield this offseason, the Irish have filled the gaps and kept last year's mentality intact.

The veterans have guided the younger squad and have been impressed by the new players' quick adjustment to the college game.

"It's not as if we're facing a team that's going to beat you, but it's a different style of play," Weis said.

And Weis said the unit has done exactly what it came against us, "she said.

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The lone exception to the rule came against No. 5 Santa Clara Friday, when the Irish lost 2-1.

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"Maybe we lost early on, but we can see the video of the mistakes that we've made and make adjustments," Shaner said.

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Despite their individual achievements, Kubinski feels that all four players are the definition of team players — another thing they have proven over the last three years.

“They’ve kind of put their own individual aspirations aside and in some cases made some sacrifices,” Kubinski said.

The second-year coach, who played at Springfield College, commented on how smooth a transition Deutsch, Balderson, Baldwin and Gustafson made while dealing with what comes along with having a new system in place.

“It’s been strange for them when you’re away,” Kubinski said. “I think they’ve done a fantastic job just adjusting to a new way of thinking. Just the support that they’ve shown me as a coach and the work ethic that they’ve shown the younger guys, they’re committed to the team aspect.”

Notre Dame travels to the Gopher Invitational this weekend in Wayzata, Minn., and with them will bring three of the four seniors who comprise this year’s roster.

Deutsch, Gustafson and Baldwin will compete for the Irish this weekend, along with the junior Isban and sophomore Mike King.

Even though Balderson is not traveling with the team to this event, Kubinski said he is just as instrumental as the other three seniors in terms of his leadership and dedication to the team.

“It is clear that Kubinski has high aspirations for this year’s team,” he said. “I think we have a chance to be a top-20 team this year if things go well for us.”

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“Sleeping with Baby: A Natural Ecology or a Prosecutable Offense?”

Presenter: James McKenna
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at Notre Dame Stadium the past four times, 11 times in its history — the greatest amount of victories at Notre Dame by an Irish opponent.

"That was a big win for us," Weis said at his Sunday afternoon press conference. "But with that said, I think they have a small time frame to get back to business because what you can’t ever do is be followed with a bird laying an egg. Trust me, you won’t have to worry about my mood with the players, because it will be very matter-of-fact. I can’t let them feel too good about themselves because we play Saturday against a team that has definitely gotten the best of the rivalry the last couple of years."

Weis emphasized to his team the history of Notre Dame — Michigan State, saying that his team is going to have to work to understand the Spartans will be a tough match up.

"Michigan State has won 11 games here at this stadium, which is more than any one of our opponents in the history," Weis said matter-of-factly. "Purdue has beaten Notre Dame 10 times, Southern Cal has beaten us 10 times, Pitt has beaten us eight times, but no one has beat us more times (in Notre Dame Stadium than Michigan State)."

Saturday’s game is the home opener for the Irish, and with that comes distractions with more than 80,000 people on campus. When the Irish are on the road, there are no pep rallies or family coming into town, and as a result, it’s easier to focus on the task at hand.

"I think there’s more distractions when you’re at home than when you’re away," Weis said. "I think the one thing you can play on when you’re away is that it’s ‘Us against the world.’ Now you’re coming home, and the families start coming in for the games, and the dog and pony show arrives for the pep rally on Friday. It can be quite a distraction.

And amidst these distractions is a Michigan State offense that scored 91 points in its first two games against Kent State and Arizona. The Spartans have averaged 31.6 points and in their two games.

As for the Irish, the defense stepped up against the Wolverines, giving up just 10 points and coming up with key stops. However, the offense failed to run out the clock with 2:47 to play and quarter-back Brady Quinn struggled with Michigan’s blitz packages. Special teams, meanwhile, kept Michigan returner Steve Breaston in check. Weis hopes this week the Irish can put it all together.

"I think that the goal now is because they have evidence of them playing well on all three elements of our game," Weis said. "It now…gives me an opportunity to raise the expectations myself and hopefully bring them along with me."
Crossword

Across
1. Sandlot part
6. Hamlet, by nationally
10. Cabbageyke plant
14. Motif
15. Test that's hard
18. One of the
20. Easy-to-manage
23. Early second-century year
24. Winter Fleming
25. Feature of some apartments
34. Flax fabric
35. Homer's hangout on "The Simpsons"
36. Co. with a triangular logo
37. Unwanted spots
38. Got wind of
40. Centers of activity
41. Winter dining hazard
42. ... Valley, Cali
43. Where Pogo is Pogo is
44. One who might take bribes for favors
45. O.R. workers
46. Ventilator of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
49. Vardalos of "My Fair Lady"
50. Sandra Bullock
53. "The Simpsons"
56. It might represent financial record
58. Mercury and Saturn, but not:...
60. "Big Fat Greek Wedding"
61. "My Fair Lady" character
62. It may be put on after a bath
63. Miter, in Madrid
64. Word that may follow the start of 20-, 25-, 44- or 50-Across
65. Speak...indubitably
66. "Yia-yia!"

Down
1. Headliner
2. Drive
3. Horse controller
4. Word of agreement
5. It might present you with a big bill
6. Bag
7. Territory
8. Bust maker
9. Drew forth
10. V.J.P.
11. Neural transmitter
12. Aid to Santa
13. Superlative ending
14. Annual b-ball showdown
15. Scallers' needs
16. Tartan design
17. Perfume maker
18. Nix
19. 267 (in Zigzag)
20. Flying goose formation
21. jars that were safely stored
22. Affirmative
23. Can't be done
24. Concise
25. ... at the end of the line
26. ASE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
27. tube
28. Paperless communication
29. Negative conjunction
30. Write checks payable to:
31. Judd was written and sang "Charge of Heart"
32. Hot drink
33. Cuban boy in 1999-2000 news
36. Bestiaks
39. Funny Phibs
40. Fond du...42 Hero
43. In (together)
45. "Blue-eyed cat"
46. Hypnotic state
47. Up to, breezy
48. Sport with horses
49. Conner piece
50. F.K.F.'s successor

Horoscope

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Happy Birthday: As long as you allow yourself to change with the times, you will find that the year ahead is one of many opportunities. If you have been hanging on to the past, you will have a lot of catching up to do. Lighten up and open your arms to new experiences. Your numbers are 7, 14, 15, 19, 30, 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotional issues will be difficult to handle and you can expect someone to take control of you. You can allow others some responsibility, but not where cash flow or financial matters are concerned. ***

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Today is all about expressing what life has to offer. An interesting partnership may develop if you share your ideas. Get the important details about the person you are dealing with before proceeding.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Forging ahead isn’t the way to gain ground today. Observe what everyone else is doing before you make your move. Put a little time and effort into self-improvement instead of spending on risky ventures.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don’t go greedy or set unrealistic goals and you will successfully move ahead. Don’t procrastinate—if something or someone interests you, go after it.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A challenge may set you back. Be prepared for the inevitable and ready to deal with difficult people. Don’t let your insecurities hold you down the wrong path.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socialize even if you are feeling a little down. You will have fun and hear interesting information that will help you make a future decision. Someone will surprise you with a generous offer.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Confusion regarding a personal problem will be difficult to deal with. Don’t set yourself up for a failure. Focus on something creative that will take your mind off emotional matters.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel and communications should be at the top of your list. You don’t have to get angry to get what you want. Speak up for the underdog in an intelligent manner and you will get the help you require.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t let a partner hold you back. An opportunity to make money is apparent, so be prepared to fight for what you believe will work. A sudden turn of events won’t be as dominating as you first expect.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Address a relationship that is undergoin some turmoil. You’ll be supplied how quickly things will change if you are attentive and understanding. A chance to work with some interesting people will achieve more than expected.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t let a personal problem stand in your way. Depression is apparent, so don’t allow yourself to be pulled into someone else’s dilemma. The timing for an idea of long ago appears to be better now.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can rely on someone to help you develop an interesting project. Friends, business associates or new acquaintances will give you the support you need. A new partnership is likely.****

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State in their sights

Irish looking forward to another chance to slow down Spartans

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

One streak broken, one more to go. That's the attitude Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis is trying to instill this week.

Just one day after taking down then-No. 3 Michigan at "The Big House" 17-10 for the first time since 1993, the now-No. 10 Irish were faced with another losing squad to stop. Michigan State has won twice.

By example is that much easier. "Because they started playing as freshmen together and were in the lineup a lot since freshman year, they've been seniors for a long time," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

But because the Irish have four seniors who not only have been on the team together for the last three years, but also have all been playing for those three years, the task of leading the team has only been made easier.

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Irish golfers Mark Baldwin, left, and Tommy Balderson wait to tee off during the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 15, 2004.

Kubinski expects success from talented senior foursome

By BOBBY GRiffin
Associate Sports Editor

Senior leadership.

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Kubinski expects success from talented senior foursome

By BOBBY GRiffin
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Senior leadership.

It's that important.

Teams look to seniors for guidance, examples and lessons, and not every upperclassman always adjusts to that role.

But because the Irish have four seniors who not only have been on the team together for the last three years, but also have all been playing for those three years, the task of leading the team has only been made easier.

"They are not selfish in the least bit, they're just very team-oriented," Kubinski said.

Deutsch had a busy summer competing in the U.S. Amateur with younger teammates Cole Labish and Eddie Perckets. He was also a 2004 Big East Conference selection.

Balderson is the only member of the Irish to earn all-Big East selections twice, accomplishing that as a freshman and sophomore.

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ND releases 2005-06 ledger

St. John's, Cincinnati not on Big East slate

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame played 15 regular season games on national television last season. In the newly unveiled 2005-06 Irish schedule, the team has only six games scheduled for a national audience.

But an expanded Big East conference and the return to a conference and the return to a competitive early season tournament make Notre Dame's upcoming slate just as formidable.

In the new Big East, which consists of 16 teams including new members Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida, the Irish will face three teams twice and ten other teams one time.

Only Cincinnati and St. John's are missing from the Notre Dame conference schedule.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

They allow only a fifth of the number of shots their defense takes. Their opposition shots-on-goal percentage is 90 points lower than their team's. They have held opponents to two or fewer shots in three of their first six games.

They are the members of the Notre Dame women's soccer defense, and they rank among the best in school history.

ND Women's Soccer

Stout defense walloping off goal to opponents

Led by fifth-year senior Candace Chapman, the Irish defense has suffocated opposing offenses, allowing just five goals in six games. While the Irish have accumulated 32 goals on 123 shots, the defense has held the team's six opponents — of which three were ranked — to just 25 shots.

The shots-on-goal difference is even starker — 75 for the Irish to 13 for their opponents.

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