Law student keeps hurricane blogger

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Second-year Notre Dame law student Brendan Loy's newfound celebrity was the product of an unusual source — his fame sprouted from a Web log, blog for short, created in April 2002. Before the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, the 23-year-old's blog, brendanloy.com, had a respectable traffic flow of approximately 1,000 Web site hits per day. But in the days leading up to and following Katrina's New Orleans landfall, his count totaled as many as 34,000 hits per day. Loy, an avid tropical storm tracker since childhood, followed the hurricane's path and carefully charted its grave potential days before city and state officials paid such notice. No Nostradamus, the self-described "dork" used what most would deem basic common sense to predict the pending mass devastation.

"The local government and the media did not sound the alarm loudly enough, but my blog did," Loy said. "I didn't make an amazing forecast, I just looked at what was happening with the National Hurricane Center ... I'm not clairvoyant." Loy said he based his prediction on information released by the National Hurricane Center. See BLOGGER/page 4

Hurricane impacts grads teaching in South

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

When 2005 Notre Dame graduate Melissa Hen特斯 began her two years of service with the Teach for America program three weeks ago in New Orleans, her new pupils made a lasting impression on her.

Seven-year-old Bailey Jones, a quiet student with a toothless yet infectious smile, created intricate artistic projects. Jy Neshia Lewis, a strong-minded six-year-old, made sure each day that a bearing-impaired classmate understood what the class was doing. And Jy Neshia's brother, seven-year-old Ahij Flatise, was a natural leader. After months of preparation, Hen特斯 had finally begun her two years of teaching a class of 30 New Orleans second graders.

Then Hurricane Katrina hit Aug. 29.

Hen特斯' elementary school, as well as the housing project where many of her students lived, was located near a levee that broke. The school remains under five to seven feet of water, Hen特斯 said.
Hen特斯 is one of four 2005 Notre Dame grads participating in Teach for America in the New Orleans area. One hundred thirty-eight volunteers from the program were originally stationed in the area, but many have either followed the displaced New Orleans students to Baton Rouge or Houston or relocated to safer areas them-

see TEACH/page 4

Oppenheimer's life discussed

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Curious students and professors gathered Tuesday for a lecture on the most destructive man-made weapon, the nuclear bomb, and its creator, Robert Oppenheimer. The second installment of the lecture series "Thoughts on the Unthinkable: Perspectives on Nuclear Weapons and Warfare" took place last night in the McKenna Hall auditorium and featured historian Kai Bird, a freelance journalist and contributing editor to The Nation.

The lecture focused on Oppenheimer's troubled life. Who Bird described as a key player in the creation and policymaking of the atomic bomb.

Bird characterized Oppenheimer, a physicist and government adviser who directed the development of the first atomic bombs, as a "determined" man of wide-ranging interests. Bird went on to say that Oppenheimer had been studied in the past but his portrayal has been largely one-sided.

Bird's lecture dovetailed with this week's series of talks on the development of the atomic bomb. The series, which began last week, is titled "The American Experience: The Development of the Atomic Bomb." See NUCLEAR/page 8

SMC Seniors make use of career facilities

Center for Career Opportunities aids students with plans

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

For most Saint Mary's students, the summer seems a long way off. But for many of this year's seniors, the time for entering the "real world" is rapidly approaching.

At the outset of the academic year, Saint Mary's seniors have begun already to plan for life after college with help from various opportunities the College provides.

To help with career planning, students often turn to the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO). Created by the College to help students transition smoothly from Saint Mary's into the working world, the CCO is located on the foundation level of the Student Center — works with students of all majors to search for jobs, make decisions about graduate school and improve their job-hunting skills.

"We're not really placing just one foot in the door," said Davis. "We're actually placing one foot firmly on the ground and allowing students to make their own decisions on where they want to go." See SENIORS/page 6
We're all crazy

It happens around this time of year: it sneaks up on us, and before we know it, we're entirely enveloped, and there's almost nothing to be done about it. I call it The Lull. It's when everyone at school looks like a robot. We all go to classes, do the homework, eat, to go to sleep, then do it again the next day. Our routines are the cuts that cause our days to bleed into each other.

To beat the holl, you must first recognize that you have a problem. Hello, everyone, my name is Joe Piarulli, and I find myself leading a remarkably boring, schedule-driven, sustainance-based life. Hi, Joe.

You have to break the routine. Snap its back over your leg, and tell yourself that you're alive. Do something that feels good. Embrace your insanity, because if you don't, you will always find yourself a victim of The Lull. If you're having one of those weeks in which you see the same people every fifteen minutes, and it seems as though your life is on instant replay, do something ridiculous. Remind yourself that you're alive.

A decent way to break the norm is to stop listening to everyone. Most people don't know what they're talking about anyway. Usually when someone says, "listen carefully," it's because they think that what they're going to tell you is important. As Jack Johnson sang, "What's important to you is not important to me." So when I say, "listen carefully," I mean be careful about the advice you take.

People give advice they aren't using, which probably means it isn't all that great. Would you give someone the pants you're wearing? No, because you're using those pants. You like those pants. You had to get those pants on your own and you don't want someone to have them. So listen carefully, that is to say, be careful about listening.

Another way to escape The Lull is to stop trying to do what you think everyone wants you to do. Stop trying to be cool. You're only as cool as you think other people think you are. Think about it.

Most importantly, amuse yourself. Use your imagination. Think about things that you usually wouldn't think about. The thoughts most worth thinking are the ones other people won't think. If you had Dr. Seuss in your head all day, would your life ever get better? Go back to the days when you used to pretend, because it's just as much fun in college as it was when you were seven years old. It's fun to pretend that your room is a mini-golf course, or that everyone in DCarlos is a zombie and you have to battle your way out before they eat your brains. Yes, people will think you're truly crazy, but that just means you're having much more fun than they are. They are saturated by the holl, but you, my friend, are not.

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"Off the pressure because it can be taken in many ways."

"'Attitude' to remind yourself to keep a good attitude."

"I heart Rob because he's a hot guy."

"You're not alone because a lot of times, studying in the dorms, you are alone and you get down on yourself."

A resident of Dillon Hall dressed up in the traditional Teen Wolf costume Tuesday and ran around South Quad to publicize his dorm's upcoming Pep Rally. The event will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in front of the dorm and will include various skits.

OFFBEAT

Football player plans to amputate finger

SYDNEY, Australia—An Australian professional football player said Tuesday he plans to have one of his fingers amputated in an attempt to improve his game. Brett Backwell, who plays Australian rules football for Glenelg, a suburb of the city of Adelaide in South Australia state, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. he has suffered from pain and restricted movement since he broke his left ring finger three years ago.

Doctors had suggested fusing the bones in the finger, but Backwell rejected the proposal. He said he believed that amputating the finger was the only way to stop the pain and allow him to keep playing.

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

Fiddler's Hearth is hosting a "halfway to Patrick's Day" Irish Fest Friday, Sept. 16 through Sept. 23 to raise money for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Irish bands The Spring, The Bardic Apostles, The Fenians, Traud, Brock McGuire and local band Kennedy's Kitchen will perform. Fiddler's Hearth is located downtown South Bend at 127 N. Main. For tickets and information, call 232-2853.

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

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IN BRIEF

James McKenna, from the department of anthropology, will be giving a lecture entitled "Law & Sleeping With Baby: A Natural Ecology or a Prospective Offense?" today at 4:30 p.m. in room 120 of the Law School. Eric Smithburn will be the commentator.

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

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World-famous organists convene for national conference

Special to the Observer

Internationally acclaimed organists from around the world are convening this week at the Notre Dame for the 2005 National Conference on Organ Pedagogy in the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The conference, which continues through Wednesday, features a host of performances, lectures and master classes by top organ scholars, musicians and craftspeople and celebrates the first year of Notre Dame’s O’Malley Organ, which stands in the performing arts center’s Reyes Organ and Choral Hall. “This has been one of my dreams during my 25 years at Notre Dame,” said Craig Cramer, professor of organ and artist-in-residence, who also organized and performs at the conference. “That we would be able to bring people to campus from my discipline and show them that we have a flourishing organ program and that the University is committed to educating the next generation of organists and church musicians. This is a significant event in my profession and in Notre Dame’s decade of the arts.”

Presented in conjunction with the American Guild of Organists (AGO), the conference focuses on the works of Dietrich Buxtehude with particular emphasis on keyboard techniques, improvisation, theoretical issues, performance, practice topics and the historical situation of music in 17th-century North Germany.

The O’Malley Organ was hand-crafted by Paul Fritts & Co. of Tacoma, Wash., and has 2,550 pipes and 35 stops. It was funded through a charitable remainder trust from the late Marjorie M. O’Malley, a member of Notre Dame’s Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Letters from 1980 to 1986, who also provided funding for the Holtkamp organ installed in the University’s Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1978.

On the Way to the Cure™ - The Komen College Tour

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On the Way to the Cure™ — The Komen College Tour is part of the Komen Foundation’s Young Women’s Initiative designed to educate and empower young adults about a disease that claims some 40,000 lives annually.

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CHIMES MEETING

"Chimes," Saint Mary's College Literary Magazine, will hold an organizational meeting September 15, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. in the Student Lounge, Rm. 163, of the Saint Mary's College Student Center.

If you are interested in being a member of the "Chimes" Editorial Board please attend.

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Today's Chimes: The theme of the October issue, "Chimes," is "Young Writers and the World of the Wild." Among the contributing authors are the following:

- Robert A. Lane, a senior English major, with "The Haunted Woman's House" in the "Ghost Stories" section.
- Travis E. C. Norwood, a senior English major, with "The Cat in the Hat" in the "Children's Literature" section.
- Sarah J. Smith, a senior English major, with "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in the "Novel Studies" section.
- John F. Johnson, a senior English major, with "The Great Gatsby" in the "Literary Fiction" section.
- Maria M. Garcia, a senior English major, with "The Catcher in the Rye" in the "Modern Literature" section.
- Natasha D. Williams, a senior English major, with "The Lord of the Rings" in the "Science Fiction" section.
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Katrina causes energy crisis

Bush officials concerned about natural gas shortages for coming winter

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. -- It may take months to resume fully natural gas production. After Hurricane Katrina, top Bush administration officials said Tuesday while expressing worries about shortages this winter.

Unlike with heating oil and gasoline, there's little ability to make up differences with imports.

"There are concerns about the supply of natural gas," Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said Tuesday, a week after an agency in his department predicted that natural gas prices in some parts of the country will be 71 percent higher than last winter.

Bodman and Interior Secretary Gale Norton took to Capitol Hill Tuesday to say the Gulf to observe the damage to oil platforms and flew over the Louisiana Offshore Port, the minimal where huge oil tankers drop off their cargo in deep waters miles offshore.

Evidence that the recent surge in oil production facilities is incomplete, at least half a dozen tankers were anchored near the port waiting to drop off their cargo. The facility, known as the Offshore Port, reopened last week.

Norton said that 90 percent of the Gulf oil platforms will be capable of production by the end of the month. But she emphasized that there is widespread damage to offshore facilities that will hamper production beyond that.

Bodman and Norton visited one of the government's strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, where the government is providing several refineries with oil to make up for supply losses.

Exxon-Mobil refinery near Baton Rouge, La., which has needed government oil to continue production. Bruce March, the refinery's manager, said that about 20 percent of its crude is coming from the government stockpile.

The refinery, the second largest in the country, scaled back production briefly after the hurricane hit, but it now is again in full production, March said.

Norton said that 58 percent of Gulf oil production remains shut down, as does 38 percent of the region's natural gas production.

Both Cabinet members expressed concern about upcoming supplies of natural gas. About one-third of the Gulf's natural gas production has been disrupted.

Bodman said that "there is less known," about the extent of damage to underground natural gas pipelines and it's uncertain when those facilities will be in full operation. He said it could be several months before the region's natural gas system recovers.

While the loss of oil production is being made up from government reserves and foreign supplies, there is no such backup for natural gas.

"We don't have an international market" that the country could rely on for additional supplies as it does with oil, Norton said.

Last week, the Energy Information Administration estimated that natural gas prices would soar this winter because of the hurricane, including increases as much as 71 percent in parts of the Midwest.

Bodman and Norton met with senior executives from two dozen energy companies Monday evening in Houston. The executives said they needed government help in arranging for housing for thousands of employees as they struggled to relocate for quick recovery of the region's infrastructure.

Residents in Gulfport, Miss., watch as machinery removes debris collected from inside their hurricane-damaged homes on Tuesday.

Unions blame city for L.A. blackout

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Workers who accepted a massive lunchtime black out were upgrading the city power system during peak daytime hours because the city was "cutting corners" and reluctant to pay bonuses at night, union officials claimed Tuesday.

City officials denied the allegation, and one City Council member questioned whether the outage was an intentional move to pressure the city in an ongoing contract dispute.

Almost 2 million people, from downtown Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley, lost power Monday night when people are coming back from lunch and turning their computers on.

The workers were installing automatic monitoring controls to provide department officials with immediate information about the status of its system.

Brian D'Arcy, an official with the union representing 8,200 utility workers, said technicians should have done the work at night, when power usage is lower and there is less potential for wide-scale shut-downs. Night work means higher wages, though, and the city didn't want to pay, he said.

"They're cutting corners," said D'Arcy, business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 18. "They shouldn't have done it in the middle of the day when people are coming back from lunch and turning their computers on."
Seniors
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people in jobs," said Mike Sanders, the director of Indiana Careers at SMC. "While that's not our responsibility, we help them find out what they're interested in."
Senior Lindsey Lozmack, a communications studies major, has used the Center's resources to find direction. "You know what's out there," Lozmack said of the working world. "But you don't really know what you're going to like."
Although she has submitted her résumé to a number of companies nationwide due to opportunities provided by a summer internship, Lozmack consults the CCO's director Jeff Roberts about her future career path.
"He really helps you sort out your priorities," she said.
To aid students, the CCO offers multiple career fairs, workshops and internship opportunities each semester. The CCO's best assets are the ones that help graduating Belles start their own professional network, Roberts said.
"The Center was really helpful," said senior Kate Keating, an elementary education major. "I brought in my résumé and they helped me tweak it, which was how I landed my summer internship with Chicago Public School and my job for next year."
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10 P.M. ~ CLOSE “Must be 21 with valid I.D”
WASHINGTON — Facing a congressional inquiry, the Small Business Administration said Tuesday it believes it followed the law during its nearly $5 billion lending effort to help small companies recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

To make its case, the agency distributed one audit that praised some of its work while omitting a second one critical of the same congressional auditing agency that critiqued the SBA's post-Sept. 11 relief work.

The SBA was responding to an Associated Press story last week that found numerous violations by the agency.

"Whether I got it or not was not that important to me," said Jon Jones, a co-founder of Toll Brothers Inc., the Horsham, Pa.-based land developer, said he only became aware the property was available about a month ago.

In Brief

Deficit to be below last year's record

WASHINGTON — The federal deficit, with one month left in the budget year, is running well below last year's record pace, thanks to a surge in federal receipts.

The government recorded a $24.6 billion surplus in September 2004 that left the total deficit below last year's record pace, thanks to a surge in federal receipts.

Northwest Airlines

MINNEAPOLIS — Northwest Airlines said it has reached a settlement in its lawsuit to make $42 million in debt payments in recent days, suggesting the carrier is conserving its cash as it struggles to meet monthly debt payments.

Northwest said it began hiring permanently last week to get for annual labor cost savings to a new, undisclosed figure, as rising fuel prices have battered the airline.

Small Business Administration

Small Business Administration Chief Hector Barretto defends the SBA's actions Tuesday after facing a congressional inquiry.

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"If you want to work at a nonunion place, go to Wal-Mart. Don't go back in here," he said, piking a thumb over his shoulder at a Northwest maintenance hangar.

The two sides haven't met since early August, when mechanics walked away from their leaders to protest what they saw as inadequate job offers. The union has charged Northwest with unfair labor practices.

Northwest urged union leaders to allow the FAA to inspect the hangar.

"The SBA's press release also omitted a second GAO report, from January 2003, that rapped the agency for using "inconsistent and subjective measures" to gauge the success of its disaster-relief efforts.

"The inadequacies of SBA's measures are especially evident when considered in light of the agency's performance in responding to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," the second report concluded.
Feerer victorious in NYC primary

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Fernando Feerer testified on the edge of victory Tuesday over three other Democrats competing in their party's primary for the chance to wage an underdog campaign against Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire Republican who enjoys broad support in this overwhelmingly Democratic city.

With all but 10 precincts reporting, Feerer had 40 percent of the vote, ahead of U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's 29 percent, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields had 16 percent, and City Council Speaker Gifford Miller had 10 percent. Feerer conceded their losses.

Ferrer's run is his third try for mayor after losing the primary in 1997 and a runoff in 2001 to then-Public Advocate Mark Green. The primary that year was supposed to take place on Sept. 11, but was rescheduled in the chaos of the terrorist attack.

Green eventually lost to Bloomberg, who was considered a longshot until he was endorsed by Rudolph Giuliani as the thee still-raging in the ruins of the World Trade Center.

Feerer, the former Bronx borough president, would be the city's first Latino mayor if elected.

A potential runoff between Feerer and Weiner promised to be lively. While all four Democrats largely avoided attacking each other leading up to the primary, there were occasional tangles between the two men.

As votes are counted, the two are not likely to waste precious time, campaigning as if there will be a runoff, which would be held Sept. 27.

Some Democratic leaders were concerned a runoff would divide the party and weaken their chances against Bloomberg, who is buoyed by shining approval ratings.

Not to be upstaged, Bloomberg threw an election night party in Brooklyn, even though he did not face a challenger in the primary. To cheers of "Four more years," he addressed supporters at the celebration.

"Someone told me there was a primary contest going on tonight, is that right? I love primary night, especially when I don't have one," Bloomberg cracked.

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John Soares
history professor

as a victim of McCarthyism, the FBI and the destruction of the weapon he created.

The last part of the lecture concentrated on how Oppenheimer's fears and theories on proliferation are still relevant in the post-9/11 world.

"He is today a metaphor for all the dilemmas and predicaments we encounter today," Bird said.

Bird specifically cited the current Bush Administration's advocacy of unilateralism, which Oppenheimer spoke against.

Bird also drew parallels between Oppenheimer's trial and his loss of civil liberties. In 1954, Oppenheimer was suspended from his position as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission because of charges that he was associated with Communists.

Bird was accused of using illegal wiretaps and officials worried he was a security threat.

Bird tried to have the audience understand Oppenheimer's troubled mindset. He often described Oppenheimer as pacing or mumbling.

The lecture concluded with a question and answer session. A spirited debate erupted between Bird and Fr. Wilson Miscamble of the history department about President Truman's motives for dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Miscamble contested Bird's assertion that the Japanese were already successfully defeated when the bombs were dropped.

Bird was chosen to speak because of his expertise in the area of nuclear warfare, history professor John Soares said.

"Kai Bird has written a number of books ... that have made an important contribution to our knowledge of some of the most important figures in American politics and diplomacy during the Cold War," he said.

Bird recently co-authored "Am erica n Prometheus," the first full-scale Oppenheimer biography. It was researched and written for about two decades and includes evidence from many recent documents.

The lecture series takes place during the first semester on Tuesdays at 7:30 in McKeown Hall.

The series' goal is to provide different perspectives from people of all fields of expertise. The first lecture of the series was given by Harold Agnew, who worked under Enrique Fermi during the Manhattan Project. Other guest lecturers include a Russian professor, physicists and political scientists, among others.

The series is sponsored by the College of Science, the Department of Physics, the Kellis Center for Science, Technology and Values, the Center for Social Concerns and the Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics.

One upcoming high profile speaker is David Kay, who was directed by President Bush to search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in June 2003.

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More prisoners go on strike

Group of terror suspects have been refusing food for over a month

Associated Press
SAN JUAN — Nearly 40 more detainees have joined a hunger strike at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp for terror suspects, bringing the total to 128, an official said Tuesday.

Eighteen prisoners have been hospitalized, including 13 who are being fed by tubes, said Capt. John Adams, a spokesman for the detention center. The five others are receiving intravenous fluids.

Thirty-nine prisoners have joined the strike since Friday, Adams said. He said the number of hospitalized detainees had reached 22, but four were returned to their cells after their conditions improved. All are being monitored by doctors at the camp in eastern Cuba, he said.

"Everyone is stable at this time," Adams said. "If their condition appears to weaken, they will be brought to the hospital and either fed intravenously or nose fed."

The prison at Guantanamo holds about 500 prisoners from 40 countries. More than 230 others have been released or transferred to the custody of their home governments. The detainees are accused of ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network or Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime. Most have been held for more than three years without charge.

The military has said the latest hunger strike began Aug. 8, with 76 detainees refusing meals.

Lawyers from the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights said detainees were angry because the military allegedly reneged on promises to comply with the Geneva Conventions if the prisoners ended a previous hunger strike.

Capt. John Behrens, another Guantanamo spokesman, denied that the military had reneged on any promises. He said each cell block has chosen a prisoner to talk with military authorities about conditions at the camp.

"Everyone is stable at this time."

John Adams
Guantanamo Bay detention center spokesperson

Netherlands

Dutch millionaire's daughter kidnapped

Associated Press
AMSTERDAM — Armed men broke into an upscale Amsterdam home and kidnapped the daughter of a millionaire whose fortune came from selling chemicals, including to Iraq in the 1980s, police said Tuesday.

"At this moment we don't know where she is."

Wilmie Woelders
Amsterdam police commissioner

of Hans Melchers, who owns Melchemie Holland BV, which company Melchers said was named in the 1980s. It was unclear whether the kidnapping was related to any international dealings.

The woman's two young children were left in the house in a southern suburb of Amsterdam near a shopping mall, police said. The kidnappers bound and gagged the mother who was in the house, and he was later freed by one of the children.

"At this moment we don't know where she is," police spokesman Henk van Woelders told Dutch NOS television. "Nobody who has information about where she is should contact us so we can get her home safe."

Police circulated a photograph of Claudia Melchers and sealed off the house.

Melchemie has been at the center of accusations in the Dutch media of illegally supplying banned chemicals to Iraq in 1984, but it has denied intentionally violating export restrictions.

A statement posted on Melchemie's Web site acknowledged overlooking a chemical that could be used for poison gas in an export deal with Iraq but said the company recalled the shipment before it reached its destination.

It called the shipment "a one-time mistake" for which it paid a fine currently equivalent to more than $55,000. In 1989, it supplied chemicals to Iraq that were not under any international bans, the Web statement said.

Melchemie had $76 million in sales in 2002. It is wholly owned by Hans Melchers, who inherited it in 1986. He is one of the country's richest men, with a fortune estimated at $500 million, according to the business magazine Quote.

No one answered the telephone at the company's listed number following the police announcement.

Kidnapping for ransom is rare in the Netherlands. The most famous case was the abduction of beer tycoon Freddy Heineken in 1983, for which the kidnappers were paid $10 million. The two kidnappers were released after lengthy prison terms, and one was killed last year in a gangland-style shooting.

In 1998, Hansje Boomstra-Raatjes, then a 62-year-old socialite and estranged wife of the chief executive of Royal Philips Electronics Co., was kidnapped and later found beaten and handcuffed. No ransom was demanded.

At least three other high-profile kidnappings were reported in the 1980s, including the 1987 kidnapping and murder of grocery millionaire Gerrit-Jan Heijn, who was murdered even as his company, Ahold, paid a ransom then worth $3.7 million and 1,000 cut diamonds.

Heijn's murderer was later arrested and jailed for 20 years.
United Nations

A. Disappointed in reform document

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday advanced a revised document to address armament on poverty, human rights and U.N. efforts for world leaders to approve at a summit this week, after shedding many of Secretary-General Kofi Annan’s most ambitious goals during weekend deliberations.

The compromise 35-page document is supposed to launch a major reform of the United Nations itself and galvanize efforts to ease global poverty, but to reach a final agreement, the text’s details were gutted in favor of abstract language.

A definition of terrorism and details on how to replace the discredited U.N. Commission on Human Rights were not included. U.S. efforts to overturn U.N. management have been diluted, while nuclear nonproliferation did not even make the list.

“Obviously we didn’t get everything we wanted and with 191 members, it’s not easy to get an agreement,” Annan said. “All of us would have wanted more, but we can work with what we have been given, and I think it is an important document.”

Annan had gambled that by calling the summit — the largest gathering of world leaders in history — he could push through a list of sweeping U.N. reforms and refocus attention on Millennium Development Goals for cutting poverty and disease by 2015.

But diplomats said they had lowered their expectations in the last few days before the issues were too contentious. Still, they called the document a breakthrough after so many years, though they did not say the document was what many developed countries had wanted. They said the document was a step forward, but this is not the alpha and the omega, and we never thought it would be.

Though Annan said he was mostly satisfied, the document was a significant step backward from the version he had unveiled his proposals, Annan had urged leaders to expand the size of the Security Council, come up with a definition of terrorism and accept that they have a “responsibility to decide when to use military force,” which requires collective action.

And last week, a committee investigating the scandal-tainted U.N. oil-for-food program had called for wide-ranging management reforms. The committee, led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, said that the United Nations would need a complete overhaul to tackle programs such as oil-for-food in the future.

Leaders to expand the council were abandoned because of longtime national differences. The “responsibility to protect” was whittled down to nations’ obligations to protect their own citizens. The document says nations should “make all efforts” toward a contested goal, but doesn’t try to define it.

Annan called the failure to mention the biggest letdown. The United States had vehemently objected to placing new permanent power in non-NATO members over issues that were found in the document.

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Annan’s plan would have been a breakthrough, but the failure to mention the United Nations would have been a significant blow, he said.

But the document is seen as a step forward.

“All of us would have wanted more, but we can work with what we have been given, and I think it is an important step forward.”

— Kofi Annan

U.N. Secretary General

Rumsfeld seeks NATO takeover

Defense Secretary denies rumors that United States is leaving Iraq

Associated Press

BERLIN — NATO should ultimately take over anti-terrorism operations in Afghanistan handled by the U.S.-led coalition, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday, but he refused to set a timetable for drawing down American troops.

Speaking to reporters at the beginning of a two-day NATO meeting, Rumsfeld also rejected suggestions that the United States might begin pulling troops out of Iraq by the end of the year, saying the departure would be determined by what is occurring in that country.

“It’s all condition-based,” Rumsfeld said.

Affirming that position was the British defense minister, John Reid.

“We are in Iraq for as long as it takes to solve the problems in Iraq,” Reid said, “until the job is done.”

More detailed talk was stilled by fears about increased violence accompanying parliamentary elections in Afghanistan scheduled for this coming weekend, as well as the upcoming elections in Germany, where some have openly opposed any increased combat missions for NATO.

Annan’s plan would take four years after the U.S. invaded the country to overthrow the Taliban. Insurgents have vowed to disrupt the balloting.

Rumsfeld said he is also urging his defense counterparts to find ways to increase the military flexibility of NATO’s forces and the financing for the alliance. Several countries put limits on the military activity their forces can engage in as part of NATO, such as limiting where they can go or what type of combat force they can use.

Rumsfeld declined to single out which countries he felt posed problems. He said there are 17 pages of edicts limiting where troops can go and what they can do.

“Different restrictions on national forces makes it enormously difficult for command­ers to have the flexibility to function,” said Rumsfeld.

In addition, he said a funding increase is needed because some smaller countries have fewer defense budgets or must plan their spending so far in advance that it makes it difficult for them to respond quickly to changing military needs.

Rumsfeld said he hopes that changes in the structure of NATO will eventually allow the alliance to reduce some of its forces in Kosovo as well.

Rumsfeld plans to meet privately with several of his colleagues Wednesday, including Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said the U.S.-led coalition needs to reconsider the way it is fighting Taliban­led rebels. His comments came after six months of fierce battles that have left more than 1,200 dead.

“We and the international community, the coalition, must sit down and reconsider and rethink whether the approach to the threat of terrorism that has been taken is the absolutely right one,” he told British Broadcasting Corp., in an interview broadcast Tuesday.

He suggested combating the problem where “terrorists are trained” but declined to elaborate.

Afghan officials say many insurgents train in secret bases in neighboring Pakistan, deep in the denials from Islamabad.

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Owners get homicide charge

Louisiana Attorney General investigates 34 nursing home deaths

The attorney general said he is also investigating the discovery of more than 40 corpses at flooded-out Memorial Medical Center, in New Orleans' Uptown section. The victims at St. Rita's died Aug. 29, the day the hurricane hit, and on Sept. 6, at least 14 unrecognizable bodies were still inside the nursing home, the New York Times reported last week.

St. Bernard Parish Councilman Ricky Melehan said the water rose three feet in 15 minutes that morning and then even faster, the Times said.

Several men tried to rescue the nursing home's residents by floating them out on mattresses, and others were able to walk to a school, the Times said. In all, the home had about 60 residents.

There were apparent efforts to fight the incoming water inside St. Rita's. A table was nailed against a window and a couch was pushed up against a door, the Times said. There was also evidence that water had reached the roof.

The owners had an evacuation plan as required under state law and a contract with an ambulance service to evacuate the patients, but they did not call the company, Foti said.

They also turned down an offer from St. Bernard Parish officials who asked if the nursing home wanted help evacuating, he said. The home is about 10 miles southeast of New Orleans in an area of heavy devastation.

Foti said the bodies have not all been identified and he was not sure how many of the victims were patients or staff.

"They had a duty and a standard of care to people who could not care for themselves," Foti said of the owners. "If you or I decide we are going to stay, we do it of our own free will. . . . The people at the nursing home don't have that choice."

Associated Press

RATON ROUGE, La. — The husband-and-wife owners of a nursing home near New Orleans were charged Wednesday with negligent homicide in the deaths of 34 people during the flooding unleashed by Hurricane Katrina.

The case represents the first major prosecution to come out of the disaster.

The owners of St. Rita's Nursing Home in Chalmette "were asked if they wanted to move [the patients]. They did not. They were warned repeatedly that this storm was coming," Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti said.

"In effect, their inaction resulted in the deaths of these patients," Foti said.

Salvador A. Mangano and his wife, Mable, surrendered and were jailed on 34 counts of negligent homicide. Each count carries up to five years in prison.

Bush consults China's Hu about Korea, Iran

NEW YORK — President Bush sought China's help to stop nuclear weapons programs in North Korea and Iran and won a phone call from President Hu Jintao on Tuesday to step up pressure on Pyongyang for progress in proliferation negotiations.

The two leaders met here on the sidelines of a round of talks in Beijing aimed at persuading North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons.

Bush said his discussions with Hu ranged from how to prevent an avian flu pandemic to economic matters and feared nuclear proliferation in North Korea and Iran. He seemed pleased when Hu said, "We stand ready to step up our communication and cooperation" to gain fresh progress in negotiations with North Korea.

Without elaboration, Bush said he planned to raise human rights abuses in China with Hu.

For his part, Hu bluntly asked Bush to "join the Chinese side in safeguarding peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait" and said "it is inevitable that we may have some frictions" over trade as Beijing has a massive surplus.

Bush met with Hu at the end of a busy day of diplomacy stretching from the White House to the United Nations. The president, at a news conference in Washington, issued a stern warning to Syria about alleged involvement in Iraq and vowed the United States will not waver from its commitment in Iraq.

Consumed by Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts for two weeks, Bush pivoted to foreign policy for a meeting of more than 160 presidents, prime ministers and kings at a summit on combating poverty and reforming the United Nations. Bush is looking to address the General Assembly on Wednesday.

Bush has had a testy relationship with the U.S.-led war in Iraq, where the United States is bracing for a second year but resumed last month. Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a hard-liner, said "Israel should be wiped off the map" in an interview with the Associated Press.

"Some of us are wondering why they need civilian nuclear power anyway. They're awash with hydrocarbons," the president said. "Nevertheless, it's a right of a government to want to have nuclear energy or nuclear program.

Bush began the day at the White House, meeting with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani. Once again, the two leaders refused to set a deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

"Today, American and international presence in Iraq is vital," Talabani said.

"We will set no timetable for withdrawal," Mr. President," Talabani added.

Associated Press

In a move aimed at diplomats around the world, the U.S. State Department issued a stern warning to Syria about alleged involvement in Iraq.

"What I would like to stress here is that China does not pursue a huge trade surplus in trade with the United States," Hu Jintao, president of China, said.

Hu Jintao

President of China

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I suppose Notre Dame does a good job of filling us with enough anxiety and terror concerning our post-grad life. The barrage of Career fairs, expo, seminars and practice meetings is starting to drive me a little crazy. But that is only a senior. Thus, instead of getting asked about my future plans by my family members and the classmate who thought I was a senior, I get asked about my future plans by my family members and the classmate who thought I was a junior.

Every time someone asks about my future plans, I think about that scene in Good Will Hunting where Matt Damon tells Robin Williams he wants to be a shepherd and has a flock to tend. That option is looking sweeter every day. A quiet life, working with things that do not talk and basically making my own hours. Hmmmm. This reminder do I not like sheep and return to reality.

For anyone preparing to enter the Career Fair this eve, I would like to share with you my philosophy of post-grad, whether you like it or not.

First rule: Have your own standards. It is your life and you should live it. People of like interests should not have a common ground. I mean, you should be excited at a job prospect. Work is so central to our "selves." Through our work we not only take care of ourselves, but also get a chance to contribute to our world, and if we are lucky, can be creative and express ourselves. So the questions we should be asking ourselves — what would make me most happy to do? This job allow me to innovate within the ranks?

Second rule: Do not fret over the resume. This kind of only applies if you are going to get some face time with the employer. I think it is so much more impressive to convey yourself with expressive and poignant stories of your experiences. Think to those rare jewels you have in your life, the times where you shined, conquered or failed miserably but picked yourself up valiantly. Laying those stories out there is employers will be so much better than a fancily worded resume or a robotic set of responses.

Third rule: Do not feel like you have to go to every Career Center event. Instead, try having a few heart-to-hearts with friends, clergy, faculty and others on campus about this job process. The people you end up flying with — whether it’s the lofty justice crowd or young Fortune 500-ers — know stuff about jobs and programs that might fit you, since they know you.

Fourth rule: Check out the labor conditions. This may be easy to overlook, but it is vital. Ask if an employer or program offers health insurance. Find out what kind of starting hours are expected of you. Wonder if this company is currently being boycotted or having labor abuses. We are all going to be please to sign the pledge for Social Responsibility, which affirms we will take the teachings of social justice and responsibility with us beyond Notre Dame to our careers and to our communities. We should try having a few heart-to-hearts with worthy opponents like Michigan, and I encourage healthy competition.

I am profoundly disappointed to read of the inappropriate and classless behavior of a group of Notre Dame students at the recent Notre Dame/Michigan game (Andy Schor’s Sept. 13 letter to the editor). I attended the Notre Dame/Pitt game two weeks ago and was appalled by similar behavior from the Pitt students. There were many Notre Dame fans around me who behaved admirably. Many of my friends who are Pitt fans were that scattered around the stadium, were similarly impressed with the behavior of Notre Dame fans and students that had made the trip to Pittsburgh. I was in the process of preparing a letter to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh regarding the Pitt students’ behavior, but now I have no credibility to do so, and I am ashamed to be an alumnus of a University whose students, alumni and faculty take pride in the Catholic tradition. Maybe all the people who have complained about the ad emphasizing Notre Dame’s Catholic tradition will have their wish answered when Notre Dame decides to pull the ad because the University does not believe that the Catholic tradition depicted in the ad accurately reflects the values of its current students because of the behavior of a group of students.

There is more a practical and tangible effect of the inappropriate behavior described in previous letters to the editor. In any given stadium there can be anywhere from 5,000 to 20,000 potential employers, not to mention the television audience. I commented to the fans sitting near me at the Notre Dame/Pitt game that the Pitt students’ inappropriate and crude behavior will come to mind every time I see a resume with University of Pittsburgh listed under Undergraduate Education. I hope the students responsible for the poor behavior at Michigan think about the effect their behavior has had on themselves, their innocent classmates and the legions of alumni around the world. Any Notre Dame alumns will tell you that we often have to defend Notre Dame to its detractors. Previously, the detractors have been jealous of all that Notre Dame has to offer to those of us lucky enough to be able to attend the University. Now, we are faced with the indisputable, inappropriate and crude behavior of a small but vocal few that have cast a pall on what otherwise could be an exciting season for Notre Dame. Hopefully, this season's poor behavior will ultimately benefit the University, its students and alumni.

I enjoy the excitement of Notre Dame football and all the rivalries with worthy opponents like Michigan, and I encourage healthy support of the competition by fans of both competitors in any football game. I'm glad that the inappropriate behavior was limited to a small minority of the Notre Dame student body. I believe, however, that those responsible for the poor behavior owe an apology to their fellow students, Notre Dame alumni, faculty and administration to the fans of the Michigan Wolverines. I look forward to attending several games this season and hope that the experience won't be marred by childish behavior from individuals that are expected to be sufficiently mature to leave home and attend college in preparation for being productive and valuable members of society.

Anthony Watson, M.D.
Alumnus
Clare of 1987

"Ability is of little account without opportunity." — Napoleon Bonaparte
Previous installments of this letter discussed the need for grading management and its public image, both issues your administration might want to give serious thought to. We turn next to the problem of grade inflation.

Curbing grade inflation

Evaluating academics is relatively new on the educational scene. For instance, there is on percentage scale (0 to 100). By the late 1930s, most American schools had shifted to letter grades representing ranges of percentages e.g., A for the top 5 percent. An early step toward grade inflation occurred when the bottom two-thirds of the percentage scale was dropped, and passing grades began at about 70 percent.

For the 1990s, grade inflation had become rampant across the nation. In 1997 the median GPA at Princeton was 3.4 to 3.6, and 46 percent of the grades at Harvard were As and A-s. Between 1995 and 2004, the percentage of Notre Dame undergraduates earning bachelor degrees with honors GPA of 3.4 or more increased from 33 percent to 54 percent.

For many, the fear is that average grades at colleges and universities are steadily rising. But there are serious limitations in the procedures and methods of evaluating student performance, and about whether or not it is a good thing. The position one takes in the debate about grade inflation may depend on what one considers to be the purpose of grading.

Some teachers view grades as an incentive for the development of student potential. If substantial advance is shown by the end of the term, then a high grade is a mark of success and a reward. The event that the majority of the students in the class show substantial development, then the majority have earned an A level grade. If not given to modestly, the instructor might take the high class average as a sign of his or her success in inspiring stud-

Another view is that grades measure a student’s achievement against fixed norms through their own work and performance. This might be due to more intelligent students, better high school education or merely due to superior teaching by some professors. Passing out a larger proportion of A-level grades when this happens is like issuing more driver’s licenses as more candidates pass the tests. Anyone should be warned who meets the basic requirements.

From yet another perspective, grades are unsuitable as measures of student achievement. More appropriate are written evaluations tailored to individ-ual students. Instructors inclined towards grade inflation are those that consider a course as a sign that the current grading system is underlying self-deception.

A more traditional view of grading is keyed to the conception of higher edu-
cation as more than a group of personal skills. In disciplines like music, dance and theater, performing at high levels comes only after certain elementary stages have been mastered. In humanist disciplines like philosophy, similarly, basic skills of critical thinking and conceptual analysis must be acquired before the student can move on to succeed at more advanced levels. A process concept can be found in the performing arts, such as music, dance and theater.

With this latter view of education in place, grading can be seen as a means of evaluating a student’s readiness to move on to further stages in the educational process. In any discipline worth pursuing, some students will learn more quickly than others. This means that some students require more attention than others by the end of the term. Grading in this context is a matter of distinguishing among (1) students evidently qualified to go on, (2) those whose abilities require more advancement, (3) those needing additional study and (4) those unsuitable for further work in the field. While some educational theorists today reject this view of grading as useless, the existence of several uses in which such key sectors of society have a vital interest, for example, universities rely on grade comparisons in admitting students for graduate train-

Evaluations (TCEs) administered to students, businesses, individual students are unsuitable as, and so on until top level receives as verbal time.

What actually happens in academic grade inflation, however, is that A remains the top grade with which the others converge. Where a group of students once would have been evalu-

Support for the smoking ban

I understand Mr. Ronderos’ opinion in his Sept. 13 column concerning the proposed smoking ban in St. Joseph County. In fact, I believe it may go too far, but that is not my concern today. Both of my parents are smokers and have been for quite some time. I love them and want to see them live the rest of their lives. In the process of making another attempt, they know it’s unhealthy and have fre-

quently warned me not to “light up.” They also know the health risks. As a result, they don’t smoke around me. As a result of their smoking, I have developed symptoms-induced asthma that is quite severe. I can’t breathe as easily as I used to. It is this lack of breath for me to participate in sports that involve running for extended periods of time. Also, there are times when I am around others and am asked if I smell smoke. I have been told that they do not want the smell of smoke around them.

Letter to the Editor

I, too, have that zeal. As nearly everyone desires, I want to live as full a life as possible, not to be cut down early by lung cancer caused by second-hand smoke. I also believe it is my right to determine how I want to live my life as nearly as possible. I have tried very hard to quit many times and in the process of making another attempt, they know it’s unhealthy and have fre-

quently warned me not to “light up.” They also know the health risks. As a result of their smoking, I have developed symptoms-induced asthma that is quite severe. I can’t breathe as easily as I used to. It is this lack of breath for me to participate in sports that involve running for extended periods of time. Also, there are times when I am around others and am asked if I smell smoke. I have been told that they do not want the smell of smoke around them.

Josh Uniewski
Dillon Hall
Spc. 13
‘Hustle’ delivers martial arts masterpiece

By MARK REMEMBERER
Assistant Scene Editor

Stephen Chow is a creative genius. His films have a pure, original quality that is not often found in modern movies. “Kung Fu Hustle,” his latest movie, is also perhaps his best one yet.

The setting is Shanghai during the 1940s. The previous gang that reigned over the region, The Crocodile Gang, has just been replaced by the notorious Axe Gang. The sequence in which they come to power is both amusing and visually inspired to watch, a trait that defines the rest of the movie.

Parallel to the Axe Gang plot is that of lowlifethug Sing, played by director Stephen Chow, and his sidekick Bone, played by Chi Chung Lam. They are two small-time thugs who are trying to prove their own notoriety and join the axe gang.

Sing tries to pull a scam at a small stuba, comically and inadvertently involve the Axe Gang with the complements of Axe, from there, it becomes obvious that no one is as they seem.

“Kung Fu Hustle” is a masterpiece. The back of the DVD case claims that it’s a mixture of “Looney Tunes” and “Kill Bill.” Even though that description does not change the movie justice. It is quite similar to no other movie that has come before. Even Chow’s earlier works, while imaginative and creative in their own right, don’t match the creativity found in his latest offering.

“Shaolin Soorer,” Chow’s previous work, was impressive. The very notion of combining soccer with computer-rendered martial arts may have seemed abstract, but it was pulled off to great effect. In a scene at the beginning of the DVD, Chow references “Shaolin Soorer” in a humorous way, giving fans of his work a treat.

The video and sound are of the utmost quality, as can be expected from a Sony Classics release. It is a good thing too, as this is definitely a movie that appeals to the senses. The sheer imagery within the movie is almost a gift. In regards to sound, however, there is one complaint. Many film purists prefer to watch movies subtitled, and it is the original language track playing. Normally that is a judgment call, but in regard to “Kung Fu Hustle,” that would be a mistake. The subtitles are some of the worst to ever grace a video, often having very little to do with what is actually being said. The dubbing is done much more effectively, and one can only assume its closer to its source material.

The special features are also up to the Sony Classics standard, with enough to please any DVD aficionado. The commentary is good, as it contains not only the director but several of the stars giving their insights and stories about the film.

Behind the scenes of “Kung Fu Hustle” is an amusing documentary behind the movie, also starring some of the film’s stars.

There are the standard deletion scenes and bloopers as well, some of which are good for a laugh. There is also an interview with Chow conducted by Eric Myers, a martial arts film author. It’s a good way to round out the movie, completing it with some solid extras.

“Kung Fu Hustle” should be watched by anyone who is interested in films. The movie is such an unusual, visceral experience that it would be a shame to miss it.

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Korea’s vengeful dish best served ‘Old’

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

Park Chan-wook’s “Oldboy” ("Oldboy") demonstrates that Korean films are suddenly at the creative forefront of world cinema. Few films are as bold and strange, as its revenge story unfolds unpredictably into something much larger and more bizarre.

Screened at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival, “Oldboy” marked a new high in Korean cinema as it surpassed the standard Park set with “Joint Security Area” four years prior. The film’s labyrinth plot begins innocuously enough, opening with Oh Dae-Su (Choi Min-Sik), an ordinary businessman, who gets drunk on his daughter’s birthday. Oh Dae-Su is suddenly and mysteriously abducted. He spends years in a small room, being taken care of by a man, who gets drunk on his daughter’s birthday.

Born Dae-Su (Choi Min-Sik) prepares to threaten a gang that is trying to thwart his efforts at finding out who imprisoned him in the Korean film “Oldboy.”

Eventually he is let out into the world and begins seeking revenge on his tormentors. This sets in motion the picture’s perverse logic becomes clear and “Oldboy” elevates itself into something for more than the sum of its parts. Its logic, while twisted, ultimately works and grants “Oldboy” a satisfyingly harrowing conclusion that stays with the audience for a few thrillers can.

Like a Tarantino film, “Oldboy” is able to transcend its pulp origins thanks to the directorial panache of Park Chan-wook. Park’s previous film “Joint Security Area” opened to critical acclaim and helped bring the director international notoriety.

He brings the same energy and creativity to “Oldboy.” The film is fantastically stylized and almost cartoonishly excessive, but the film’s melodramatic style largely works.

Much of the film’s success can be attributed to lead actor Choi Min-Sik, whose staggering performance is the glue that controls the picture and holds it together. Choi runs a gamut of emotional and physical trials with conviction, which makes the more difficult aspects of the picture somewhat easier to handle. Among his highlights as an actor are his tracking shots in which he brutalizes a gang, and a scene involving an octopus that can’t be adequately expressed in words.

Gang Hye-jeong is also quite good as Oh Dae-Su’s love interest Mido — her innocence and beauty provide a counterpoint to his crazed thirst for vengeance. Yu Ji-tae, as Lee Woo-jin, the film’s antagonist, brings a melancholy sadness to a role that has a startling amount of depth.

The DVD, as expected, has English subtitles to complement the Korean Dolby Digital 5.1 EX track. There is also an English dub track that should be avoided at all costs. Additionally, there is a commentary track from Park and cinematographer Jeong-hun Jeong, an interview with Park and some deleted scenes with optional director’s commentary. Though these features are all engaging, enough interest in the film may lead to a better DVD somewhere down the line. It’s difficult to categorize a film like “Oldboy.” The film is often difficult to watch, but it has such confidence and bravura that it’s impossible to ignore. It is a significant milestone for Korean cinema and its key director, Park Chan-wook, who asserts himself as one of the world’s premier talents.

“Oldboy” is recommended, but try not to eat anything before watching it.

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The film opens (Rachel Weisz), a radical activist, and her husband Justin (Ralph Fiennes), a low-level diplomat, share a moment together in the Kenyan desert.

'The Constant Gardener' lacks consistency and focus

By ERIN MCGINN
Scene Critic

"The Constant Gardener" is one of those films that sweeps through with such breviling force that it can fool critics into thinking it's a great picture. It is not.

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The plot concerns low-level diplomat Justin Quayle ("The English Patient"s Ralph Fiennes), who meets and swiftly marries a radical named Tessa (Rachel Weisz). The film opens with her murder before flashbacks begin to unravel the mystery surrounding her death. Tessa's investigation eventually leads a grand conspiracy that Tessa was trying to uncover, which involves pharmaceutical companies and their testing practices.

The movie's main emphasis is on the events leading up to, and surrounding, the exorcism, as in "The Exorcist," but instead on the trial of Father Moore. Laura Linney ("Mystic River") plays the agnostic defending attorney of Father Moore, whose own beliefs are called into question as the trial progresses. The scenes of the actual possession and exorcism are shown through flashbacks as the evidence is recount in court.

While the movie brings to light numerous thought-provoking questions of the issues surrounding faith versus science, the film never really seems to reach its full potential. The Constant Gardener"s pacing is much too desired, and there were some poor decisions made regarding her scenes of possession. While they definitely had the potential to be truly terrifying, and at times almost are, they usually fall flat, mostly due to the subtitles.

When Emily starts speaking in tongues, the filmmakers provide subtitles for her, which caused the audience to react with laughter rather than fear. The film also skirts the surfaces of other points that could have used better development. The viewer is led to believe that Laura Linney's character is beginning to experience some of the signs of possession, but that plotline never really goes anywhere.

"Gardener" lacks consistency and focus

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Associate Scene Editor

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Somewhere between playing and all-that-is-good Jesus Christ all-that-is-evil Lord Voldemort, Ralph Fiennes found the time to play all-that-ordinary Justin Quayle. The former English Patient seems right for this role, a Hitchcockian character who becomes a victim of circumstances as he unravel the grand conspiracy.

Weisz is also quite good as Tessa, whose radical idealism is offset by human vulnerability. The best performance in the film, however, may belong to Peter Postlethwaite (one of the cinema's very best character actors), who depicts in a too-brief role as a semi-razed doctor whose motives are nebulous at best.

Comparisons to a director's previous work are often inevitable, especially when that director's last film was as stunning as "City of God." That picture was a tour de force in the best sense of the term, and "The Constant Gardener" takes the same kitchen-sink approach, but with more mixed results. Whereas "City of God" was ultimately invigorating in its dynamic style, "The Constant Gardener" is exhausting. Its focus is all over the map and it runs too long at 130 minutes, though there are moments of brilliance scattered throughout, most notably a stunningly effective late-film raid.

Ultimately, that lack of focus does "The Constant Gardener," which isn't as emotionally riveting as it wants to be. It is a good film, but not a great one, despite the critical hubbub surrounding its release.

Meirelles will make better pictures than this, and odds are that he has another masterpiece or two up his sleeve, but those looking for "City of God Part II" won't find it in "The Constant Gardener."

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This is mentioned only briefly in the movie, though it was an intriguing point that would've benefited from more attention.

While "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" definitely stands apart from other movies in its genre, it never manages to stand on its own two feet.

Audiences looking for a typical horror movie are sure to be disappointed, and those looking for a tasteful courtroom drama will be less disappointed, but still not entirely satisfied.

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Erin Bruner (Laura Linney), middle, and Ethan Thomas (Campbell Scott) debate a point with Judge Brewster (Mary Beth Hurt) in "The Exorcism of Emily Rose."

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com
Bruce Hornsby stormed onto the music scene in 1986 with his triple-platinum album "The Way It Is." This Friday night, he graces the stage and piano of the Leighton Concert Hall at the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, heralding an evening of music that is sure to please audiences both young and old.

Three Top 20 hits from "The Way It Is," including the No. 1 title track, launched Hornsby to the 1986 Grammy for Best New Artist. He went on to sell more than 10 million records and has earned Grammys for Best Bluegrass Recording and Best Pop Instrumental. A pianist and composer, Hornsby has challenged the parameters of the mainstream music world, as well as his own creative boundaries, finding inspiration in a wide array of musical influence including jazz, pop, classical, bluegrass, rock and vaudeville. His songs never cease to be lyrically clever and musically formidable, permitting listeners interpretive space to judge each masterpiece according to their own taste and perspective.

"I always wanted my music to have a real strong sense of place," Hornsby said in the biography section of his official Web site. "And I've always wanted to find a place in my music to express good playing also. I'm someone for whom playing the instrument well is really important."

The Observer was unable to contact Hornsby for this article. His music, both old and new, sends a strong message that Hornsby practices what he preaches, and he practices well.

Recently Hornsby has recorded with Eric Clapton, Sting, Elton John and others in the production of his latest album, "Halcyon Days." Evoking hopes for the future and memories of the past, Hornsby reflects on life with children and what it means to be a child.

"Most of this record is really influenced by me being a parent," Hornsby said on his site. "So much of it was written based on my experiences as a parent, worrying about my kids. It's inspired by trying to put myself in their shoes. It's tough to be a kid."

Combining with Elton John in "Dreamland," Hornsby sings a 21st century lullaby to his and all sons dealing with problems of self-esteem. "Gonna Be Some Changes Made," in Hornsby's words, "is about any bumbling idiot who can't seem to get his stuff together." The album speaks to those with families and those without alike, telling of trials and errors in dealing with those you love and those you live with.

In his first trip to the DPAC, Hornsby looks to treat fans to an evening of old and new, resting on his laurels only so far as his own musical talent and ambition will permit.

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MLB

Yankees score 17 runs in win over Devil Rays
Five-run second inning lifts Blue Jays over Red Sox; Indians maintain Wild Card lead with defeat of Oakland

Associated Press

Jason Giambi hit his 30th homer in the first, then followed it with a two-run double and a two-run single.

Ponza drew a bases-loaded walk in the first, then followed with a two-run double in the second and two-run single in the sixth. Tampa Bay has a troublesome problem for the Yankees, winning 11 of 16 games between the teams before Tuesday night to go a critical game behind New York's bid for an eighth consecutive division title.

New York manager Joe Torre tinkered with his batting order, moving Alex Rodriguez into the No. 2 hole, hitting Giambi third and placing Gary Sheffield in the cleanup spot for the first time since being swept by the Astros last week.

"We're relaxed, we're not panicking, we're not going overly aggressively when we're down," said Billy Wagner, who earned his 34th save in 37 chances with a scoreless ninth.

One night after Eddie Brito pitched four scoreless innings in his third career start, the Phillies again got contributions from their youngsters. Rookie Ryan Howard homered and doubled, and Chase Utley drove in two runs.

Chase Utley (5-10) and Dewon Page 18

Gavin Floyd couldn't match Brito's performance, but kept Philadelphia in the game, allowing four runs and five hits in his sixth big-league start.

"Surprisingly, not really," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "As long as they stay focused on what they're doing, they can do some good things for us." "I've got to get more work," Brito said with a triple and a scored twice for Philadelphia.

Andrew Jones has a three-run double for the Yankees, increasing his NL RBIs total to 12 total. 2005. 1

Toronto 9, Boston 3
Kendall Graveman hit his first home run in nearly a year during a four-run second inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Boston Tuesday for their ninth win in 13 games against the AL East leaders this season.

Hinske yelled at Fouke after the reliever hit him in the seventh, one pitch after Shea Hillenbrand's single off the Blue Jays an 8-3 lead.

Fouke, who has struggled since he was activated from the disabled list on Sept. 1, allowed two runs and two hits in one inning.

Boston's AL East lead over the second-place New York Yankees was cut to 2 1/2 games with another disappointing loss to Toronto, which is 72-22.

Cleveland 5, Oakland 4
The lights went out for the second time since Ben Broussard restored pride to the Cleveland Indians.

Broussard's second homer of the game, a tiebreaking three-run shot in the ninth, sent Cleveland to a victory over the AL West-leading Athletics and kept the Indians in control of the AL wild-card race.

In the seventh inning when umpires said he had hit the pitcher over the knee, a viola­ tion of baseball's rules, and called ball four.

Garner and Rodriguez argued in vain that the pitcher had merely touched his nose. "He didn't go to his mouth on the mound," Garner said. "He was simply sweating profusely on his face and was wiping it away."
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NCAA Football

USC looks to slow Razorback rushing attack

Arkansas will pose a different challenge for the Trojan defense

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California will make its first road trip this season when it faces the leading rushing team in the country, and Sedrick Ellis, a 6-foot-1, 285-pound sophomore, is the successor to standout nose tackle Mike Pouncey, who is in top-ranked USC's defensive line, and he's ready to get down and dirty in his second collegiate start when the Trojans (1-0) entertain Arkansas (1-1) in their home opener Saturday night.

In USC's season-opening 63-17 victory Sept. 3 at Hawai'i, Ellis and his running mates up front spent most of their time chasing quarterbacks because the Trojans didn't have to worry about Arkansas tailback Shaun Cody at defensive tackle. Ellis didn't play much last year, either, and also made only two tackles.

"They're gone," Ellis said, referring to Patterson and Cody. "They've been teaching the young guys the way to do it. I more than welcome that challenge. Right now, it's Lajuan's and my challenge to replace him. We do realize there's a focus on the defensive line. I think we'll be fine." He says he believes the Trojans have a pair of returning starters up front in defensive ends Lawrence Jackson and Frostee Rucker.

USC coach Pete Carroll in his first year as head coach said he'd better be, because that's the challenge the Trojans face against Arkansas after a pass-happy team like Hawaii.

"It's a big switch. It's a big change for us. We go from a running game and their pass game — it's been like that for three years." Carroll

White Sox Charities raise $100,000 for hurricane victims

Sports world quick to offer aid to those affected by Katrina

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — White Sox Charities and the team's fans donated $100,000 to the American Red Cross to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Audience Auction, Sox Split raffle and donations from fans, employees and staff brought in more than $40,000 during the recent homestand against Kansas City and the Los Angeles Angels. Chicago White Sox Charities donated almost $40,000.

"None of us will ever understand the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, which has affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans," White Sox President Ron Schueler said. "Our heart goes out to everyone touched by this tragedy. We feel what happened and we feel we need to be able to offer our support." The donation is part of efforts by Major League Baseball and its clubs to raise $3 million for hurricane relief.

Outfielder Jermaine Dye and catcher Chris Widger recorded pregame service announcements that will be broadcast at U.S. Cellular Field through the end of the season. Autographed player items, including two cellphone plexiglass pieces, will be auctioned online.

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**In Brief**

**NBA players raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims**

A handful of professional basketball players are going to spin the Wheel of Fortune to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Denver Nuggets Anthony of Denver, Bay Allen of Seattle, Baron Davis of Golden State and Luke Walton of the Los Angeles Lakers are among 15 NBA and WNBA players teaming up with the television game show "Wheel of Fortune." The players will tape shows Thursday for the game show's NBA week, airing Oct. 31-Nov. 4. Each player will be partnered with a fan from their team's city, and the fans will play for cash and NBA-themed prizes.

The players will compete for their favorite charities and for the Red Cross, with a minimum of $100,000 of their winnings going to help Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The contestants from the team with the week's highest total winnings will win a trip to the 2006 NBA All-Star game in Houston.

Damon will return to Red Sox lineup this Thursday

TORONTO — An ML of Boston Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon's left shoulder Tuesday showed no structural damage.

Damon didn't play in Boston's 6-5 win in 11 innings over Toronto on Monday night. He has been playing with discomfort since injuring the shoulder on a slide against Baltimore on Sept. 4.

"The report was as good as it could be," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "Structurally there is no damage. I think he bruised that area. He's got some swelling."

Francona said Damon will remain in Boston for treatment while the Red Sox finish their Toronto road trip.

Boson returns home to play Oakland on Thursday.

"Even if he can't (play) the news is good. He's going to be OK," Francona said.

**Gamboa returns to baseball, this time in minors**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The questions are fewer now, the novelty gone. Tom Gamboa is back on the baseball field, not in the majors, but managing in the minor leagues, and finding peace and success away from the spotlight.

"Time has been a healing all that," he said.

Gamboa now manages the Los Angeles Angels' Double-A affiliate, and his Arkansas Travelers have reached the Texas League championship series in his first season.

His life, once so hectic, has returned to normal.

In fact, when Arkansas outfielder David Gates found out Gamboa had been hired, a friend needed to remind him of the name.

"He was like, 'You remember on TV a few years ago?'" Gates said. "I was like, 'Oh, OK.'"

Gamboa had been in baseball for almost 30 years.
Hurricane Katrina

High school football to continue for evacuees

Associated Press

DALLAS — Damien Allen tugs at his tight pants after each play, struggling to stretch a size L into an XL.

The other players are wearing shorts. But not most of the evacuees, who quickly pieced together their uniforms scavenging through leftovers in a sweat-scented equipment closet. Only some of the 13 found shorts and a few must share helmets.

Monday was their first football practice at Madison, the designated high school for students still living in mass downtown shelters nearly two weeks after Hurricane Katrina. They practice wearing colored paper bracelets that grant admission back to their cots and free meals—orange for Reunion Arena, neon pink for the convention center.

None are superstars or fixtures on recruiting watch lists. Head coach Ronald Johnson figures maybe two can contribute at the varsity level.

Twice as many signed up last week, but they disappear once they find homes and leave the shelters. Fifteen passed physicals Friday and two moved to suburbs by the weekend. Johnson doesn't see many of the kids whose parents he met at the shelters, where Johnson and his stall navigated through a grid of cots in search of signed waiver forms.

"Two more will probably be gone by tomorrow," said Johnson, who can only identify a handful by their first names.

He doubts that some played football in New Orleans, even though many brag of throwing touchdown passes and anchoring defenses back home. One drill and Johnson knows better. If he's unsure, he quizzes them: What's a double-team block? When pulling right, which foot leads?

Sophomore Michael Bridgewater played linebacker at Higgins High School near New Orleans. His mother brought Michael and two cousins to Reunion Arena after they could no longer afford staying at a Motel 6. He can’t reach his girlfriend and doesn’t know what happened to an uncle and four of his cousins.

He's also, if he stays at Madison, an option at fullback.

"I'm homeless right now, but that's the last thing on my mind," Bridgewater said. "I'm living in a shelter, I never thought in a million years I'd be living in a shelter. But don’t feel sorry for me. Encourage me. That’s why I’m out here."

The evacuees stick together. They play catch during water breaks and crowd around leafing through a stapled playbook on the sideline. They seldom mingle with the other players.

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E-sports represent a new trend in gaming

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is “frags per round” going to be the batting average of the 21st century?

Professional computer gamers certainly hope so.

Players of Counter Strike, a popular title in competition at the U.S. finals of the World Cyber Games last week, count their prowess in how many enemies they can shoot to pieces, or “fragment,” in a frantic two-minute round of virtual gunplay.

Time and demographics, boosters say, argue for videogame tourneys becoming the next big spectator sport in the United States, where more than 108 million Americans now play computer games, according to the Yankee Group.

They’re already garnering big-name sponsors.

“Kids in the early 1900s were playing baseball in dirt fields. Kids today are playing computer games,” says Jason Lake, an Atlanta real-estate lawyer who owns two teams of pro gamers, totalling fourteen players, some of whom did battle last week.

For a non-gamer, the competition at New York’s Hammerstein Ballroom can’t have looked too exciting.

Pale young men crowded around computers on the floor as the cyberspace-based action unfolded on big-screen displays overhead, accompanied by a play-by-play announcer rattle off things like “Schwan’s gonna be hiding behind a big box there, waiting for them to come up, and it’s 7-0 for the counter-terrorists on this map.”

Only about 4,000 spectators showed up at the Hammerstein, organizers said, but more than 63,000 followed the games live on the Web.

Even more significantly, more than a million people around the world have tried to qualify for the final, to be held in Singapore in November. That’s mostly a sign of the acceptance that computer gaming (or e-sports, as promoters like to call it) has gained in the rest of the world.

Just 40,000 of that million were Americans.

In South Korea, where the World Cyber Games is based, three cable channels broadcast competitive gaming around the clock and some of the country’s approximately 200 professional gamers bask in rock-star-like fame.

In the United States, “there are rock stars already, but the mass market doesn’t know about them,” says Robert Krakoff, president Razor Group, which makes computer mice and is a major sponsor of the games, along with Intel Corp. and Samsung Electronics Co.
Cahill

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weekend, he was named Big East Goalkeeper of the Week.

"I wouldn't say it's anything more than just a reflection of the overall defensive efforts in those games," Cahill said, calling the recognition "an overall defensive award."

Cahill earned the starting spot in goal after a heated summer and preseason battle between the four keepers on the Irish roster.

"We've got two, really we've got four good goalies on the team, with the two freshmen and the senior, Justin Michaud," he said. "It's good to have a fire burning under you all the time and I don't ever really imagine myself becoming content because there's always someone there pushing me to get better."

Cahill excelled in prep soccer in his hometown of Louisville, Ky.

"He was first spotted at our elite camp over the summer," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. Cahill was a three-time All-Star all-division player. "I caught our eye...he's come in and done a first-class job."

Standing tall at six and a half feet, Cahill has a natural size advantage.

"As a goalkeeper you certainly cover more real estate if you're big, so he covers a fair amount of real estate," said Clark. "He's got a big wingspan."

Fortunately, Cahill has managed to avoid two common pitfalls of tall goalies: awkwardness and struggling with balls on the ground.

"Quite often tall people, they're not always well-coordinated, as athletic, and Chris is one of those fortunate people, not only is he big but he's well-coordinated," Clark said. "He's a very good athlete, he's quick on his feet and he can move. He's obviously good with high balls, with balls in the air, but he's also very, very quick at getting down for low balls."

The Knott resident claims to have had his nerves under control before stepping on the field for his first collegiate game time.

"I think I was nervous, definitely, but it was a good sort of nervous," he said. "It was a nervous energy that I think I needed. I think it's a good thing to be a little bit nervous. If you're not that's when you've got something to worry about."

Fortunately, Cahill has had the guidance of excellent goal coach Brian Wiese, one of Clark's assistants and a coach who focuses on guiding Notre Dame's traditionally outstanding keepers.

"Brian's done a great job with this one," Clark said. "He did a good job with last year's goalie Chris Sawyer as well... He does a fabulous job with all the goalkeepers."

Cahill appreciates Wiese's expertise as well.

"As far as a coach he's everything you'd want," said Cahill. "He takes us through every single day and whatever we need, he's got us on our toes working on our weaknesses. It's no use practicing the things you're good at."

Michaud has also helped keep the Irish defense steady.

"They both worked hard and one of the most pleasing things for me was to watch at halftime Justin was out warming up Chris, getting ready," Clark said. "He was a rival and they both work so well to help one another and to improve each other."

This goes with another of Cahill's observations: the team-first attitude of the Irish.

"I was definitely confident," he said of his first times in goal, "because I know that the guys in front of me are going to make the job as easy and as simple as possible."

To Cahill, though, it's not just the defense stepping up and making stops so he doesn't have to. Unity is a huge factor in the past success of the Irish and in their future hopes.

"I feel like our team is 25 guys that are all best friends, the really strong points on our team as a family — 'that's too cliché,'" Cahill said — he pointed out that what keeps him going are "his boys."

"You're always motivated to go out and play your best because you don't want to let your teammates down," he said. "But Clark will need Cahill to step into a leadership position for the Irish to see success and realize their goals for this season."

Resistant to refer to his own previous success, he said of his first times in goal, "I think it's a good reflection of the coaching staff... everybody's got a positive attitude and it's one of the really strong points on our team, that bond that everybody has."

"I think at the moment he's just been establishing himself as the goalkeeper, now he has got to become a leader," Clark said. "I think it's really important that a goalkeeper does become a leader in the backfield and I think it's something he's starting to realize and something he's really starting to work on."

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McKnight's 5-yard touchdown catch opened scoring and proved the difference maker in the final score. To fill the vacant wideout spot, coaches will simply slide the depth chart up a name. Quarterback Brady Quinn has thrown to eight different players, including four wide receivers, already this season.

And though no one would qualify McKnight's production as replaceable, the Irish are certain they have the personnel to substitute into the game and maintain efficiency.

"Next guy goes in," Weis said of his plan to adjust. "That's all that happens. It's always been that way. It's the only way I know."

"Once again, I hate to keep going back to the past, but I've always come from systems where [if] one guy goes out, just plug the next guy in."

So far this season, indications are Weis will be able to continue the methods he learned in New York and New England with this team. The Irish lose McKnight, who has caught five balls for 69 yards and a touchdown. But remaining are starting wideout Maurice Stovall (four catches, 44 yards), deep threat Matt Shelton, who according to Weis is getting closer to 100 percent health, and the team's leading wide receiver, Jeff Samardzija (seven catches, 86 yards, two touchdowns).

Running back Darius Walker and tight end Anshony Famoso have eight catches each to lead the team, but in the wide receiving corps, Samardzija has distinguished himself as a clear primary option for Quinn.

"Jeff has great athletic ability and ball skills," Weis said. "It's been a perfect complement in the system, along with the other receivers we have."

"I think at this point, Jeff has been the one who has been open based off the coverage schemes. I think Brady has done a nice job of getting the ball in his hands."

Samardzija is on pace to make almost 40 catches this season, which would be more than twice the amount of grabs he made in 2004 (17).

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Per the team's goal, players' scores improved as the weekend progressed. They attributed the improvement to getting comfortable with the greens and to their adjustment to the pressure of playing against such formidable opponents.

"I think it's goood for smaller schools to play bigger competition every once in a while," co-captain Kristen Fantom said. "Also, once we got over getting used to the greens we were able to get down our scores."

Today is the first outing when results will count in the standings as the Belles attempt to defend their MIAA crown for the fourth straight season. Rivals Olivet and Albion, along with host Calvin College, look to challenge the Belles as they attempt to

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Belles return to home field

Team faces physical, tough play of MIAA rival Albion College

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles will return to their home turf today from an extended tour of pre-season tournament exhibitions and early MIAA road games to tackle the physical play of Albion College.

Saint Mary's did not finish the road sojourn with the best record (1-3 overall, 0-1 MIAA), but is confident that the change of scenery and the welcome embrace of the Belles' campus will spark a much-needed victory.

The schedule for the Belles is not an easy one to play, with home and away series with Hope. The women lost to Hope 2-0 in that series road game last weekend. There are also Calvin, Alma, Olivet and Tri-State, all of which bring the Belles a unique challenge on the field.

"Albion always brings a strong, physical team," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "The fact that we are on our field for the first time will help us set the tone."

The tone they hope to set will undoubtedly be an offensive one, as the Belles have managed to net four goals for the season to date, with all four coming in a 4-3 double overtime victory over SUNY-Brockport in the season opener. The three straight shutouts imposed on the Belles have not come as a result of a lack of ability on the offense; Mackenzie has repeatedly praised the Belles' playing her attackers and midfielders.

"Every game we have played at home, you have got your fans and everything. We are really looking forward to it," said Carrie Orr, a short-term memory and have the confidence to dig in and bounce back."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

"It is always much more fun to play at home, you have got your fans and everything. We are really looking forward to it." Carrie Orr

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The competition level has been high so far this season. The Belles faced DII national contender Illinois Wesleyan and one of the top MIAA teams in Hope College. Albion will continue this trend in Belles opponents, as it is also a perennial contender in the MIAA.

"They are usually one of our toughest competitors, they are usually very aggressive," Orr said. Last year Saint Mary's split the season series, coming away with a 2-0 win at home and a 3-2 overtime loss on the road.

"The whistle will kick off the Belles' home season at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, a start that the Belles hope will get them started on the right track once again.

"It is always much more fun to play at home, you have got your fans and everything," Orr said. "We are really looking forward to it. We are ready to bring out a lot of energy for the game."

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been lifting her game the entire season.

Saint Mary's seemed poised to take a two games to none lead as they led 24-19 late in the second game. Weak serve reception proved to be the Belles' demise; however, Olivet (2-7, 1-0) was able to take advantage of Saint Mary's mistakes, using a 9-1 run to take a 28-24 lead and holding off the Belles for the win.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team eased up at the end of game two.

"We relaxed. We needed to work on our killer instinct and drive toward the finish," she said.

The Comets of Olivet were energized by their win in game two and came out with more emotion in the third game. A 7-4 Belles lead was quickly erased by a 6-1 Comets run. Saint Mary's was able to tie the game at 16, but consistent play again proved to be the Belles' Achilles' heel as they lost 14 of the game's final 21 points.

The final point summed up a frustrating night for Saint Mary's. A Comet player dove and dug a ball that seemed destined to be a Belles kill, sending it across the net and into the open court for a miraculous Olivet kill.

"You need to have a short term memory and have the confidence to dig in and bounce back," Schroeder-Biek

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**FOOTBALL**

**Down but not out**

McKnight out with leg injury for MSU

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s leading receiver from last season will be on the sidelines for the team’s first home game Saturday.

Rhema McKnight will not play against Michigan State in the first home game of his senior season due to a leg injury he suffered in Notre Dame’s 17-10 victory at Michigan last weekend.

McKnight led the Irish last season with 42 catches for 610 yards and three touchdowns.

“Although he’s day-to-day to be honest, he’s going to miss this week’s game,” coach Charlie Weis said in a noon press conference Tuesday. “We’ll revisit him again next week, but he’s not lost for the season like all the rumors (claim).”

Weis disclosed McKnight had a “slight procedure” done on his leg after the injury without giving details. But he assured coaches will keep a daily eye on the receiver to observe his progress.

“If you asked [McKnight] how he was doing, he would say day-to-day anyway,” Weis said.

McKnight caught two balls for 18 yards against Michigan before injuring himself, and both came on the offense’s 12-play, opening game scoring drive that lasted just 2:58.

“Although he’s day-to-day ... we say day-to-day anyway,” Weis said in a noon press conference Tuesday, adding McKnight is expected to play against Michigan State in the first of three MIAA meets this season.

Belles hope to bounce back after past losses

***SMC VOLLEYBALL***

Olivet takes win over Saint Mary’s in five matches

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Consistent play may not always be exciting, but it the end, it wins games.

Unfortunately for the Saint Mary’s volleyball team, it lacked consistency Tuesday and fell to Olivet College in five back and forth games, 25-30, 30-28, 30-23, 21-30, 15-9.

The loss was particularly disturbing for Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, as she felt her team was a victim of its own mistakes.

“We hurt ourselves more so than any one of their players hurt us,” Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles (4-7, 0-2 MIAA) looked strong early in the match, taking control of the first game by jumping out to an early 6-1 lead. Michelle Turley paced Saint Mary’s with her strong hitting. Her play propelled the Belles to a win in the first game. Schroeder-Biek took notice of Turley’s stellar play.

“She is a strong player,” Schroeder-Biek said. "She played well over the weekend and has been outstanding in the first two matches of this league play."

Olivet College (8-9, 1-1 MIAA) used consistent play and balanced attack to win Tuesday night.

Middle hitter Shelly Bender spikes the ball against Olivet Tuesday night. The Belles lost in five closely-played matches to their MIAA rival.

**SMC GOLF**

Belles hope to bounce back after past losses

By JUSTIN BELTZ
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s looks to bounce back today after a challenging performance last weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational as they travel to Calvin College for the first of three MIAA meets this season.

Over the weekend, the Belles competed against Division I competition for the first time all season, and as expected, it was a challenge.

Adding to the difficulty of the competition was the fact that senior captain Nicole Bellino was forced to withdraw. She is expected to play in the match today.

Even though the Belles brought up the rear of the field last weekend, they were certainly not blown out by the competition, Bellino said.

Filling the cleats of an All-American goalkeeper isn’t an easy task, but all 6-foot-6 of Chris Cahill is proving to be up to the task.

The junior goalkeeper, who did not see action for his first two years with the Irish, stepped into goal at the beginning of the season and won the starting spot. After posting his first two shutouts last weekend, Cahill was named this week’s Big East Goalkeeper of the Week.

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**Men’s Soccer**

Cahill named to award list

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

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