Panelists discuss the global role of religion

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

As part of the inauguration of Father John Jenkins, the University hosted the Notre Dame Forum Thursday at the Joyce Center to join international religious leaders with Notre Dame representatives and discuss the role of faith in the modern world, in what organizers hope will become an annual event.


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Embrace the alternative

The one piece of advice my grandmother gave to me before I left for college was this: Don’t let girls hit on you.

Going into college, my worries involved handling the workload, making new friends and adjusting to life away from home for the first time. The idea that I would arrive at Notre Dame and be barraged with girls interested in more than friendship never crossed my mind, though it was a worry that obviously plagued my grandmother.

I went to a fairly liberal Catholic high school, so I believe I have been exposed to people from a wider variety of backgrounds than my grandmother had been at the same point in her life.

In high school, I had several gay male friends, and I enjoyed the dimension they brought to my life. I spent many Friday nights checking out guys with my gay male friends in Washington, D.C., and though at times I felt like my social life was an episode of “Will and Grace,” the friendships I made in high school with those “living ‘alternative lifestyles’” enriched my own life and taught me how to embrace those with lifestyles and beliefs different from my own.

My grandmother does not need to worry about any unrivaled advantages by girls at Notre Dame. The societal preference towards heterosexual relationships is so strong that I think Frank-O as the guys’ dorms run around sexualizing the girls’ dorms. Students made painfully aware their lack of tolerance and respect for the gay community at the pop rally by shouting their disdain toward Zahn by calling it gay.

A gay or lesbian lifestyle may be tolerated, but perhaps not embraced and is certainly not a common sight on the Notre Dame campus. I have heard people joke that Paris is a “gay city” and when I imagined the city, I thought of Zahn.

But the University does make an effort to encourage its students to tolerate the alternative lifestyle. Like all freshman, I recently attended a presentation given by the standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Two students related their stories of how they came out of the closet and shared the experiences they have had as homosexual students at Notre Dame. I am sure that other homosexual students attend the university and I hope that all students can work towards embracing these members of the ND family so we can move forward from this past.

Perhaps one day Notre Dame will be comfortable with the situation my grandmother warned me of.

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OFFBEAT

Baker writes ‘Da Vinci’-based diet book

PORTLAND, Maine — A baker who lost half his business to the low-carb craze has written a book based on the mathematical principles of the Golden Ratio, a formula used by Leonardo Da Vinci and made popular in the best seller, “The Da Vinci Code.”

Stephen Lanzalotta created what he called the “Da Vinci Diet” in response to the decline in bread consumption brought on by the popularity of the Atkins Diet.

The diet consists mostly of Mediterranean foods, including bread, fish, cheese, vegetables, meat, nuts and wine.

He signed a deal last year with Warner Books, a division of Time Warner Book Group, that included a six-figure advance.

France offers money to thin people

PARIS — France announced financial incentives Thursday that offer to those who have a third child, hoping to boost its fertility rate by helping people to better juggle the demands of work and family life.

A new measure will award 1,916 euros a month to parents who take one year’s unpaid leave from work after the birth of a third child, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin announced at the close of a national conference on families.

It will take effect in July 2006. De Villepin said he believed the measure will appeal to “numerous parents” and allow for a “better reconciliation of professional and family rhythms.”

“We must do more to allow French families to have as many children as they want,” the prime minister said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Students are hoping for a win at this weekend's football game. Some will see the game firsthand by flying to Seattle for the game.

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

While many students will tune into Saturday's game at Washington from various television sets around campus, others are making the 2,000 mile-long trek as a testament to their support for the team. Mike Marchand and Mike Santos are just two of a number of loyal Irish fans making the journey to Seattle for this weekend's game against Washington. Both seniors, they plan to stay the weekend with their former roommate, Notre Dame alumne Dave Bedenbaugh, who now lives in Seattle.

Since planning the trip last summer, they — like many students — look forward to seeing Notre Dame's first victory.

"I hope Ty has a good season and that his team plays well and makes it a good game, but in the end, we'd better win," Marchand said.

Most fans are eager to see Weis play Willingham for the first time, and like Marchand, wish the former head coach luck while still hoping for a solid Irish victory.

"As nice as Ty is, I can't wait to see the Irish crush Washington," Junior Jenn Sayers said.

For students who are traveling to Washington, the Notre Dame Club of Western Washington is holding a full weekend of football-related events, including a pep rally Friday night and a large tailgate Saturday before the game. The Notre Dame cheerleaders will perform at both events.

Though the majority of Notre Dame students are not able to travel with the team to Seattle, they are eager to watch the game from campus.

"I'm watching it on my satellite in my middle room," Junior Jim Heiss said.

Sayers plans on having a small party in her room. For students who wish to join a large number of other fans while cheering on the Irish, Legends will host a game watch complete with free food provided by the Class of 2006.

Many students are optimistic about the upcoming game given Notre Dame's sound 38-3 victory over Washington last year. Marchand predicts an Irish win by a "21-point spread."

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SMC announces election results

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John and Kistka win more than 60 percent of the freshman votes

Johnson and Kistka won the preliminary election Monday with 49.71 percent of the vote. "I was really surprised and I was so excited," Johnson said.

"I had always wanted to do something like this ... so to find out people thought we would do a good job was exciting," Johnson said.

"I thought we were going to go," Kistka said. "I thought we would do a good job."

Campaigning under the slogan "Your energetic bunnies — we will keep going and going for you," Johnson and Kistka spent hours knocking on dorm rooms over the weekend and then again Tuesday night trying to win their classmates votes.

They passed out cookies and stickers and promoted their idea of staging a dance marathon to raise money for charity. The two women also proposed creating the position of dormitory representative, which would function as a liaison between the various residence halls on campus.

Before Johnson and Kistka can embark on their year in office, however, they will face with the immediate task of assembling a freshman class board.

"I think we will choose people that really want to help," Francesca Johnson said.

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Professor backs culture theory

Special to the Observer

The recent discovery of changes in two genes thought to regulate brain growth has some scientists convinced that the human brain is still a work in progress, but a Notre Dame anthropologist says that these findings need to be interpreted in a cultural context, and that not only the human brain, but every aspect of the human being is still evolving.

"Changes in the brain may be correlated with changes in human cultural behavior," said Agustin Fuentes, associate professor of anthropology. "This is suggesting that changing patterns of manipulating our environments may be affecting the evolutionary pressures we humans put on ourselves — and thus changing the genetic structures in our brains, Scientists tracked changes in two brain genes unique to humans — one appearing some 6,000 years ago and now found in 30 percent of the population, and the other evolving some 37,000 years ago and found in more than 70 percent of the population. Since the appearance of the first modern humans dates back more than 200,000 years, it appears that these changes in brain genes developed well after that period, and evolved at the same time the creative explosions of modern humans began to spread across Europe and when civilizations flourished.

"Human cultural adaptation seems to be changing the landscape of evolutionary challenges, so it appears that we are, in essence, building our evolutionary future," Fuentes said.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2002, Fuentes' areas of specialization include biological anthropology, primatology, and evolution of social organization and behavior.

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if Michiana's other power plant were closed and noted the economic benefits a new plant would bring to the area. "Cancer Alley" is the term some community members use for the heavily polluted Indiana-Mississippi Delta area, and residents were worried that the new coal plant would make their area even more unhealthy. Despite their worries, the new plant would have used coal. "Today, it's all coal, and it's going to stay coal, and that's the way it's going to go," said John Danforth, a former U.S. senator.

"The loudest voices are those who advocate divisiveness, conflict and differences," Danforth said. "If people are worried that the gap between the U.S. and the Islamic world is perhaps wider today than it was during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Danforth said that's a sign of the gap between the two cultures.

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0n the other hand, Danforth said, "I agree that the media has a responsibility to be fair and to present people to the public. If you're a doctor and you're going to bring a major change to the public, you have a responsibility to make sure that the public is aware of what you're doing."

Coal gasification, which has been actively campaigning against the proposed plant, Brown-Gort said the technology "isn't viable." "If you take out the existing plant I would probably be all for it," Brown-Gort said. "But we also have to consider the environmental impact of burning coal, and I think that's one of the most important issues that we need to address."

"I would hope that Catholics would not feel isolated in this," Danforth said. "I think we're all part of the same community."

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Hunreds of thousands of residents caught in slow exodus; oil refineries threatened

Associated Press

HOUSTON, Texas — Hurricane Rita closed in on the Texas Gulf Coast and the heart of the U.S. oil-refining industry with howling 145 mph winds Thursday, but a sharper-than-expected surge when it right set it on a course that could space Houston and nearby Galveston a direct hit.

The storm's march toward land sent hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the nation's fourth-largest city in a frazzling slow, bumper-to-bumper exodus.

"This is the worst, planning I've ever seen," said Huddie Anderson, who covered just 45 miles in 12 hours after setting out from her home to the Houston suburb of LaPorte. "They say we've learned a lot from Hurricane Katrina. Well, you can't prove it by me."

In all, nearly 2 million people along the Texas and Louisiana coasts were urged to get out of the way of Rita, a 400-mile-wide storm that weakened Thursday from a top-of-the-scale Category 5 hurricane to a Category 3 as it swirled across the Gulf of Mexico.

The storm's core change could send it away from Houston and Galveston but instead draw the hurricane toward Port Arthur, Texas, or Lake Charles, La., i.e., at least 60 miles up the coast, by late Friday or Saturday.

But it still was an extremely dangerous storm — and one aimed at a section of coastline with the nation's second-highest concentration of oil refineries. Environment watchers warned of the possibility of a toxic spill from the 87 chemical plants and petroleum installations that represent more than one-fourth of U.S. refining capacity.

Rita also brought rain to already-battered New Orleans, raising fears that the city's Katrina-damaged levees would fail and flood the city all over again.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Rita was centered about 405 miles southeast of Galveston and was moving at near 9 mph. Its winds were near 140 mph, down from 175 mph earlier in the day. Forecasters predicted it would come ashore somewhere along a 550-mile stretch of the Texas and Louisiana coast that includes Port Arthur near the midpoint.

Forecasters warned of the possibility of a storm surge of 15 to 20 feet, battering waves, and rain of up to 12 inches along the Texas and western Louisiana coast.

The evacuation was a traffic nightmare, with red stoplights streaming out of Houston and its bowing suburbs as far as the eye could see. Highways leading inland out of Houston, a metropolitan area of 4 million people about an hour's drive from the shore, were choked for up to 100 miles north of the city.

Drivers ran out of gas in 14-hour traffic jams or looked in vain for a place to stay as hotels filled up all the way to the Oklahoma and Arkansas lines. Others got tired of waiting in traffic and turned around and went home.

Service stations reported running out of gasoline, and police officers along the highways carried gas to motorists whose tanks were on empty. Texas authorities also asked the Pentagon for help in getting gasoline to drivers stuck in traffic.

Rather than sit in traffic, some people walked their dogs, got out in stretch or swing drivers, or lounged in two cars with the drivers switched, or lounged in tents next to pickup trucks. Fathers and sons played catch on freeway medians. Some walked from ear to ear, chatting with others.

IRAQ

Shiite cleric backs draft constitution

The officials refused to be identified because they are not authorized to speak for al-Sistani, who only issues statements through his office and makes no public appearances.

Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who hold power and privilege with the fall of Saddam Hussein in the U.S.-led invasion, are deeply opposed to the constitution. They form the bulk of the country's violent insurgency and have stepped up attacks on Shiites in advance of the vote.

Some saw a Shiite split in play during the violence this week in the predominantly Shiite city of Basra, where British troops clashed with mobs and smashed into a jail while rescuing two soldiers.

Anthony Cordesman of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Affairs, said the escalation of tension in Basra underscored the simmering rift among Shiite factions ahead of the referendum and parliamentary elections in December.

"In large part, this is a reaction to a struggle between hard-liners and more moderate religious elements," he said.
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Notre Dame and the import- mance of positive attitude, "of warmth, of welcome, of dedica- tion, a sense of community amongst yourselves."

"When we work that way, all m y jobs become easier, more pleasant," he said.

Both Jenkins and new Provost Thomas Burisch have professed lofty goals for the future of the University, preaching themes like "advancement" and "greatness." But Jenkins assured staff of their integral part in the process.

"Whatever we do, we will always try to remember, is made possible because of what you do," he said. "We can only do what we do and bring Notre Dame ahead because of that, what you bring to this job. I just want to thank you in advance.

Staff members reacted very positively to the speech and expressed excitement for the inauguration of Jenkins, who spent most of the breakfast circulating from table to table, introducing himself in Greek:

"It's an historic event," Mendoza College of Business advisor Jennifer Dukaj said. "There haven't been that many Notre Dame presidents — hopefully we'll have him for quite a while."

Morris Inn rooms manager Sherri Tubinis compared the weekend to University President Emeritus Father Malloy's inauguration, which she recalled fondly. "I still remember all the dust that Tubinis said. "I think the staff, faculty and students should take advantage of the positive opportunities."

For Tubinis, the most stand- out of Malloy's events was the most traditional — the inaugu- ration ceremony.

"The main event I remember was the actual inauguration at the Joyce Center. It was totally full. It was just a very moving, inspirational (ceremony), and I'm sure this one will be just as eventful," she said.

Tubinis "included a lot more people than I thought there would be," she said. "I thought Jenkins seemed very warm, friendly and down-to-earth."

Shannen Mears
Morris Inn employee

"They have planned so many events for staff and faculty. The staff breakfast didn't happen before." Sherri Tubinis
Morris Inn manager

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knowledgable in the Catholic religion.

We will field questions to the guest speakers, who will be seated in a more casual setup on stage than normally found in a conventional panel discussion,

Dolphin said the speakers are slated to discuss "tough topics that question Vatican II experi- ments."

"One of the key themes of this celebration has been the exami- nation of the changing role of women in the Church and world since 1962," Dolphin said in a statement. "Saint Mary's College just completed its 160th year as a leader in higher education for women, so there is a double reason for us to focus on this theme. It seems to me that if such exploration can't happen at a place like Saint Mary's College, with its strong mission and vision, I would say then that it probably is not possible anywhere."

The event was scheduled to air live on C-Span, however produc- ers contacted the College and said they were no longer able to broadcast the event. Grassroots Media will film the conference for archival purposes. All of the events of the conference are open and free to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross faculty, staff and students.

Only the Judy Woodruff confer- ence session will be free to the public. Anyone registered with the University of the Church community who wish to attend the conference must register with the SMC Center for Spirituality. Organizers estimate 100 regis- tered participants will come from throughout the Midwest to attend this weekend's confer- ence.

"Attending events such as this allow students and all partici- pants involved to become a leader and mentor to others," Dolphin said.

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More colleges offer game theory

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TDIO, N.Y. — Down the hall, college students study steel design and software engineer- ing. In Shawn Lawson's class- room, they learn how to digi- tally animate a ball bouncing through a flaming hoop.

"We need to give him a real squish when he lands," Lawson advises his Rezneller Polytechnic Institute students.

More and more, courses like Lawson's are being offered in colleges around the country in response to the digital media industry's appetite for skilled workers and the tastes of a new generation of students raised on Game Boy and Xbox. Animation I, Cognition & Gaming and Computer Music are being offered as part of the year-old minor in video games at RPI, one of dozens of schools that have added courses or degree programs related to video gaming in recent years.

RPI, which plans to offer a major in the field next year, graduated 27 gaming minors in its first year and expects a half dozen to graduate the following year.

"The concept of designing games is huge, or designing good human-computer interactions — that's what I'm interested in," said Chelsea I. Hash, a senior with a video game minor and a major in electronic arts.

From Brooklyn's Pratt Institute to the University of Colorado, at least 50 schools around the country now offer courses in video game study, development or design, according to industry groups. Some of the schools offer full-blown academic programs or degree programs. The University of Washington offers a certificate in game design; the Art Institute of Phoenix gives a bachelor of arts in game art and design; and the University of Pennsylvania has a master's in computer graphics and game technology.

Jason Della Rocca, executive director of the International Game Developers Association, counts 70 million to 100 million developers in the world at a time when both the public and the game industry is matur- ing.

Della Rocca said that in the early "Space Invader" days of video game development, one devel- oper could mentor a handful of workers. Now, games can cost $10 million to develop and require 200 workers, making the industry hungrier for specialized skills.

RPI humanities dean John Harrington said the idea of teaching about video games in college "brings out the Puritan in some people," but he said the technology-oriented school can't afford to ignore the booming field of digital media.

Administrators at RPI say they developed a cross-disciplinary academic program that marries technology and creativity.

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Sony seeks turnaround with job cuts

Sony Corp.'s Howard Stringer, the British-American dual citizen, acknowledged that times have changed. "Everyone is just sitting back and watching their weather watches," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel.

"Maybe it's one of those things where the balloon was pushed under water so far that it's bounced to the surface," said Jon Browne, head of growth equities at Neuberger Berman in Chicago.

Investors still feared that Rita could compound the damage done by Hurricane Katrina, with higher prices and a dramatic drop in consumer spending. "It's all about loss," said Paul McNamara, senior vice president and director of research, independence Investment LLC. Traders sent their clients weather updates and lists of oil rigs at risk Wednesday morning.

But as the National Hurricane Center downgraded the storm to a Category 4 from Category 5, some investors relaxed a bit and started searching for bargains after three down days.

"It sets up a new test for measuring in come," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel. "But the data for the index was collected before Katrina shut up work by Katrina shot up by 103,000 last week, bringing the total seeking jobless benefits because of the storm to 214,000. Meanwhile, the Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell for the second straight month during August as consumer sentiment weakened. The data for the index had been collected before Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast, and it is likely that the September reading for the index will be even weaker.

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Rewrite of U.S. Bankruptcy Code

The most significant rewrite of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in a quarter century, making it harder for debtors to erase credit card and other obligations in court proceedings, goes into effect Oct. 17. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in April after a long campaign by banks, lenders and credit card companies. A report released earlier this week set up an income test for determining whether people can have their debts canceled in bankruptcy. The new law sets a higher income limit for filing for bankruptcy, which if approved by a judge erases debts entirely after certain assets are forfeited. But those with income above their state's median income who can pay at least $6,000 over five years — $100 a month — will be forced into Chapter 13, under which a judge orders a repayment plan.

In calculating income, people filing for bankruptcy may deduct various expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, including food and clothing, and some health and disability insurance expenses. People seeking bankruptcy protection are required to take credit counseling courses within 180 days, or about six months, of filing.

Stocks rise as Rita weakens

Hurricane Rita downgraded to category 4; Wall Street rebounds from four day loss

NEW YORK — Wall Street lifted itself out of a fourth day of losses Thursday, closing higher as Hurricane Rita weakened and hovered away from many oil refineries.

Investors bid stocks up as oil prices declined. Stocks that had been doing poorly for weeks, such as retailers and consumer goods companies, rebounded.

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"Everyone is just sitting back and watching their weather watches," McNamara said. Crude oil futures fell as fears about the storm lost some intensity. A barrel of light crude settled at $66.50, down 30 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 44.02, or 0.42 percent, to 10,422.05 after losing near the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.18 percent, up from 4.17 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices were lower.

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Hurricane Rita downgraded to category 4; Wall Street rebounds from four day loss

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Investors bid stocks up as oil prices declined. Stocks that had been doing poorly for weeks, such as retailers and consumer goods companies, rebounded.

"Maybe it's one of those things where the balloon was pushed under water so far that it's bounced to the surface," said Jon Browne, head of growth equities at Neuberger Berman in Chicago.

"Everyone is just sitting back and watching their weather watches," McNamara said. Crude oil futures fell as fears about the storm lost some intensity. A barrel of light crude settled at $66.50, down 30 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 44.02, or 0.42 percent, to 10,422.05 after losing near the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.18 percent, up from 4.17 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices were lower.

The Labor Department reported that the number of Americans thrown out of work by Katrina shot up by 103,000 last week, bringing the total seeking jobless benefits because of the storm to 214,000. Meanwhile, the Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell for the second straight month during August as consumer sentiment weakened. The data for the index was collected before Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast, and it is likely that the September reading for the index will be even weaker.

Nonetheless, some investors were optimistic that the Fed, despite its decision on Tuesday to continue raising rates, will decide to change its strategy if economic data continues to point to a slower economy.

Rewrite of U.S. Bankruptcy Code

The most significant rewrite of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in a quarter century, making it harder for debtors to erase credit card and other obligations in court proceedings, goes into effect Oct. 17. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in April after a long campaign by banks, lenders and credit card companies. A report released earlier this week set up an income test for determining whether people can have their debts canceled in bankruptcy. The new law sets a higher income limit for filing for bankruptcy, which if approved by a judge erases debts entirely after certain assets are forfeited. But those with income above their state's median income who can pay at least $6,000 over five years — $100 a month — will be forced into Chapter 13, under which a judge orders a repayment plan.

In calculating income, people filing for bankruptcy may deduct various expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, including food and clothing, and some health and disability insurance expenses. People seeking bankruptcy protection are required to take credit counseling courses within 180 days, or about six months, of filing.
Kate Moss cocaine saga reveals fashion's flaws

Associated Press

LONDON — Rarely a teenager when she walked in London’s boutiques in the mid-1980s, supermodel Kate Moss is now in her late 30s and her skin is beginning to show her age. The former star of the Brooke Shields and Michelle Pfeiffer campaigns looks drawn and tired, with bags under her eyes and a constant look of exhaustion.

But for many of her fans, and even some of her critics, Moss remains a role model. She is known for her body proportions, her fashion sense, and her work ethic, and she has been a willing participant in the hype surrounding her every move.

Moss’ recent troubled personal life has only added to her allure. She has been linked to several prominent personalities, including actor Johnny Depp and musician Pete Doherty, and has struggled with drug addiction.

Despite her problems, Moss remains a fixture in the fashion world. Her latest collection, a line of dresses for the struggling high-end retailer Topshop, was met with critical acclaim.

But for all her success, Moss still faces challenges. She has been criticized for her weight, and for her lack of consistency in her work. And some of her fans have grown tired of her endless parties and wild lifestyle.

But for now, Moss remains a beloved figure in the fashion world, with her fans eagerly waiting for her next move. And with any luck, she will continue to be a source of inspiration for years to come.
Anti-war group plans a giant demonstration

Protestors want Bush to bring troops home

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Anti-war groups are using a $1 million ad campaign and a demonstration they say will attract 100,000 people to try to persuade their movement's pressure the Bush administration to bring troops home from Iraq.

Organizers of Saturday's protest, which will take marchers past the White House, say it will be the largest since the war began more than two years ago.

Cindy Sheehan, who wrote thousands of protest letters to her hero and slain soldier, President Bush's Texas ranch last month, is among those planning to participate.

"We want to show Congress, the president and the administration that this peace movement is thriving," said Sheehan, whose 24-year-old son, Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, was killed last year in Iraq. "We mean business and we're not going to go away until our troops come home.

On Thursday, Bush said withdrawing troops right now would make the world more dangerous.

"The only way the terrorists can win is if we lose our nerve and abandon the mission," he said. "For the safety and security of the American people, that's not going to happen on my watch.

Bush did not plan to be in Washington when the demonstration begins but he will have support on the streets.

The groups Freepolice.com and Protest Warrior plan their own demonstration this Saturday, with hundreds expected to join in.

We made a vow after Sept. 11 that we would not allow the anti-American left to do to us what they did during Vietnam, which was wear down the American public," Freepolice.com spokesman Kristin Taylor said.

Taylor said a larger rally Sunday on the National Mall would honor military families.

The public has grown uneasy with the war throughout the summer, and the financial pressures of recovering from Hurricane Katrina, and possibly a tax bill, could add to its anger.

Almost two-thirds of those surveyed said they thought Bush was handling the war in Iraq poorly, according to an AP- Ipsos poll taken after Katrina. About the same number of respondents said they were not confident how the money would be spent.

Almost six in 10 said the U.S. made a mistake in invading Iraq, but less than half wanted to withdraw all forces immediately.

The anti-war effort gained new life in the past month with Sheehan's protest in Crawford, Texas. But the devastation caused by Katrina, and the government's slow response, have dominated the news the past several weeks.

Still, Brian Becker, national coordinator for ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End U.S. Aggression), says people have not forgotten about the war.

"People are very angry at the Bush administration," Becker said.

The anti-war groups began an advertising campaign Thursday, sponsored by the ANSWER Without War coalition, with an advertisement in The Washington Post and other newspapers.

The left side of the double-page ad pictures Bush and administration officials with messages about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq under the headline: "They lied." The right side lists the names of American military personnel killed in Iraq with the headline: "They died.

"We have a right to demand that the Bush administration end the war," Becker said.

"How long will they use these artificial intelligence through improved computer algorithms that will help them avoid pitfalls such as ditches and boulders traversed across the roughly 150-mile-long course. To get there, the robots will have to take in a semifinal showdown that starts Wednesday.

Entrants include several converted SUVs, soup-up planets, a modified all-terrain vehicle, a homemade military truck and even a kite that the students will pilot.

This year's race shows signs of a more competitive field, with solo drivers that pinpoint their location from a tumbler and calculate whether a chasm is too deep.

Participants generally agree that the better the robot can handle curves and maneuver rocky terrain and avoid a weapon, many say, is each robot's best chance of survival. The event's organizers said that a robot must have all the right algorithms and programming to survive the unpredictable path and change course to avoid danger.

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Helping students, faculty, and staff

Associate Press

NEW YORK — Founders of a museum devoted to freedmen's schools said they will stay in a proposed cultural building along the water, saying their center would explore the core American values founded on Sept. 11, 2001.

The International Freedom Center "will help the world understand and appreciate the American values that were lost on Sept. 11," the group said a report to the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. "We are inspired by the power to debate about the attacks and other world events.

"The International Freedom Center has now planned an exhibit that will take the memory of 9/11 and use it to foster another personal ideology," Anthony Gardner, whose brother, Michael, died in the World Trade Center, said Thursday. "Politics left, right or in the middle do not define this sacred ground. Zero ground zero should not be used as a public square.

Development corporation officials said Thursday that the agency will use public response from workshops scheduled in September to inform the opening discussions and decisions about the center.

A mediator has been recruited to help the family members opposed to the center communicate with members who support the center. Family members include one family member who was killed in the attacks, Anthony Gardner, who lost his husband, David, on Sept. 11. An advisory board, which includes family members also supports the museum.

In a report, Freedom Center organizers said visitors subjected both on the international response to the attacks to the Center City nations that lost victims on Sept. 11 could contribute,
Today, you will humbly accept the Presidential Medal and the University Mace. Today, you'll proudly turn to trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and guests, and articulate your vision for Notre Dame in the 21st century. Today, as your predecessor Father Edward Malloy put it, it is “full of pomp and circumstance.”

After 85 days in office, you know well that being Notre Dame’s 17th president is about more than symbols and speeches. But your inauguration is still the symbolic launch of your presidency, and therefore the right occasion not only to speak but to listen. Especially to the hopes of another vital University constituency — students.

So, Father Jenkins, what do students expect from a University president? More, and less, than you might think.

♦ Student Life
Notre Dame’s roving traditions of residence life are what distinguish it from all the other universities in the country. The single-sex dorms, while often a source of complaints, also produce powerful bonds and hall pride. The chapels in every dorm, and the pajama and flip-flop filled Masses there each Sunday night, knit the college living experience with faith. The signature dorm events, SYR dances and interhall sports bring students together not only as groups of Ducks, Ducks or Purple Weasels, but also as smaller, tighter families within the Notre Dame family. Clearly, the list of dorm-based traditions is rich and extensive, and there are three things, as president, you should do about it.

First, don’t change a thing. Though four new dorms are on the horizon, and rules like parietals are always worth review and debate, the core of the Notre Dame dorm living experience should be respected and preserved.

Second, make sure you participate in it. Your schedule is packed with commitments, and it may seem impossible or illegiti- mate to squeeze time in for dorms. But if you step on the side- lines of a women’s interhall football game or wind through crowds at the Fisher Regatta, you’ll come to face-to-face with the best elements of Notre Dame residence life — a refreshing reminder that you’re in the heart of your attention.

Third, consider moving back into an undergraduate residence hall. When your presidency was announced in April 2004, you planned to live in Keenan, and you lived in Sorin before that. But in the ensuing months you chose instead to live in the privacy and relative peacefulness of off-campus graduate student housing. Solitude is important, and living in a personal choice. But living in a dorm isn’t just about being accessible to undergraduates — you can always close your door — it’s also about living the way the University exemplifies and is so proud to associate with. In short, Notre Dame, the entire Catholic community will be hanging on your words.

♦ Catholicism
Fittingly for a University steeped in Catholic tradition, your inauguration has been punctuated by acknowledgments and celeb- ration of faith. Integrating faith into your presidency — as you have with your life — likely also won’t prove much of a challenge. But actually operating a Catholic university is less a melting pot than a balancing act, and you will inevitably be forced to choose between certain aspects of faith and academics. And because this is Notre Dame, the entire Catholic community will be hanging on your words.

When these situations arise, you should draw on all the resources available at Notre Dame — faculty, administrators, Catholic, non-Catholic, Malloy, Hesburgh — and sift their views about the specific dynamic you’re confronting. But after doing so, you should trust yourself to make the right decision. Your two predecessors didn’t have a lot in common, but they did share a stubborn streak and it generally made them better leaders. Take a page from their book, and don’t be afraid to stand up for exactly the kind of Catholic university you envision. Honest, articulate leadership will earn you the respect of the student body, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

♦ Academics
As a professor, you surely became acquainted with the needs, wants, questions and quirks of a classroom full of Notre Dame undergraduates. You surely learned how best to guide, to respond, to punish, to reward. Keep those lessons in mind when you set a tone for your administration’s hiring and promo- tion practices. The best professors are those who engage their students in ways that push their business and their boundaries. The best professors eagerly schedule one-on-one sessions outside of class. They make a point to learn not only the names but the passions of each student sitting in front of them.

These are the professors who deserve a coveted place at Notre Dame, and today, as the professors your administration should recruit, hire and retain. You have been in the classroom, and you know it is the mission of the University. Notre Dame’s classrooms should be filled with those who don’t think twice about making students their highest priority.

♦ Our Best
While Notre Dame students are clearly concerned with more than residence life. Catholicism and academics, these areas are the most fundamental places to make your mark on the stu- dent body. And while there’s more to Notre Dame than under- graduates, recognizing, reflecting on and fulfilling their hopes for these categories will contribute to a successful term as president. Best of luck, Father, as you embark on one of the most difficult — and most wonderful — jobs in academia. Enjoy the “pomp and circumstance” of today. If you respect and listen to the stu- dent body who stand behind you, we are confident you will show you deserve it.
A shirt solution

After reading the endless stream of letters that have flooded the pages of The Observer over the last several weeks concerning the Notre Dame football team's new uniforms, I feel that most students have come to realize that this niggling debate about the jersey color will never leave our sides. We have functioned out of the viewpoint section week after week looking for a letter to propose a satisfactory solution to this problem that can appease all sides, and yet, all we find is constant bickering over whether one color is better without anyone providing any possible solutions.

This letter hopes to provide a final answer that can resolve the conflict that currently plagues our student body. Our answer, we will admit, is a little ridiculous, but at least it is an attempt to appease both sides. The Shirt boosters and detractors. It will allow for continued sales of the new Shirt, which to go without can cause serious damage to the student body's self-esteem. In addition, it will permit those who hate The Shirt to have their way to express their disfavor in their own way, colorfully but in a way that will showcase the true colors of Saint Mary's.

This solution hopes to showcase the true colors of Saint Mary's. Like the rest of the student body on Saturday, I was crushed as I watched Michigan State rush the ball into the end zone for the winning touchdown. We were down and out in the middle of the game. We made a great comeback but just brought the game into overtime and then all of a sudden the glory of a victory was snatched from our hands and unjustly given to the clueless Michigan State.

Perhaps what made the victory all the more bittersweet was the fact that it was Saint Mary's. I've heard of a number of Notre Dame fans who would do anything for our football team, including driving six or seven hours to attend the away games. I've heard of a number of Notre Dame fans who would do anything for our football team, including driving six or seven hours to attend the away games. I've heard of a number of Notre Dame fans who would do anything for our football team, including driving six or seven hours to attend the away games. I've heard of a number of Notre Dame fans who would do anything for our football team, including driving six or seven hours to attend the away games. I've heard of a number of Notre Dame fans who would do anything for our football team, including driving six or seven hours to attend the away games.
CD Reviews

Band shows it is time to join 'The Fray'

By CHRIS McGRADY
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Discovering a new great band is like finding money in the pocket of your old favorite coat. You slip on the sleeves of that worn old jacket that has been hanging in your closet since last April and feel the smooth touch of a folded bill. When you retrieve your hand you feel that happy worn caress and look down to see the wrinkled visage of Andrew Jackson smiling back at you, whispering, "spend me." This is the same feeling one gets when first listening to The Fray, surprise, nostalgia and above all, a feeling of discovery as your ears are opened to a musically complete, talented and great band. Despite releasing its first CD under the Epi label on Sept. 13, The Fray's first tracks are just now hitting the airwaves. Although it's still premature to compare the new band to the likes of groups such as U2 and Coldplay, The Fray possesses that same rare quality of undeniable musical talent and classic sound.

How to Save a Life

The Fray
Sony BMG

Recommended tracks: 'She Is,' 'Over My Head,' 'All at Once,' 'How to Save a Life' and 'Trust Me'

The Denver-based troupe already has a fiercely loyal following in the Denver metro-area and is quickly expanding their horizons — after performing sold-out shows across the state they are now on tour with Ben Folds. Their first CD "Benson EP," was an instant classic in the Denver community and The Fray instantly became an area favorite, winning the Best New Band Award given out by Denver's Westward Magazine.

The Fray recently opened for popular band The Killers at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colo. However, if you walked in late you might not have realized who was opening for whom, as it seemed at times like Fray fans outnumbered the homely-voiced Killers in the crowd. This intense following is sure to follow the group across the country.

Put this money-maker in your pocket and keep it: this is one CD that is a welcome addition to any music lover's collection.

The only thing holding this band back from a perfect rating is the feeling that there is still something more to offer — this band is capable of something amazing.

The battle has begun, my friends. It's time we all joined The Fray.

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Indie rock band releases new album and plays Notre Dame

By JOE LATTAL
Steve Conte

So many things have contributed to the eruption of the indie rock genre in the past few years. The iPod helped. The state-of-the-art of the abused no-metal and alt-rock genres helped. The surprising amount of exposure given to the genre by typical mainstream outlets such as MTV and commercial radio helped.

But what stole the spotlight for today's indie rock heroes, such as Interpol, Franz Ferdinand and The Decemberists, is the amount of imagination that the best bands in the genre have put into each verse, lyric and note. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah is the next example of a band in the genre that put out their album at the right time. The explosion of indie rock and its accessible talent, Pitchfork Media, are the primary explanations for the New York band's impressive success.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

Recommended tracks: 'In This Home on Ice,' 'Is This Love?,' 'Heavy Metal' and 'Over and Over Again'

Don't believe it? Try getting a ticket to see the band in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and anywhere in Canada. All shows are sold out. But if you're looking for a chance to catch Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, you are in luck. The band will be on campus Saturday night.

Once you hear the album, it's easy to understand why everyone is clapping and saying "yeah." By the end of the opener "Clap Your Hands," you are unsure whether you just walked into a circus or a Baptist preacher's sermon. Backup voices and organ sounds spiral around Alec Ounsworth's voice commanding to "clap your hands." The simple-minded track is not the group's greatest achievement, but it serves the purpose of pulling any listener into the album.

The next track, "Let the Cool Goddess Rest Away," answers one of these questions. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah wants to have fun in an unconventional way. Ounsworth's voice takes center stage as swirls of rhythm and percussion is simply tambourine and kick drum and rhythm is the same two chords for three minutes. "Over and Over Again (Lost and Found)" continues the exercise in simplicity but adds a more active bass line as well as an extended chorus, though it just consists of a few repeated syllables. The songs grow progressive-ly catcher with the addition of keyboards that dig up memories of past Grandaddy and Talking Heads records.

The swift strumming at the start of "Is This Love?" provides a pleasant contrast to the rest of the album's more deliberate introductions. The song features an addicting, sing-a-long chorus that repeats the song's title and a celebratory, anthemic like climax at its conclusion.

When the sounds of harmonica and tambourine can be heard in the first measure of a song by the name of "Heavy Metal," it's quite a treat. The swirling backup vocals on the track serve as instruments, focusing more on dynamics and melody versus cl推介 lyrics. The busy chorus fl subset in and out between upbeat and catchy verses.

The listener is able to dig deep to find the definitive Clap Your Hands song, "In This Home on Ice." The relaxing chord progression lays over delicate cymbals and drums. The stream of consciousness vocals comfortably complement a tranquil melody. "Now that I'm so sad and not quite right, I could dance all night... let's just take it slow in this home on ice."

While Ounsworth does not display much in the way of a vocal range, his soothing voice provides a pleasing contrast to a brilliantly structured and produced album. Each of the 12 tracks is unique and addicting in its own way. From music boxes to conventional indie pop, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah displays the imagination that earned the genre exposure in the popular music spectrum in the first place.

Students at Notre Dame have a unique opportunity to experience the band this Saturday night. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will play a free show at Legends Saturday. The band has recently sold out shows in Chicago, Boston and New York.

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‘Citizen Kane’ is a rare find

By VINCE LABRIOLA
Scene Column

Modern American cinema has created a countless number of films, spanning nearly a 100 years in the process. Yet, so few possess that indelibly timeless quality that truly defines a "classic" film. Film theorists write articles, critics debate and the average viewer simply returns again and again to these films — a testament to their greatness. Orson Welles’ seminal 1941 work “Citizen Kane” is one of these films.

For anyone interested in the cinema, it is a required screening, a film so monumental, both technically and aesthetically, that its tremendous influence on film is felt to this day. Deceptively simple, yet incredibly complex, “Citizen Kane” not only established Welles as a master of his craft but has since become recognized as one of the most enjoyable theatre-going experiences ever.

The story is simple enough. Charles Kane (played by Welles himself), a fabulously wealthy newspaper baron, dies one night after uttering a single word: “Rosebud.”

In an effort to uncover the meaning of this utterance, a local reporter proceeds to interview the people closest to Kane during his life.

What ensues are a series of flashbacks that tell the story of a man with a turbulent past, and how he rose to become one of the most ruthless businessmen in the world.

Welles, making his cinematic debut with this film when he was only 25 years old, makes masterful use of his medium. Every shot is expertly composed, beautifully lighted and perfectly acted. In fact, it’s difficult to give the film enough credit here and now, although it has been the subject of countless numbers of articles and critiques.

“Citizen Kane” is a film that simply must have been seen. Nothing else can do it justice.

On paper, it is a story of a complex man, his success and failures, his many personal contradictions and the impressions he left on those closest to him. On screen, however, Welles presents his story with such flair and talent that it becomes that rare film which keeps your eyes riveted to the screen from beginning to end.

Being a modern audience member, it’s almost as much fun watching what Welles does with the camera and the acting of the script as Fritz Lang’s “Metropolis,” Federico Fellini’s “La Dolce Vita” and Jean-Luc Godard’s “Breathless.” It certainly deserves to be ranked in the midst of the best of the best.

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NOTRE DAME’S BEST...Campus Jobs

By OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF

Brian Faist, a senior, works at the Rockne Memorial and his job is to belay students in the rock climbing room.

Jake McDonald, a junior in Zahm Hall, is an attendant in the Brother Gorch pool hall in the basement of Lafortune. He can listen to music and play pool while on the job.

Jim McMahon is an off-campus senior who likes his job because he gets to hang out with his friends while working as a bartender at Legends.

For next week: Where are the best places to eat on campus?
Send your suggestions to obsphoto@nd.edu.
The Phillies chop Braves, keep wild card berth alive

Phillie chops Braves, keep wild card berth alive

Liebner atlanta through eight, Philadelphia downs hudson in ninth

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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Barry Bonds and missed a chance to gain ground in the NL West.

Zimmerman, the No. 4 overall pick in June’s draft, hit two singles and scored, short handed a double and an RBI, and Carrasco threw 5 2/3 shutdown innings to help Washington (77-75) end a four-game losing streak.

Another rookie, left fielder Brandon Watson, threw his Moises Alou at the plate in the second inning.

"You feel especially good inside when the kids go out and do a job for you," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "This team probably going to have a different face on it by the time we see it next year opening day."

Carrasco — who had a grand total of one start in 557 appearances in the majors before this month — declared after lowering his ERA to 1.15 in three starts necessary because of injuries to other pitchers.

"It's not just a game," he said after allowing the Pirates a run in the ninth inning. "It's something more than that. It's a game. It's a sport. And you got to enjoy it."

"It's kind of hard," he said. "It's kind of hard. It's kind of hard."

Vicente Padilla finished the four-hitter, striking out three and walking one. Padilla lowered his ERA to 2.29.

The Pirates dropped them back to third place, three games behind the NL Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals, who beat the New York Mets 9-2 Thursday night.

The Padres' second loss in three games to last-place Colorado dropped them back to 500 (76-76) and saw their lead over second-place San Francisco drop to 4 1/2 games in the NL West. The Giants played at Washington on Thursday.

Sunday, which has struggled to score runs as it tries to hold on to the lead in the weak West, lost 20-1 Tuesday night and could muster only a series split of the four-game series in Denver.

"It's a tough loss," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "I thought Adam ( Eaton) threw the ball well. We just couldn't do enough in a couple of opportunities there."

The Giants open a three-game series at Coors Field on Friday, followed by a four-game home series against the Padres starting Monday. San Diego opens a three-game series at Arizona on Friday.

It has been a long recovery for Cook since Aug. 7, 2004, when he left a game complaining of diziness and shortness of breath. Doctors discovered the potentially life-threatening blood clots, forcing Cook out of baseball until July 30.

Since his return, he's been the Rockies' best pitcher, allowing 14 earned runs and the retired the side in his last seven games.

For eight innings Thursday, Cook seemed unstoppable. He allowed eight hits and retired the side in the first, third, fifth and eighth innings. He got 15 ground ball outs against to work out of a jam only twice.

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Rested Cross Country

Conference meet will test runners against MIAA oppenents

By KEN FOWLER
Sport Writer

The race accounts for one third of the league championship, with the MIAA Conference Meet on October 29 in Kalamazoo deciding the title.

Bauters said that the past few days of training leaves her optimistic for the weekend.

"It was a good week...for all of us," she said.

According to Bauters, the meet will be a homecoming of sorts for some of the runners. Junior Jessica Andrusiak went to Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School, and Bauters said junior Katie White had family in the area.

Bauters said the team expects Calvin and Hope College to be the toughest competition in the meet, with the Belles and Albion following closely.

Before Hope won the conference title last year, Calvin had won 16 consecutive league crowns. No team besides Hope or Calvin have won the title since 1984, when Alma won the last of its four consecutive crowns.

Albion and Alma tied for the league title in 1981.

Bauters noted her team is can be compared to Albion.

"Albion, their situation is similar to ours," Bauters noted, noting each have young squads. "It will be really good competition."

Bauters said she hoped for strong races from freshmen Alleen Miller and Caitlin Stevenson for Saint Mary's, along with good results from veteran standouts Sara Otto and Becky Feauto. Feauto and Otto led the Belles last weekend at the Burke Memorial Golf Course on the campus of Notre Dame with five-kilometer times of 20:31 and 20:32, respectively.

**Notes:**
- Bauters said sophomore Megan Gray began practicing with the team again this week.
- Gray was the Belles' top finisher in six of their eight races last year but was sidelined for the beginning of the season with injury. "Her physical therapy is going well," Bauters said.

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Zahn, taking on Sorin in battle of unbeaten

By COLIN REIMER and
DAN MYHRPHYSpens Wire

A clash of Blue League
unbeaten will take place
Sunday at Richey Field
as Zahn and Sorin square off.
Both teams are coming off
herectures this
week, and are hoping to carry
their momentum into this
test.

Zahn, fresh from a
come-
from-behind
win
over Carroll last week, is
looking
to build off of its
win.

"We were missing some key
players last week on the line," said Zahn
captain Pat Gourley, referring to several
injuries that his team experienced
last week's game. "Our guys really
stepped it up last week,
to get the win hopefully, with
those guys back, we won't die out as much in the
fourth quarter.

Gourley also said that
with the return of those
linemen, the Bats
will possess an
advantage in terms
of depth and size that could be
the difference in the
close.

However, Zahn's offense,
which put together a late
fourth quarter last week
for the winning score, will
face a stiff test in the
Otters' stifling defense.
Sorin
captain Pete Lavorini
described his defense, which posted a
7-0
last week against St.
Ed's, as "quick and speedy.

"They probably really
well last week," he said.
"They're tough, and don't take
crap from anyone.

Sorin, which forced three
turnovers last week, and will
look to continue its
dominant play against the Bats' potent pass-
ing combo of quarterback
Sean Wieland and wide receiv-
er Mark Henningsen.
Receiver/running back
Jake Richrdville, who caught the
winning touchdown last week
against Carroll, also figures to be
a key contributor to Zahn's offensive
effort this week.

Meanwhile, on the other
side of the ball, Lavorini
expects big things out of running
back Pat Lopez. It seems that Zahn
shares the same sentiment, as
Gourley mentioned that stop-
ning Lopez will be a major
priority Sunday.

"Last week we had
some defensive breakdowns,
especially in communication, and
we need to correct that through the
week," Gourley said.

Should the Bats stack the
line in hopes of stopping
Lopez, expect Sorin
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Stu Mora to have a big
test. The Otter
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scored a 7-15
with one touch-
down and two interceptions last
week, including a
42-yard strike
that proved to be the
game winner.

"I definitely want
another shot this
week, and we'd like
to put up a touch-
down, said quarter-
back Lavorini.

Though offen-
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Valdez, Lewis hungry for win after dropping first game

By JAMES FEGAN AND RICHARD NELSON
Sports Writers

Swanigan said, "we do have a chemistry that we've developed." But the powerful defenses they've faced, things might not be getting any easier for Lewis as a 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior featuring an aggressive defense with tons of speed.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish host pair of weekend exhibition contests

Fall tournament gives team an opportunity for tougher practice

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

There is a long winter to get through before the softball season officially starts, but the Notre Dame women will have a chance to test their skills before the first weekend with a pair of exhibition games. The Irish will host both Wayne State University and Detroit Mercy at Ivy Field on Saturday in a tournament that was officially announced with the fall exhibition schedule.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with a makeup between Notre Dame and Wayne State.

The Irish will finish the day with a 2 p.m. game versus Detroit Mercy, and the two visiting teams will play each other at noon.

The records of the exhibition games will not count toward the 2006 season, nor will any of the game outcomes. What the events will do is to give the team a better idea of where everyone stands on the field. But how big are these games to some members of this year's team?

"Well, they're very important because they're games," catcher Mallorie Lenn said. "We want to see where we're at for next season. Coach is taking them as seriously as any other game."

After graduating five starters last spring, players are seeing plenty of opportunities for playing time. With the starting lineup of the team so far off, few definite decisions have been made as to who will be playing where on the field. Lenn, a First Team All-Conference player for the Irish, noted that no one on the team is too concerned with the eventual necessity of a starting lineup.

"We're actually not sure who's starting and who's not yet," Lenn said. "Everyone is playing, and everyone gets equal chance to play each position."

These exhibition tournaments are an opportunity for the team, which returns only four starters and has seven freshmen, to see where certain players will fit on the field and in the batting lineup.

As far as the level of competition goes, it may be too early in the year to know exactly what the Irish will be facing on Saturday. At this point in the season, everybody is batt
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In Brief

PALMERO returns on Oreiole season may be over

Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo said that if the first baseman had disclosed the name of a teammate who supplied him with the substance that led to Palmer's sul­ pation, the suspension would have been best that Palmer not return to the team this year.

The Sun in Baltimore, citing unidentified sources, reported Thursday that Palmer had identi­ fied a teammate by name when he testified before baseball's arbitration panel in an attempt to overturn the suspension, which followed a positive test for stanozolol.

"If in fact that was true, then it probably would not be a good idea for Palmer to return, Perlozzo said Thursday before the Orioles played the New York Yankees.

It's all speculation as far as I know.

Rita could force Saints to make more changes

SAN ANTONIO — The TV sets just installed in the New Orleans Saints' locker room at the Alamodome drew a gripped audience Thursday, with players in disbelief as the bright red color of the Hurricane Rita head­ ed toward Louisiana.

While they're concerned about the city they left behind, they're also wondering whether a pounding in Baton Rouge would force another change in a season already severely altered by Hurricane Katrina.

"Just about everywhere we go a hurricane hits," quarterback Aaron Brooks said. "You just can't believe it. What the hell is going on? It's like a black cloud. We may not be able to play in Baton Rouge if it hits like that.

It's been less than four weeks since Katrina wrecked New Orleans and

PGA

Retief Goosen, top, helps international teammate Adam Scott line up a putt at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Presidents' Cup action on Thursday. Goosen and Scott beat Tiger Woods and Fred Couples in match play.

Internationals take lead in Presidents' Cup

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Va. — Adam Scott watched his 25-foot eagle putt from the fringe curl into the left side of the cup for a 3-up lead against Tiger Woods and Fred Couples, a serious blow that set the tone for the International team Thursday in the opening match at the Presidents Cup.

Retief Goosen extended his hand, as if to tap fist with Scott to celebrate such a put in alternate shot.

But all Goosen wanted was the ball. It was his turn on the tee.

"I think I got a 'Good putt' out of him," Scott said with a smile.

With quiet precision, Goosen and Scott turned in a lag-putt performance that buried Woods and Couples and sent the International team into truly foreign territory at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, in the lead.

Mike Weir and Trevor Immelman brought up the rear, making four birdies in the first five holes to crush David Toms and Stewart Cink.

So between the International team did enough right to take a 3 1/2-2 1/2 lead.

One point isn't much, especially with 28 matches left until the cup is awarded.

"It's like a mile race and you're 50 yards ahead," International captain Gary Player said. "This is as close as it can be without being a tie."

But considering how the International team typical­ ly starts at RTJ, it was cause for optimism. In three previous trips to this golf course on the shores of Lake Manassas, the Americans have twice led 5-0 and once led 4-1 after the opening day.

"Scott and Goosen beat­ ing Tiger and Freddie was a big thing for the International team," U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus said. "It set the stage for them being ahead. It's the differ­ ence in them being ahead. We were hoping for exact­ ly the same situation. I thought we could match up against them and do well. I was wrong today."

The Americans didn't have a lot of things go right for them.

Jim Furyk's first swing of the day aggravated a rib injury, and he had to get therapy between shots just to finish his match.

He and Fred Funk scratched out a halve against Vijay Singh.

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MORRISSEY TAKES ON O'NEILL IN SEASON OPENER

By JAY FITZPATRICK, JASON GALVAN AND GREGORY ARBINTROE

Sports Writers

The O'Neill Angry Mob (1-0) and Morrissey Manor (0-0) will begin the rest of the season this weekend with games in the men's gold division Sunday at Rielle Fields at 1 p.m.

The Manorites had a bye in Week One and hope to get their season started with a win against O'Neill. To prepare for the game, Morrissey captain Nick Klein has decided not to work on more complex schemes and plays in the weeks prior to the opener. Instead, Morrissey has returned to the fundamentals and has hoped to perfect the basic plays that Klein hopes will get his team the victory.

Part of the reason for this simplified game plan is that Morrissey hopes to contain the O'Neill offense with their personally good defense. Learning from O'Neill's Week One opponent Alumni, the Manor hopes to force O'Neill to be one-dimensional on offense.

One problem Morrissey may have is their team's youth. After having graduated many of their standout players on both sides of the football, Klein said he hopes to see a lot of new stars out there this weekend.

"We know that O'Neill has already beaten Alumni, who is usually a good team," said Klein. "We are prepared for a tough game."

The Angry Mob has already defeated one good team, Alumni, last week by forcing them to only six points while scoring twice through the air.

"The defense has the ability to keep them to a minimum was key to the victory," said O'Neill captain Matt Hughey. "It allowed the offense to drive down the field and get some points on the board."

In preparation for this game against Morrissey, Hughey has been working to improve his team's defense and has expanded the offense's playbook so the Mob will have some tricks up their sleeves for the Manors.

"Since this is Morrissey's first game, O'Neill will have to base their game plan more on intuition than actual game play, a definite advantage for Morrissey," said Hughey. "But Hughey still believes that this week has been enough time to prepare for the game."

"It is going to be a tough battle," said Hughey. "Both teams will be ready to win."

Dillen vs. Keough

The Keough Knights look to continue their winning ways against the Dillon Big Red this Sunday at Rielle Fields at 2 p.m.

The Knights are coming off a shutout performance against Keough, where they also connected on two big touchdown passes to seal the victory. The defending champs were impressive in their victory over the Kangaross, but still face a long road ahead, which continues with a major contest against the Dillon Big Red. Knights captain Vince Lyzinski was quick to point out that, despite their strong performance in first-week's game, they must stay focused and not allow themselves to grow complacent.

"We did get the win, but there is still a lot of room for improvement," Lyzinski said.

The Knights are coming off a victory where they were able to completely shut down the Keough offense. In addition, the Knights sport a potent offensive attack centered on a solid offensive line and a talented running back.

"Alex [Staffierei] is a big old work-horse running back," Lyzinski said. "We're looking to run the ball and establish the ground game with him, and work in our passing attack, and pretty much continue from where we left off last week."

The Knights will be facing a Dillon team that, despite losing its first contest, still brings a very solid football team to the field. The Big Red defense held the offense in check throughout the entire game before surrendering the final game-winning touchdown.

"Dillon's a solid team, if we take them for granted, they'll beat us," Lyzinski said.

"We'll be facing a tough Dillon defense and we'll have to pick up the intensity."

The Big Red are coming off a tough loss to the Stanford Griffins in which their offense was unable to march up and down the field throughout the game but was unable to convert any of their offensive production into points. Senior captain Romeo Acosta was quick to point out that his team has some issues that need to be addressed.

"We're working on the same problem from last year, which is getting our offense moving," Acosta said. "We're trying to implement a new offensive system right now and we just need to keep working to get things together."

Keough and Dillon each have a long way to go in the season and a win at this stage is of the utmost importance for both teams. Romeo Acosta is confident that his team is ready to contain Keough's running game.

"They're probably the best team in the league and the team to beat, but we're definitely up to the challenge," he said.

Alumni vs. Keough

Sunday afternoon's game between Keough and Alumni will feature two teams still trying to work out early-season difficulties.

Both teams are coming off losses in their first games and both teams struggled mightily to move the ball. In fact, Keough was not able to make a first down until the second half of its game with Keenan in which Keenan dominated 14-0.

The Kangaross struggled to contain Keough's running game behind tailback Alex Staffierei.

In Alumni's game, the Dawgs were defeated 13-6 by the Agony Mob of O'Neill. Alumni scored the first points of the game on a touchdown pass from Kerger Truesbell to Ryan McGgettigan, but the offense was silent the rest of the way, particularly with the running game. On defense, the Alumni secondary struggled allowing two touchdowns passes to O'Neill's Alex Fortunado.

"We had some confusion on assignments and exact responsibilities, so we have addressed these issues in practice this week," said McGgettigan.

Both teams are expected to rely on their running game this weekend in the hope of jumping starting their struggling offenses.

"We know that Keough runs a 5-2, so we have been working on a run against that type of defense," said McGgettigan.

That strategy in mind, each team's success will likely be determined by the performance of their running backs and offensive lines.

The teams face off at 3 p.m. at Rielle West.

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The quest to defend their title begins this weekend.

Sunday at 1 p.m. the Irish (7-11) will have played a match out of their comfort zone. They won’t have played a match without their support system. The Pirates have played so many matches, Irish coach Debbie Brown has prepared her team well but doesn’t know exactly what to expect of her opponent.

“We were able to see a little bit of what their system is through tape,” she said. “We were comparing them with their season stats. They might have been playing people in different positions because they have had lots of matches, so we don’t know for sure what we’re going to see.

“But we have a pretty good idea.”

Notre Dame, coming off a five-game loss to LSU, is hoping to bounce back with a solid match. It will be important for the Irish to take the Pirates out of their comfort zone. They won’t have played a match west of Pennsylvania yet this season, until tomorrow’s match in Chicago against DePaul.

Seton Hall has played some tough competition, though, including fourth-ranked Penn State (9-2). The Pirates gave the Nittany Lions a run in a few games but were swept three games to none.

Brown and the Irish are excited to get the conference season underway after a testing non-conference slate.

“I think it’s kind of like three different seasons — the non-conference, conference, and hopefully the postseason.” Brown said. “We think we’ve prepared ourselves really well for the conference.”

While Notre Dame has defeated two top-10 teams and still ranks 11th in the polls, Brown is still a realist. When asked if she was pleased with the accomplishments thus far, she replied succinctly.

“Yes and no,” she said. “Obviously, we have some really, really good wins. We’re not pleased with our losses, not to say we don’t think we should ever lose, but we just felt we didn’t play very well last weekend.”

She thought the team prepared well this week in preparation for the conference season.

“I think this week ... just get back in the gym, picking it back up, I think the team has responded well,” she said.

The team clearly has used the first loss of the season as motivation.

“Each day in practice it’s been a little bit better and a little more competitive,” Brown said.

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King flattered by IU tourney berth

The Irish last played in Bloomington last spring at the Indiana Invitational. Notre Dame won the event as then-sophomore Noriko Nagazaki earned her first career collegiate individual victory. Nagazaki will lead the Irish into the competition again this weekend.

Two weeks ago she paced Notre Dame with a score of 223, which tied her with Johnson for first and earned her an exemption into the Lady Northern.

Five other golfers — Laura Maunus, Katie Brophy, Lauren Gehauser, Jane Lee and Suzie Hayes earned their way onto Notre Dame’s competing team this week through a series of qualifiers. The top four finishers will have their score count toward their team’s total.

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The win marked the Belles’ third win in a row with all matches going five games. It was the Belles’ seventeenth win of the year, surprising their total of all from last season.

Saint Mary’s (7-7, 1-2) used strong service and timely hitting to pull together the decisive run. Libero Anne Conk had two spec-
tacular dives during a highly-anticipated tie that tied the fourth game at 26. Belles’ senior -to -back, Schröder -Biek identified this point as critical to the Belles’ turnaround.

“I think that was one of the key points, our team,” she said. “We needed that spark. That’s when we really came together.”

Saint Mary’s also played tough defense at the net. Shelly Bender and Candace Chapman led the way and came up with timely blocks throughout the match. Schröder-Biek acknowledged Bender’s vocal leadership on the court.

“At one point Shelly said ‘Nothing is coming over this net.’ It’s amazing what happens when one person steps up like that, the whole team responds,” Schröder- Biek said.

The win was hard-fought for Saint Mary’s. Manchester, despite its 2-10 record, played a very solid match, especially on the defensive end. The Spartans dove to the floor countless times, following cer-
tain Belle kills. Schröder-Biek credited her hitters for staying aggressive despite the Manchester defense.

“Manchester always has a scrappy team,” she said. “We talked about that coming in... We needed to have the persistence and drive to continue hitting. Tonight we did that and we kept going. I think that was the bulk of it for our hitters to find holes to find.”

The Belles started the match with a 7-0 run. In a scoreless first game saw Manchester come up with several kills that put the Belle on their heels. After tying the game at 12, Saint Mary’s lost two consecutive points and trailed for the remainder of the first set. Saint Mary’s used a 10-4 run to take a 14-10 lead in game two. Manchester would not relent, however, forcing the Belles to come up with precisely placed kills to stay in the game. Belles’ players saw most of their most aggressive volleyball late in the second game, scoring the last five points to level the match. Game three was the closest of the match, with no team gaining a lead of more than three points. Manchester came back 23-20 late but proceeded to miss three of their next five serves into the net, allowing the Belles to get back into the game. But the Spartans did not break, combining their tough defense with solid passing to produce an efficient offense and take game three. The Spartans engineered a 10-0 run to build a 12-6 in the fourth game. They would not relinquish the lead until the Belles tied the game at 26. Manchester could not lead the rest of the night.

Saint Mary’s is playing some of their best volleyball of the season. The Belles are playing with confidence and energy that had been almost entirely absent earlier in the season. The Belles will need to be in top form this weekend as the MAIAA’s top two teams from last season, Calvin and Alma, will face off against the Angola Athletic Center Saturday. The Belles are eager to face their biggest test of the season thus far.

“In the huddle after the game the girls were already discussing about this weekend. They said they were ready,” coach Schröder-Biek said.

The Belles will have to turn around recent history if they hope to win Saturday. In five matches combined against Calvin and Alma last season, the Belles did not win a single game.

Schröder-Biek said that Alma lost several key contributors from last year, but also added that they were a strong team. Alma is just 2-12 this season but 2-1 in the MAIAA.

Schröder-Biek felt there was no clear cut favorite in the conference and that the Belles could establish themselves at the top.

“It’s up to grabs. It’s anyone’s conference right now,” she said.

The most important thing for Schröder-Biek was that her team was playing with energy and re-
sounding heading into the crucial weekend.

“No one stepped up tonight,” she said.

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for still prepared for challenges. “It’s always tough to play at home,” he said. “The field is still the same size and you’re still playing against the other guys.”

The Irish will face Louisville on Friday at 7:30 p.m. imme-
diately following a women’s match-up against the Cardinals.

The Cardinals are currently fifth in the Big East and trailing off an upset victory against Big East foe No. 5/3 Connecticut.

On Sunday, the Irish will face Cincinnati — who also upset top-ranked Connecticut last weekend in a 2-0 victory before tying Providence, 1-1.

“Both of these teams come off very good weekend,” Clark said. “Both teams beat the No. 1 team in the country last weekend, so they’re feeling pretty good about themselves coming in this weekend.”

Cincinnati is leading the Big East Division of the Big East. The Irish are still the sam e size and you’re competing against Big East’s best teams, who are a certain hole and when to lay up. The Irish were just gonna approach it as watching out for their opponents. We’re just gonna go for it. We’re just gonna get well adjusted,” Clarksaid.

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includes Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, SMU and Georgia State.

“Alabama and Florida would be my favorites right now. We know we can win it if a little SMU, that would be the most tal-
ented teams,” iban said. “They’re just really good. We really think they’re gonna stay down there and play their best.”

Noone’s success will rest on a combination of factors this weekend, and how smart they play when it comes to attacking holes.

“Obviously an adjustment to the greens becomes more crucial with the tightness of the greens,” iban said. “You have to

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the ball and knowing what he needs to do to keep his scores low.

“For myself, I’m hitting the ball really well, but there’s no reason why I shouldn’t expect to com-
battle for the win as long as we give a good performance and get well adjusted,” iban said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Everything has probably been a little overwhelming, but with a little discipline, you can make headway from this point on. You have some very unusual opportunities coming your way, and you don't want to miss out because you haven't finished past projects. You will discover a niche you never knew you had. Your numbers are 1, 7, 2, 16, 27, 37.

CAIN (June 21-July 22): Don't promise the world. Instead, offer what's reasonable. By doing things yourself, you will gain the respect of your peers. Hard work and a little Cancer charm will work wonders for you.***

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Cardinal directions

Home conference play begins tonight for men

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

After playing two tough teams on the road, the Irish return to face new Big East competitors Cincinnati and Louisville this weekend.

The team finished 1-1 in its road trip last weekend, which also featured a cancelled flight.

"We had a pretty long weekend," coach Bobby Clark said. "We had quite difficult travel last weekend, with two cancelled flights, so we didn't actually get back until Monday.'"

Although returning to a friendly home crowd is a plus for the No. 18 Irish, Clark is also featured a cancelled flight.

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Gordon chose the Irish over Vanderbilt and Kentucky after making 128 tackles his junior season.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take five-game win

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Scoring 15 points in a row is impressive in basketball. In volleyball it's almost unheard of.

But not for Saint Mary's. Down two games to one to Manchester College and trailing 26-21 in the fourth game, the Belles stormed back with a 15-0 run, taking game four and jumping out to a 6-0 lead in game five.

The Belles hung on to win the fifth game and take the match.

The Belles' front line sets up against Kalamazoo on Sept. 20. Saint Mary's defeated Manchester Thursday.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Three recruits join top-notch class for Weis

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis received three more verbal commitments this week, upping the number of Irish recruits in the class of 2006 to 16.

The most recent commit of the group is George West out of Northeast Academy in Oklahoma City, Okla. He is joined by a pair of safeties Leonard Gordon and Jashad Gaines, who committed to Notre Dame on Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 respectively.

West committed to Notre Dame Thursday and, according to Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com, could play either corner/returner, wide receiver or kick returner for the Irish.

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"He's a really physical kid, a big kid for a safety," Frank said. "Frank was also impressed with Gaines, a safety who he said could fit nicely at the safety backer position for the Irish."

"He's very fast and very physical," Frank said. "He plays full-throttle all the time." Gaines said. "Gaines, from Las Vegas High School in Nev. is listed at 6-foot, 205 pounds and ran a 4.67 40-yard-dash this summer at the Nike recruiting combine."

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MEN'S GOLF

Alabama awaits Irish for Shoal Creek play

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

After a fifth-place finish in the Gopher Invitational, the Irish will travel to Birmingham, Ala. today to participate in the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate, an event that will be played on Sunday and Monday.

Seniors Scott Gustafson, Mark Baldwin and Eric Deutsch, junior Cole Ishan, and sophomore Greg Rodgers will make the trip this weekend for the Irish.

"I haven't actually been to Shoal Creek," Ishan said. "But it's hosted a PGA championship, and it's supposed to be a phenomenal place. It's supposed to be pretty tough so it should be a great test.

"No matter if the course makes the scores higher or not you definitely just want to play great courses, and this is definitely one of them.

"Notre Dame will be competing against an impressive field that Alabama awaits Irish for Shoal Creek play.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame vs. Seton Hall Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Irish open their Big East conference play at home on Sunday.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Morrissey vs. O'Neill Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Manitouls start their season against the Angry Mob.

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MLB - AL

The Orioles said that Rafael Palmeiro might not return for the rest of the season.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish host two exhibition games

Although the season doesn't start until spring, the Irish play this weekend.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Lewis vs. Lyons

After starting 0-2, Lewis looks for a win against the Lions.

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MLB - NL

Philadelphia 4 Atlanta 0

The Phillies keep their hopes for the Wild Card and NL East titles alive with a shutout win.

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THE ONE-MAN HANDS TEAM

CATCHING TOUCHDOWNS, HOLDING FIELD GOAL KICKS — AND EVEN PLAYING A LITTLE BASEBALL — JEFF SAMARDZIJA HAS BECOME NOTRE DAME'S MOST VERSATILE THREAT
Remembering, then moving on

Just a year ago, Notre Dame fans were chanting his name: "Ty! Ty! Ty!" They meant their words in earnest. They were supporting their head coach, the man who, every Saturday, visits your house, school calls, talks to you, offers you a scholarship, brings you to campus, introduces you to the team, involves you in practice, teaches you life lessons, begins his tenure with eight straight wins and after three seasons, he's gone. Understandably, any athlete with a heart in addition to 4.3, 40-yard-dash speed would be at least affected by such a decision.

Last season, some Irish players displayed shock, disappointment and confusion, but there was a time for those feelings to show themselves through. And even though players like Darius Walker say Willingham taught them some of their most important lessons — in football and in life — Walker and the rest of the Irish know what they have to do Saturday on the field.

Perhaps strong safety Tom Zbikowski, a Willingham recruit, himself, said it best Wednesday when asked about the distractions of facing his old coach.

"I'm lining up against their receivers," he said, "not their coaches."

Critics hear comments like that and throw up red flags. 'Notre Dame is a football factory,' they say. 'All they care about now is winning.' Well, one thing is for certain. Football factories don't hire people like Tyrone Willingham and Charlie Weis. They hire people regardless of character or history, as long as they win.

That is why Willingham is no longer head coach of Notre Dame; not because of discriminatory hiring practices or because he isn't a good person. It is because he is head coach of Notre Dame and it is a difficult task.

And that is why Charlie Weis, in this week's Tuesday press conference, began by immediately broaching the subject of Willingham and giving it due credit and respect. Then his tone changed.

"Washington, since 1981, has 47-7 at home versus non-PAC 10 teams," he said.

Weis was acknowledging that Willingham means something to the Irish players but was saying, in his own, indirect manner, 'Let's move on.'

That's his way. Weis is all business when it comes to football, which is how it should be.

Willingham gave everything he had while at Notre Dame, as a person and a coach.

Weis is all business when it comes to football, which is how it should be.

"When it comes down to it, we're just playing football, and that's what we're going out there to do."
Jeff Samardzija excels in the end zone and on the pitcher's mound for Notre Dame

By HEATHER VAN HOGARDEN
Sports Writer

Jeff Samardzija was just waiting for an opportunity. The opportunity to catch a pass in the end zone. The opportunity to play two sports in college.

And now that he's finally caught not just one, but five touchdown passes, after not finding the end zone for two years, he's a key member of the Notre Dame football team as well, he's just looking for more opportunities.

"If they were going to throw the ball my way five times in the end zone, I would have expected to have five touchdown receptions," the junior wide receiver said. "You've got to think you're going to make those five catches. It's just a matter of personnel and being in the right place at the right time, and then just taking advantage of the opportunity."

A slow start in the fall

Samardzija came into Notre Dame as a highly touted recruit from nearby Valparaiso High School. He was given varsity experience in football, basketball and baseball. Samardzija never missed a start in three years.

He was an all-state center-fielder in baseball for five years, second in the voting for Mr. Football in Indiana and he was named the Mr. Football in every state of Indiana.

The new Irish freshman at Notre Dame, he was hidden behind then-sophomore linemen like Mike McGugan and Maurice Stovall as well as then-senior Omar Jenkins. Samardzija played in all 12 games but caught just seven passes for 53 yards.

Last year, although he emerged as quarterback Brady Quinn's top target in the passing game, he caught just 17 passes for 274 yards on the season, but still no touchdowns still a quiet player for the Irish, but Samardzija's skills as well.

So Mainieri said.

Samardzija said he's been a challenge for both teams in the right place at the right time. Stovall wasn't surprised to see him come up with big numbers for this season.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," Stovall said. "I knew the ability that Jeff has. The things that you see in the game are the things he does in practice, so it wasn't a surprise to us at all." Samardzija says he's just getting more opportunities to have the ball than he was in the past -- there's nothing more to it.

"I don't think there's too much of a difference," Samardzija said of this year and previous years. "It's just getting the opportunity to make a play. If you're in the right area and the ball's coming your way -- I think just last year there were a couple chances I may have let slip away and I didn't make the plays, and I think this year maybe I made a play or two early that give the coaches confidence to put me out there in different situations."

The "other" sport

When Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri read an article that said new Notre Dame football recruit Jeff Samardzija wanted to play college baseball, he immediately talked to then-coach Tyone Willingham, and he said it was a match made in heaven, the possibility of him playing baseball as well.

"So I started asking some professionals about him, and they said they'd seen him play, and he's not bad," Mainieri said.

So Mainieri sent his pitching coach at the time to watch Samardzija. And after scouting him, Mainieri called him to ask him if he wanted to play baseball for the Irish.

And with Willingham's blessing, Samardzija said he and Willingham came up with a deal where Samardzija could become a two-sport athlete. Mainieri said now he and Willingham are down to an agreement to let the pitcher/wide receiver play both sports.

"Charlie's been great as far as supporting Jeff," Mainieri said of Weis, who said attended one or two of the games in which Samardzija pitched.

As far as Samardzija, he is just glad he got the opportunity to play both college baseball and football.

"It kind of just worked out for me," Samardzija said. "There were some places where I said I could do both, and there were other places that said I couldn't, so that had a little bit to do with what school I went to, but it's kind of nice that it just worked out.

And so Samardzija has become a force on the diamond as well. As a freshman, he earned freshman All-American honors after posting a 2.95 ERA, the second-best among Big East pitchers. Last spring, Samardzija posted a 3.89 ERA with a record of 8-1 in 15 appearances and ten starts.

One of Jeff's most successful traits is that he's a competitor," said Irish assistant Terry Rooney, who works with pitchers.

"He's a competitor both on and off the field. I think that's what makes him so successful in both baseball and football. He knows how to compete, he loves to compete, and he plays to win a tremendous amount of confidence."

But he goes beyond just baseball and football. Both Mainieri and Rooney emphasized that Samardzija is a person to Notre Dame.

"Jeff Samardzija is one of those guys you don't see very often," Mainieri said. "He's got a competitive side to him, I don't care what sport he's playing or what he's involved in, he wants to win at the highest level.

"Rooney echoed Mainieri's comments.

"He's an extremely likable, coachable young man," Rooney said. "He's got a competitive side to him, I don't care what sport he's just a competitive young man."

"I think he's got potential," Mainieri said.

"There's no question in my mind when he's out on the mound that he looks like a Major League pitcher."

Balancing act

Although those two sports keep Samardzija plenty busy, he has not had to miss a spring football practice due to his baseball commitment. His days, however, are scheduled to the fullest, balancing sports as well as a marketing major.

"I think balancing, it just comes down to time management," he said. "I think my schedule's pretty much down to the hour. A lot of it comes down to just before it happens, be ready to go to whatever that day's calling for."

Rooney said he is impressed with the way Samardzija is able to balance all of his commitments.

"It's a real credit to Jeff for the self-discipline and the time-management skills that he has," Rooney said. "Obviously he has a challenging schedule for both sports, but it's a credit to Jeff and the way he goes about his business. He's a very determined guy. He has a very structured routine that he does everyday. But even with all the scheduling, Samardzija sometimes finds that 24 hours is not enough to fit everything in a day. Sometimes there's not enough time in the day to do everything you want," he said.

"Just getting it all in is pretty tough sometimes."

And what's his best sport?

"Whatever he's playing," Mainieri said.

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by the numbers

Number of Notre Dame victories in the four-all-time matchups between the Irish and the Huskies.

487 Passing yards Irish quarterback Brady Quinn threw last week, the second-highest total in program history.

The margin of victory in Notre Dame's 38-3 win over Washington last season.

497 Washington wins in 54 games against non-PAC 10 teams at home since 1981.

The number of points Washington allowed in the second game of the season against California, the most by an opponent at Husky Stadium.

320 Rushing yards by running back Darius Walker in his first three games this season, good for No. 17 nationally.

The last time a Notre Dame coach lost his home opener, when Lou Holtz fell to Michigan, 24-23.

16 Losses by the Willingham-coached Irish in 29 games after an 0-8 start in 2002.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish
Record: 2-1
AP: 16 
Coaches: 18

Charlie Weis first season at Notre Dame
career record: 
2-1 at Notre Dame:
2-1 against Washington: 0-0

Maurice Stovall WR 6-5 33
Justin Hoskins RB 5-10 186 SO
Travis Thomas RB 26
Leo Ferrine DB 10
Brady Quinn QB 6-4 231 JR
Alvin Reynolds DB 5-10 180 SO
Mike Richardson DB 5-11 193 SR
Kyle McCarthy DB 30
Kyle Higginbothman DB 17
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Notre Dame 2005 Schedule

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Charlie Weis head coach

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

COACHING

After a 25-point comeback effort against Michigan State fell short, Charlie Weis has a new challenge as head coach: helping his team rebound from the heart-breaking loss. After a uninspiring game in Ann Arbor, Weis' offense is back on track.

To say the Irish know Ty Willingham would be an understatement. After an 8-0 start to the 2002 season, Willingham struggled, losing 16 of his last 29 games, including record blowout losses to Michigan (38-0) and Florida State (38-0). Brady Quinn was all he could be last weekend, tossing a Notre Dame record five touchdowns and a career-high 487 yards. Currently ninth nationally in passing yards (654) and tied for fourth in touchdowns (9), Quinn is on his way to a career year.

Irish Rushing

Isaiah Stanback enters the contest ranked 29th nationally in passing yards (688). After appearing in 11 games in 2003 as a receiver and kick returner, Stanback switched to quarterback last season, playing in seven games and posting 389 passing yards.

Irish Passing

Brady Quinn produced his third-straight 200-yard game against Michigan State. Fullback Ashanti Swapp struggled in short yardage situations last week, losing a yard on five carries, including a fumble at the goal line and a failed attempt to convert a crucial fourth quarter fourth down.

Notre Dame

Washington

After a record-breaking game against Michigan State, Quinn is ready to break out for good. For more of the game against a mediocre Huskies pass defense, except this time, Quinn's efforts result in a win for the heavily-favored Irish squad.

The Huskies are struggling at stopping the run, yielding 166.7 yards a game — an average that would be much worse without last week's 34-6 win over doormat Idaho. Both Air Force and California ran for over 200 yards against Washington.

Free safety Dashon Goldson is tied for the lead in tackles with 24. As a unit, the Huskies are giving up 222.7 passing yards per game and have three interceptions on the year. The secondary was torched for 271 yards and four touchdowns in week two against California.

Even without McKnight, the Irish passing game flourished last week. After losing his height to dominate the Spartans, Stovall could be ready to become the threat that made him a high school All-American. Samardzija's nose for the endzone will continue paying dividends.

Notre Dame scheduled this game perfectly. The Irish need a win, even though 2-1 is a respectable record with their schedule. And Washington will give Notre Dame a fight but ultimately stand little chance. The Irish win convincingly but slow the offensive barrage late out of respect for Willingham.

Irish experts

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Managing Editor
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31 Washington 6

Heather Van Hoegarden
AIME
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38 Washington 17

Notre Dame is going to take out all of its frustrations from last week's overtime loss to Michigan State on Washington and head coach Tyrone Willingham. Washington will be pumped up to win one for Ty, but Notre Dame's talent and experience will prove too much for the Huskies to handle.

Irish Sights

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Notre Dame Irish
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Washington Huskies

**2004 Schedule**

- **Sept. 3**: AIR FORCE - L
- **Sept. 10**: CAL - L
- **Sept. 17**: IDAHO - W
- **Sept. 24**: NOTRE DAME - O
- **Oct. 1**: at UCLA
- **Oct. 15**: at Oregon
- **Oct. 22**: USC
- **Oct. 29**: at Arizona State
- **Nov. 5**: OREGON STATE
- **Nov. 12**: at Arizona
- **Nov. 19**: WASHINGTON STATE

**Special Teams**

- Kicked D.J. Fitzpatrick hit a clutch, go-ahead 44-yard field goal in overtime to give the Irish a chance, but his miss on a 48-yarder earlier in the game proved to be the difference. Zbikowski looked good returning punts, picking up 22 yards on two returns.

**Intangibles**

- The Irish enter the contest on the heels of a heart-breaker and are anxious to erase the memories of a tremendous comeback that almost was. The Irish have looked good on the road, knocking off two defending conference champs in Pittsburgh and Michigan.

**Huskies Rushing**

- Co-captain linebacker Brandon Hoyte (29 tackles, eight for loss) leads a Notre Dame rushing defense allowing 126 yards a game. Greg Maye and Victor Abiamiri have both been effective at catching runners in the backfield — both have three tackles for loss.

**Huskies Passing**

- Sophomore running back Louis Rankin is ranked 291st nationally with 265 yards and has gone over 100 yards in two of three games, including 115 yards and a touchdown against Idaho last week. Rankin is also a threat to run, picking up 70 net rushing yards.

**Washington Huskies**

- Kicked Evan Knudson has hit 4-of-5 field goals this season. Kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick has 10 points on the road, knocking off two defending conference champs in Pittsburgh and Michigan.

**NOTRE DAME**

- After holding the vaunted Michigan offense and Heisman hopeful quarterback Chad Henne to 10 points on the road, the pass defense took a step backward against Michigan State, allowing 327 passing yards and three touchdowns through the air.

**Stanback**

- Led by receiver Sonny Sharkefford (12 catches, 199 yards, one touchdown), Washington uses five receivers to varying degrees. Craig Chambers only has five catches this season, but went over 100 receiving yards in three of the five games he played.

**Huskies Rushing**

- Kicker Evan Knudson has both hit 4-of-5 field goals this season. Punter Sean Douglas is averaging 44.5 yards per punt, and has pinned the opposition inside the 20 five times. The Huskies have struggled returning punts, averaging a meager five yards per return.

**Intangibles**

- After a pair of disappointing losses to open the season, including a blowout versus California that saw the Huskies give up the most points at home in school history (56), Washington bounced back to rout Idaho 34-6 last week.

**Washington Huskies**

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**Irish experts**

- While Tyrone Willingham may very well turn Washington into a winner again, it won't be this year. The Irish are bigger, faster and more talented than the Huskies, but playing on the road won't be easy for Notre Dame. Washington would love to win this for Willingham but Notre Dame just too good.

- An already-critical national media would have an absolute field day if Notre Dame and new coach Charlie Weis fall to underscoring Washington and former leader Ty Willingham. Fear not Irish faithful, the Huskies' bite is as weak as their bark. Quinn and Walker star in a laugher.
Sizing up the Irish and the Huskies

**AVERAGE PER GAME**

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Notre Dame yards penalized: 46.7
Michigan yards penalized: 69.0

Running back Darius Walker, above, has been a workhorse for the Irish this season, racking up 320 rushing yards and 98 receiving yards on 13 receptions. Walker has found the end zone three times this year.

Fullback Asaph Schwapp was ineffective in short yardage situations last week, fumbling at the goal line before being stuffed on a crucial fourth-and-one late in the fourth quarter.

Fullback Rashon Powers-Neal didn't see action last week.

If Washington hopes to have a chance, they need to shut down the elusive running of Walker.

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**Information Meeting**

**Perth, Australia**

For students in the Colleges of Science and Engineering Only

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005

Room 129 DeBartolo Hall

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Application deadline: November 15, 2005 for Fall 2006 only
Apply on-line: www.nd.edu/~intlstud
Ndukwe thriving as the starting free safety

Safety attended games while in eighth grade

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Chinedum Ndukwe has been attending Irish football games for a while. His older brother was a student at Notre Dame when he was in the eighth grade. But his parents didn’t get too excited about football, so they would let Ndukwe and a friend use their tickets and come up for a game.

The Notre Dame free safety had no clue that just a few years later he and his friend, its those college to attend) it was a lot easier the decision about what college to attend Notre Dame.

“We used to party at Turtle Creek after the games. It was fun. We always had a good time,” Ndukwe said. “We used to party at Turtle Creek after the games.”

Ndukwe credits those experiences with Quinn and his older brother as a big reason he ended up coming to Notre Dame.

“When it came time to make the decision (about what college to attend) it was a lot easier,” Ndukwe said. “I was always comfortable here, and still knew a lot of people that met coming up. It was a really easy decision.”

Chinedum Ndukwe Irish safety

That comfort level is visible on the field this season as Ndukwe has established himself as a standout on a surprisingly stiff Irish defense. He has three fumble recoveries, one interception and 12 tackles through three games.

These are impressive statistics for a player in his first year as a starter. But Ndukwe believes his return of 14 yards after an interception against Michigan State last week wasn’t good enough for someone who caught 150 passes for 2,174 yards and 24 touchdowns as Quinn’s favorite target at Dublin Coffman High School in Ohio. (He was listed on offense but I didn’t look like it,” Ndukwe said. “It was nice to actually get out there and make a big play, but I should have taken it back after the game. Hopefully this week it will happen.”

Ndukwe and his secondary teammates — strong safety Tom Zbikowski and corners Ambrose Wooden and Mike Richardson — present a challenge to the Washington offense this week as they have developed a knack for making the big play.

Spartans' Zbikowski has two interceptions, a forced fumble and 24 tackles while Wooden leads the team with three sacks.

Ndukwe credits the strong bond he shares with his teammates off the field as the reason behind their solid play this season.

“We’re always together,” Ndukwe said. “Even if we go out at night after a game, we always end up meeting up with each other. Whatever we are, we’re always having fun together.

The bond is comparable to the feeling Ndukwe shared with Quinn when they started together in high school.

“In high school, it was just me and him, and everybody in the world knew it was going to happen,” Ndukwe said. “I’m just finally excited to get out there and play and hopefully someday be big impact player as Quinn has been here. I just want to make plays and have fun.”

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By MIKE GILLOON

Stanback, Washington offense ready to bite

By MATT PUGLISI

Like Michigan State, Washington enters tomorrow’s game against Notre Dame on the heels of a big victory over a perennial power — the Spartans routed both Hawaii and Florida State before knocking off the favored Irish 44-41 at Notre Dame Stadium, while the Huskies topped a weak Idaho squad, 34-6.

However, while the Irish loomed as the first real test for the Spartans, the Huskies have already sat for that exam. They failed miserably.

Hosting Pac-10 rival California — and a dual threat with his legs, picking up 265 yards on 55 attempts. Weis said at Tuesday’s press conference. “Last week he showed how he can run an efficient offense.”

While none of his targets boast big numbers — receiver Sonny Shackelford is the only member of the team with more than nine catches or 150 yards, leading the squad in both categories with 12 and 199, respectively — Stanback nevertheless has some options.

A highly touted receiving recruit coming out of high school — he was ranked 11th nationally at the position by recruiting site rival.com — Craig Chambers provides the Huskies with a deep threat, a particularly valuable commodity against a young and vulnerable Irish secondary.

Starting only four games last season, Chambers racked up 408 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 19 catches, including a big eight-catch, 189-yard performance against California.

This season, Chambers has mostly been a non-factor, grabbing only five balls for 129 yards and a touchdown.

Although his talent isn’t immediately evident in his 2005 numbers, Weis and the Notre Dame coaching staff aren’t fooled.

“He’s somebody that wasn’t speaking up on us,” Weis said.

On the ground, running back Louis Rankin has posted respectable numbers, rushing for 265 yards on 55 attempts. Rankin paced the Huskies offense last week, grinding out 115 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

Like Chambers, Rankin was a well-respected recruit. In his senior year of high school, the sophomore found the end zone 41 times and posted 2,245 rushing yards.

Rankin’s 41 total touchdowns (35 rushing) were the second highest total in California during 2002 and nearly carried him to the Cal-Hi Sports California Mr. Football player of the year award — he finished as one of 10 finalists.

While the visiting Irish have the edge over the Huskies in almost every category, the games are played for a reason, and the Huskies can’t wait to show the Irish their bite is much worse than their current soft whine of a bark.

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Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe looks to bring the ball upfield after recovering a fumble in Notre Dame's 44-41 loss to Michigan State.
Inaugural Ball
Friday, September 23, 2005
South Quad
7:00-9:30 p.m.

CONCERT ON THE QUAD & FIREWORKS

Students, please join in the celebration of the inauguration of Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., with live music by the Chicago band BBI and Ben & Jerry's ice cream treats.

CONVOCATION
Friday, September 23 @ JACC, 3-4:30 p.m.

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Friday, September 23 @ the Reflecting Pool of the Theodore M. Hesburgh Library immediately following the Convocation