Freshmen adjust to honor code, challenges

First year students often overlook Honor Code

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

Despite its often-unemphasized importance and the severe consequences that can accompany its violation, the Academic Code of Honor is something many freshmen overlook during their transition to Notre Dame — a problem the University is working to address, officials said.

Vice president and associate provost Dennis Jacobs, co-chair of the University Code of Honor Committee, said freshmen, especially must take the Honor Code seriously.

"The vast majority of students found responsible for Honor Code violations at Notre Dame are first-year students or sophomores," he said.

First Year of Studies program offers guidance

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Notre Dame's First Year of Studies (FYS) program is meant to be a guiding force for freshmen, the University's attempt to stabilize the potentially unstable. While some freshmen are taking full advantage of the resources, others are unaware of their existence or skeptical of their benefits.

The FYS Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides small-group workshops and individual appointments to help students learn better strategies for success and adjusting to the academic life at Notre Dame. Help topics include time management, test preparation, efficient reading and getting

Married students find University experience fulfilling

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

They seem like the typical Notre Dame couple. She's a sophomore; he's a graduate student. They go to Student Union Board movies on Friday nights, study at the library together and cheer with the best of them at Notre Dame football games.

The only difference? They do it all with wedding rings on their fingers.

Andrew, 21, and Andrew Dreyfuss, 26, are newlyweds. The couple was married in August and live as husband and wife in a house on Napoleon Street.

"It's so nice to have someone to share everything with," Andrea Dreyfuss said. "It's nice to wake up with somebody and sleep with somebody and have breakfast together. I just like it. It's made me feel very happy.

Married couples like the Dreyfusses are uncommon among Notre Dame undergraduates, but wedding engagements between seniors tend to peak as graduation nears.

Marriages are far more common among graduate students, said Elly Brenner, an assistant director at University Village Complexes.

Brenner said there are only one or two undergraduate couples living in those residences. The rest of the close to 100 complexes are graduate students.

The complexes cater to specific cases. University Village is designed for students married with children, while Cripe has

Notre Dame junior spins to success on popular game show

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

It may have been the lack of the Irish that landed Radin Hall junior Lisa Fetta a spot on Wheel of Fortune, but her ensuing $11,060 in winnings had more to do with skill.

The wheel itself wasn't exactly a lucky charm for the political science and engineering major. She spun five lose-a-turns or bankrupts but took second place against students from Indiana and Kansas as part of Wheel of Fortune's College Road Trip.

The show was filmed in Los Angeles on Sept. 15 and will air Oct. 25. The day of filming started at 6 a.m. for Fetta. She and about 25 other college students went through make-up and hair sessions and hours of practice.

They also filmed several commercials, including promotions for local channels and a commercial for Ford.

Fetta's father, brother and two younger sisters met her in Los Angeles to cheer her on.

"My family all thought I would win a lot of money," Fetta said. "My brother missed school and flew from Dayton [Ohio]. They knew I was pretty confident."

Unlike some other contestants, Fetta was not at all nervous before going on stage.

"I was just antsy. They try to touch you up every two seconds. I just wanted to play the game," she said. "Some girls were shaking, one girl threw up. I was more nervous during the audition."

Fetta said she was pleasantly surprised this past summer when she received an e-mail granting her a private audition in Chicago. She was in Philadelphia at the time for a
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Greatest Hits**

When Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler first saw the Stanley Cup in person, he couldn’t help but be amazed at its pedigree, quipping, “This is the only thing that has seen more parties than us.”

Kyle Cassily

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** IF YOU COULD COMPETE ON A GAME SHOW, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE?

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Joe Garlock

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Andrea Lee

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**“Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, no pain, no gain... except at Farley!”**

**“American Gladiators, so I can get in shape for O’Neil broomball.”**

**“Legends of the Hidden Temple, because Kirk Fogg is my hero.”**

**“The Price is Right, because Bob Barker rocks my world.”**

**“Blind Date... unless I get set up with a guy like this.”**

**“What is Jeopardy? No, really!”**

Sophomore Tom Blanchette rubs Vaseline on his torso before lighting himself on fire in Farley’s “What Would You Do for Purdue Tickets?” event Monday.

**OFFBEAT**

**Reindeer injures old, Finnish couple**

HELSINKI, Finland — A reindeer injured an elderly couple in the wilds of Finnish Lapland, in a rare attack that caused injuries needing hospital treatment, officials said Monday.

A male reindeer suddenly appeared from a forest and attacked a man who was hiking Sunday with his partner near Kittilä, about 620 miles north of Helsinki.

The buck buttled the man to the ground and kicked him before turning on the woman who was talking to her son on a mobile phone. Kittila fire chief Jorma Ojala said. The son alerted rescue workers who arrived in helicopters and flew the couple to hospital.

The man and woman were not named, and officials declined to give further details.

**Thieves rob man for jeans, shoes**

BANGKOK, Thailand — Two thieves robbed a man at knifepoint to steal his jeans and shoes, but they ended up with a pair of fake Levi’s, police said Monday.

Watcharaphong Khae-wka, a 21-year-old office worker, filed a complaint with police saying that the two men put a knife to his neck and forced him to take off his jeans and sport shoes.

“The attackers did not touch the money, watch and other valuables on the victim. They just took his jeans and sport shoes and let the victim walk home in his underwear," said police Lt. Col. Phongsak Thongsri, of Bangkok’s Thonbong police station.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Onesimo Almeida, professor of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Brown University, will give a lecture titled “Language — A post Colonial Tool?” today at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

There will be a Post-Graduate Service Fair Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Stepan Center. More than 50 domestic and international organizations will be represented.

Wednesday’s Margaritaville event for seniors has been canceled.

The men’s soccer team will face Bradley University Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The film “La Cueva Sola,” directed by Chilean director Marli Mallet, will be shown Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. It is the second in the series “Women Make Movies: A Latin American Perspective” sponsored by the Kellogg Institute.

University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy will sign copies of his new book, “Monk’s Night, Dame” from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Eck Visitors’ Center.

Marc Gauthier, senior Fulton magazine writer and author will give a lecture entitled “Faith and Fortune in Business” at p.m. Wednesday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

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Group approves 2005-06 budget

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Building on weeks of work, student government officers approved a final version of the student government budget for the 2005-06 school year at Monday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

The budget allotted $4,000 to the Student Activities Board (SAB), $13,000 to the Student Diversity Board, $12,000 to the Residence Hall Association and $5,000 to the Student Academic Council.

This year's budget, $284,900, is $1,800 less than last year's total of $286,700 due to decreased enrollment, executive treasurer Jillian Waters said.

Each student pays a $150 student government fee, and low enrollment numbers in recent years have impacted the budget, Waters said.

While larger than the Class of 2005, the Class of 2009 is still smaller than the graduated Class of 2005. This past spring, the full enrollment was projected to be 1,729 students, Waters said, but the actual number of students was 1,366.

"The total budget went down but not by too much," Waters said. "Things are gradually getting better with enrollment, but not by too much," Waters said. "We are still recovering from Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The 2005-06 budget is $1,800 less than last year's budget due to decreased enrollment, executive treasurer Jillian Waters said.

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A lack of academic integrity is a growing national problem to which Notre Dame is not immune, Jacobs said, noting that first-year students are perhaps the ones who need the most attention.

"National surveys show that seven out of eight college-bound students admit to cheating in high school, they need to recognize that academic dishonesty is not tolerable here," said Faculty Honor Code Officer Thomas Flint, who has been teaching philosophy at Notre Dame for 23 years. Said about 150 students over the past three years were caught for violating the Honor Code, with less than half of these students found guilty of a major violation.

"If Notre Dame were typical of American universities, we would have somewhere in the neighborhood of 25,000 cases of cheating every year," Flint said. "Fortunately, our situation is not that bad, but it's still bad enough. Far, far too many of our students simply don't live up to the ideals for which the University stands."

Consequences for infractions of the Academic Code of Honor can be unforgiving.

"Violating the Honor Code comes with serious penalties at this University," said senior Kristin Graham, the University Code of Honor's first-year co-chair. "Whereas a violation in high school may have resulted in a minor penalty, Honor Code violations at Notre Dame range from zero credit on an assignment to flunking a course to suspension or dismissal from the University."

Right now, roughly half of all Honor Code violations at Notre Dame involve plagiarism.

"Copying off the Internet without proper citation is the most rapidly growing offense," Jacobs said. "We must teach first-year students the rules of citation so that there are no misunderstandings about how to avoid plagiarism."

"To put it bluntly," Flint said, "some students cheated their way into Notre Dame, and are trying to cheat their way through Notre Dame."

A number of steps are taken to ensure that incoming freshmen are made aware of the Honor Code, but Graham said students must make the guidelines work.

"The Honor Code itself is not successful or unsuccessful," she said. "Students are successful or unsuccessful insofar as they fulfill its challenge to responsible, respectful scholarship."

Before freshmen arrive on campus, they receive a copy of the Honor Code in the mail and must sign a pledge to abide by it. Although the pertinent information is also presented to them during the orientation weekend, Graham said more could be done.

"The Code of Honor Committee hopes to improve its outreach to freshmen, possibly beginning with next year's classes," Graham said. "We are currently in the process of developing an online tutorial about the Honor Code."

Freshman Michael Lammie said he felt while most students are aware of and respect the Honor Code, they could stand to know more.

"I think freshmen understand the basic idea and the reasons that the Honor Code is there, but I doubt most of them know the details of it," he said.

Lammie said Notre Dame's Code did not require a great deal of adjustment on his part.

"There are no real big differences, other than that it seems like collaborative learning is encouraged more here than it was in high school, where it was more of an individual thing," Lammie said.

For some freshmen, understanding the Honor Code is one thing, while agreeing with it is another.

"The Honor Code is there to make sure that students aren't taking any shortcuts in their education. It is also there to protect the work of other people," Lammie said. "I'm not sure if any part of it is being unfair."

Fellow freshman Frank DiRocco did not fully agree. He learned about the Honor Code over the summer, when he signed the pledge required of incoming students stating that he would not participate in or promote academic dishonesty. Though he intends to follow this pledge, he said the latter part of the agreement was somewhat unfair.

"The fact that we must report violations of the Honor Code or we're subject to the consequences for breaking the Honor Code is unreasonable," he said.

DiRocco said this area of the Code is probably violated more frequently than others, because "people do not want to turn in friends."

Flint said DiRocco may be on to something.

"We are trying to educate faculty and students about the revised Honor Code, and we are working to deepen students' commitment to academic integrity."

Every party involved must take some responsibility in maintaining academic honesty at Notre Dame, Graham said.

"Individual students and professors need to realize how important their role is in promoting and upholding academic standards," she said. "We have got to strive toward a united front on academic integrity because dishonesty unfairly affects other students' efforts, seriously disrespecting professors, and tarnishes this University's reputation as an academic institution. We need to be firm in refusing to tolerate cheating of any kind in any of our academic endeavors."

"Goals of high awareness and harsh penalties are clear, but the challenge is to create a culture where academic dishonesty is simply unacceptable. Students and faculty alike need to reinforce the University's commitment to being responsible, honest scholars," Graham said. "If we can achieve that sort of atmosphere, then we will make significant progress towards academic integrity."

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School children victims of violence

RAGUZZI, Italy — Claws had just ended, children were milling outside, and the elemen-
tary school's five male teachers had just gotten into a physical fracas when the police pulled up, full of men wearing Iraqi police uniforms.

But they weren't police. The nine gunmen apparently Slain in insurgent piled the teachers and their driver from the van, while the school's few women teachers fled. They dragged the men into an empty classroom, lined them against the wall and mowed them down with automatic weapons.

The dead in Monday's attack were all Shiite.

The latest vicious of the mounting se-
tarian killings in Iraq about a crucial reflec-
dum on a new constitution that has sharply divided Shiites and Sunnis.

Pope meets with critical theologian

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI met with one of his foremost critics, Hans Küng, and the two had a "friendly" discussion, the Vatican and the dissident Swiss theologian said Monday.

The meeting occurred Saturday, Vatican spokesman Joaquín Navarro-Valls said in a statement. "Küng called his old colleague's elect-

tion "an enormous disappointment for all those who hoped for a reformist and pastoral pope," although he gave him 100 days to "learn."

In an interview with The New York Times from his home in Tuebingen on Monday, Küng said the audience lasted several hours and was "very constructive and even a friendly con-
versation."

National News

Sheehan arrested with protesters

WASHINGTON — Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who became a leader of the war now! movement after her son died in Iraq, was arrested Monday along with hundreds of others protesting outside the White House.

Sheehan, carrying a photo of her son in his Army uniform, rallied with other pro-
testers in a park across the street from the White House and then marched to the gate of the executive mansion to request a meeting with President Bush.

The protesters later sat down on the pedestrian walkway in front of the White House and were quickly arrested — and began singing and chanting "Stop the war now!"

Police arrested them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move along, then began making arrests. One man climbed over the White House fence and was arrested over four and a half hours.

Brown admits to Katrina mistakes

WASHINGTON — Former FEMA director Michael Brown said Monday he should have sought faster help from the Pentagon after New Orleans' storm.

A chat goes for $38. Treating either athlete's foot or an ear infection will run $40.

Dover's policy of requiring ninth-

grade students to wear a brief state-
ment about intelligent design before biology classes on evolution.

"This case is about free inquiry in education, not about a religious agenda," argued Patrick Gilman of the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. "Dover's modest cur-
riculum change embodies the essence of liberal education." The center, which lobbies for what it sees as the religious freedom of Christians, is defending the school district.

Eighty years after the Scopes Monkey Trial, the opening of the trial in federal court marked the latest legal chapter in the debate over the teaching of evolution in public school.

The eight families argue that the district policy violates the constitu-
tional separation of church and state.

About 75 spectators crowded the courtroom of U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III for the start of the non-jury trial. But the scene outside the courthouse was business as usual except for a lone woman read-

ing the Bible.

Arguing that intelligent design is a religious theory, not science, Botsch said he would show that the language in the school district's own policy made clear its religious intent.
Married

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Road Apartments are meant for married students without children. "Obviously the needs of students with families are very different from single students," Brenner said. "A very small percentage of Notre Dame's students are married, so on the whole, students with families are not the primary focus (for the University). The University Village is very unique in that our entire focus is on student families. At the University Village, we make every effort to make sure that both the student and his or her family have a strong support network."

The University's policy states that no student can live in the dorms and be married. Married couples without children can find housing at the Cripe Road Complex, or, like the Dreyfusses, live together off campus.

"I have a different perspective on social life and activities," Steffan said. "I don’t have the added stress of the dating scene. I feel a whole lot more laid back, but then again a bit more lonely (since my fiancé lives in Maine)."

Mary Elizabeth Steffan senior

Jessica Guo, 27, a China native and the wife of a physics graduate student, lives in University Village with her husband and their one-year-old son Theodore.

"I think Notre Dame is a really good place that allows people from other countries to come here," Guo said. "For a foreigner like me, I am happy to live here and raise my child."

University Village was built in 1962 and modeled after "Vetville," an apartment complex for returning World War II soldiers and their wives. Vetville was located behind the Hesburgh Library now stands.

Unlike married students, students who become engaged during their last year at Notre Dame don’t need to change their living arrangements. But other habits often change.

Senior Mary Elizabeth Steffan, who is currently planning a summer wedding with her fiancé who lives in Maine, said her plans after college changed the way she socialized at Notre Dame.

"I have a different perspective on social life and activities," Steffan said. "I don’t have the added stress of the dating scene. I feel a whole lot more laid back, but then again a bit more lonely in that way (since my fiancé lives in Maine)."

While her friends are busy plotting their future careers, Steffan is content with the domestic life that awaits her.

"Being engaged sets me apart in a way, as far as out of the crowd of super-achievers or those that have huge ambitions for service, self-made careers or travel," Steffan said. "There’s a concrete future for me, namely a husband, and for many of my peers, they just haven’t figured out anything concrete yet."

For Andrea Dreyfuss, life since her wedding day has been blissful, despite the reactions from shocked peers who spotted her wedding ring.

"I tell people my name and they’re like ‘Oh, you’re the girl who got married,’" Andrea Dreyfuss said. "It doesn’t come out in class. Sometimes I prefer not to say (that I’m married). I’m afraid people will say that I’m immature, but hey it’s my life. I should be able to make my own decisions. They don’t know who I am.”

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Strategic oil reserves may be tapped to alleviate any new pain at the pump caused by off line along the U.S. Gulf Coast and the some profit-taking, supply concerns settled tracts, Vitter said.

Officials must first produce a vision for how of the Gulf Coast from the devastation caused leader on the Katrina reconstruction effort" would also need to sort out all the issues and determine what the long-term uptrend is finished." said Tom RNP Paribas. "At this point, I'm not convinced that I think it's going to take a few weeks to refined-product futures, led by heating oil. The leap higher rode a price surge in short-term fundamental picture is," said Tom Jones.

Analysis was not impressed by Stringer's game plan. Instead of deciding on spin-offs or outlining a clearer way of relating competition and cheaper prices that Sony ruled electronics with its manufaturing finesse, it now faces tough competition and cheaper prices that are turning Sony products into mere "commodities," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel.

"Staying ahead of this curve by selectively and aggressively on being entry, but by and large I'm not facing the kind of damag that so many are," Vodanovich said. "We're all going to try to go back and rebuild what we can." The brothers see starting over as an opportunity. "We feel like we have a clean slate. ... We know what mistakes we have to avoid," Vodanovich, who was staying with friends in Tallahassee, Fla. A New Orleans store owner, Robert Thompson, considers himself lucky. He has seen pictures of the flood damage at his coffee house, Fair Grinds, near City Park, and "we fared much better than a lot of my fellow shop owners... The building is reasonably intact, but flooded. I'll have to pull out sheetrock and cabinetry, but by and large I'm not facing the kind of damage that so many are." Still, while he says, "I fully intend to rebuild and get going again," like Ryan he's worried about the customers he was staff large­ly made up of college stu­dents, and many have tem­porarily enrolled in schools around the country. His home appears to have escaped damage. What helps Thompson's optimism is the fact that his store is a magnet for people they're looking for the social atmosphere of a coffeehouse as well as a cup of joe and so a reopened Fair Grinds can help rebuild a neighbor­hood. In the meantime, as he stays in Houston, he's been in much with and gone­ten together with some of his displaced counter­parts.

Connie Zibilich Melancon was helping to tear down her decorated home when a reporter called for an inter­view, but the owner of a Children's Orchard franchise sounded upbeat about her business and looking to reopen Oct. 1. The store in Old Metairie, which sells lightly used children's cloth­ing, furniture and toys, suf­fered no damage, and Zibilich Melancon expects there to be a market for her discounted merchandise when parents start replacing their children's possessions lost in Katrina.
NEW YORK — May and December marry in autumn. Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore, who reportedly wed Saturday, are the latest epitome of the May-December romance—a classic, glossy, loving match of young and old. Us Weekly and People magazines reported that Kutcher, 27, and Moore, 42, tied the knot in Beverly Hills, Calif., after dating for two years.

At first, many wondered how Kutcher and Moore, who are a couple and why Bruce Willis, Moore’s ex-husband and the father of her three daughters, hadn’t punk’d that kid from “That ’70s Show.”

Although extremely private, the couple offered glimpses of their connection, reveling in the adoration their coupling has generated for two years nursing the older one. The films “Harold and Maude,” “The Younger Woman,” “The Other Side of Love,” “Something’s Gotta Give” and “How Stella Got Her Groove Back” are examples—the allure of the older woman is also a Hollywood reality.

Tim Robbins, 12 years younger than his companion, Susan Sarandon, has shown for almost two decades that the power of love (and liberal idealism) is beyond number in an interview with Harper’s Bazaar magazine that Kutcher was her “soul mate.” Willis, meanwhile, has been open about liking Kutcher.

Eventually, it was clear this wasn’t an episode of Kutcher’s MTV prank show. Instead, it was another story of love conquering age.

"The younger man is attracted to an older woman most likely because of her poise, her social graces, her contacts. She has a polish he hasn’t yet acquired," Dr. Joyce Brothers says. "The younger man wants a dynamic woman." Kutcher and Moore fit as a soul mate.

"She, on the other hand, could be attracted to his promise in their mutual endeavor — in their Hollywood lives. On an exuberance, his fresh way of looking at the world," Brothers told The Associated Press on Monday.

Brothers added that a woman’s sexual peak is at a later age. The May-December match is happening more, she said, because "we’re remaining vigorous, active and healthy longer — men and woman. The younger person doesn’t have to worry about spending long years nursing the older one."

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A large number of participants in learning strategies programs have averaged 225. Harmatian said, “As of the end of the fourth week of classes, the participation is already at 110 – more than double (in the same period for 2004).”

In addition to providing students with the LHC, FYS gives support to peer advisors, upperclassmen who provide informal help in matters of adjusting to campus and dorm life as well as study habits. Some freshmen still don’t realize that they have access to peer advisors. When asked if she had visited a peer advisor yet, Kristina Mery said, “No. Do we have one of those?” However, some freshmen said they knew and had met with their advisor. “It was helpful to meet my peer advisor because she is really knowledgeable about the resources available to first-year students,” freshman Alessandra Bouchard said. “I know that if I have any problems in the future she will be a good person to go to.”

Actually, I would have rather stayed home to do homework,” freshman Matt Keran said. “It didn’t really help too much.”

Through FYS, freshmen also have individual meetings with their academic advisors to discuss subjects like required classes and potential majors. Assistant FYS dean Holly Martin said each full-time first-year advisor has an average of 48x individual meetings with first-year students during the fall semester.

Some students may only have one-to-one meeting with their advisor. Others have many more. Martin said, “It depends on the needs of the student.”

These needs may be minimal, in the freshman’s eyes. Although the FYS keeps “pester” him to set up an appointment, freshman Nathan Bernardi said, “I don’t have time for it right now.”

But freshman Devin Fee found his meeting with his academic advisor useful. “It helped me put things in perspective,” Fee said. “She organized my priorities and provided support if I needed it.”

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The service project and wasn’t sure if she could make the trip. “My parents flew out for one day to do the audition,” she said. “There were about 300 people and only one winner... It all happened really fast.”

Fetta filled out an application online several years ago and forgot about it. But all along she felt she had a knack for games like Wheel of Fortune.

Fetta said the most difficult parts of her experience were knowing that so much was on the line in such a short amount of time, and feeling like she had no control.

But Fetta said there were plenty of ups and downs, including the chance to see how game shows really work. “You’re really lucky to be in that position,” she said.

There are so many people that want to be on the show. Wheel of Fortune only has twice a week for five weeks a year, Fetta said, so she had the opportunity to watch a girl from Madison in the show filmed before her win around $66,000. Fetta noticed the people backstage were just as excited as most of the competitors.

They hire all these people to pep up the contestants. They get you all excited,” she said. “Everyone that works on the show wants you to make money. They really want you to win.”

Fetta said a few details about the show would surprise people who have only seen it on television.

“The set is really small. They have a lot of tricks to make it look bigger,” she said, adding, “You have to hold the wheel a certain way. They have lawyers standing on the side to make sure you do it right.”

The college contestants all had time to get to know each other, and Fetta said she still keeps in contact with some of them. She also got to meet Wheel of Fortune host Pat Sajak.

“Pat’s really short,” she said, laughing, “He’s really personable. It’s the perfect job for him.”

Fetta met some even more interesting and unexpected characters in her hotel, which seemed more like a zoo.

College Waxos from all over the country were participating in the shows and wearing very elaborate and expensive costumes around the hotel.

You’d think the strangest people,” she said. “They flew in people to help carry their costumes.”

Fetta will be doing some more flying of her own, since she is spending her spring semester in London. She may even use some of her winnings, which will probably total closer to $8,000 after taxes when she receives them in February, to throw a party while abroad. However, she said most of her money will go towards law school, if she decides to pursue that path.

Fetta said the University and her friends and family have all been very supportive. The Hammes Bookstore let her pick out any shirt she could afford, for free, to wear on the show. The on the night the show airs, she thinks that her dorm and her friends will be making a party out of it.

“It was a good experience and I feel more comfortable in front of crowds,” Fetta said. “Anybody can be on television, and that’s exciting.”

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Liberty for all?

Ian Ronderos

The Right View

Notre Dame’s refusal to recognize the Gay/Straight Alliance is a concerted disgrace that is based upon a gross distortion of the actual message of Jesus. The fundamentalists allege that homosexuality is a perversion, even if they try to cover it up with non-sensical rhetoric attempting to draw a false division between the state of being homosexual and the act itself.

The nature of an event is found within the occurrence of the action. It is within the homosexual art that the internal nature of the homosexual is expressed. If one was to be born such that they loved pasta, but never ate pasta, then he or she could not be said to be a pasta eater that observes abstinence from eating pasta. It is just as ludicrous to claim that one can have a certain sexual orientation and not express it. The two are inexorably linked.

The proponents of expanding full rights to gay students often appeal to Catholic doctrine, but the only biblical passages that they are religious all humans are attempts to interpret the divine’s attempt to communicate, and mistakes are always going to be made so long as we try to use human language and logics to express the language of the divine. Desperately clinging to a few phrases from the gospels and failing to acknowledge that these were written in the moral tradition of the Jews of the first century C.E., the fundamentalists fail to separate the divine from the human within the gospels.

Notre Dame is indeed a Catholic school and should not shed her roots from the human within the gospels. The argument that activist judges are destroying the gospels and that the religious speech attempts to rationalize and euphemize the fact that the religious group or right at a time. The very term “civil union” smacks of inherent discrimination. I will get to marry my wife, and a gay person will never have a civil union. This logic sounds very similar to the “separate but equal” language of the civil rights struggle. The existence of marriages and civil unions is similar to having “white” and “colored” water fountains. This dictionary attempt to rationalize and euphemize the fact that the religious right has no real logical reason why gay people should not share equal rights of marriage; and there view is based upon dogged puritanism, a fear of change, and a blinding love of tradition.

The argument that activist judges are overturning the will of the majority by granting equal rights to homosexuals is as fallacious as it is dangerous. A democracy is not a tyranny of the majority, nor was it intended to be one by our founding fathers. If one should doubt this, he or she should read the Federalist Papers of Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison. The French political thinker Alexis de Tocqueville was most apt when said “if ever the free institutions of America are destroyed, that event will arise from the unlimited tyranny of the majority.” Pray we are not now planting the very seeds of the fall of the American Republic.

If anyone should be surprised that a heterosexual, former president of the College Republicans should write this column, he should not be. It is the sacred duty for every American to safeguard the freedoms of their fellow citizens. Citizenship is not a merely a legal status; it is privilege that comes with duties and obligations. One such obligation is to possess a fierce zeal for protecting the rights of all Americans.

The holy body must prevent any minority from being trampled. Nations do not fall into the precipice of tyranny overnight, but only after the rock of liberty has been slowly chipped away one group or right at a time.

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Letters to the Editor

Concert attendance disappoints

At the concert Thursday evening featuring legendary pianist Leon Fleisher with the University orchestra, the Leighton Concert Hall was only half full. This was particularly surprising for us musicians, since we were informed that every seat was reserved for a University official or visiting inaugural guest who had committed to coming. Why was Notre Dame unable to greet this world-renowned artist with a full house (in an only moderately-sized concert hall)? Why weren't students invited to this unique event or any of the other simultaneous art events celebrating the inaugural? (This point is especially pressing, since half the seats were empty.) Why did many of the concertgoers leave the performance at intermission? These questions are fresh in the minds of the Notre Dame community.

As a Saint Mary's graduate, I have felt honor and pride when watching Notre Dame football, especially this year. Our family was from South Bend and Notre Dame was all I knew. However, I have never felt so much pride to be a part of the Notre Dame community as I did after reading the story on Charlie Weis and the Irish this morning.

I live in Indianapolis, and although you will find Notre Dame fans, it is not like the atmosphere of South Bend where the majority live and breath Notre Dame. On a local radio station this morning, they told the story of Weis and Montana, the child with a brain tumor. I was so moved, I looked the story up online and forwarded it to everyone I know. Not much needs to be said about Weis. We all expected that he would think we all counted on his improv and forwarded it to everyone I know. However, I have never felt so much pride to be a part of the Notre Dame community as I did after reading the story on Charlie Weis and the Irish this morning.

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After this week's thrilling victory over Washington, I would like to encourage everyone traveling to Purdue this weekend to wear gold*.

Let's end the controversy over the shirt and show our opponents how much we support our team. I was impressed at the number of Irish fans I saw at Pittsburgh, filling the golden* seats of Heinz Field with so many golden* shirts. Michigan was no disappointment either, as the Irish fans stood out in their gold* once again. It seemed as if the entire Michigan student section was rooting for the Irish, as they too were clad in gold*. This Saturday is another opportunity to show our colors and cover Ross Ade stadium in a golden* shower. Go Irish, Beat Boilermakers!

* gold = yellow

Mark Thomas Joseph.

Representing University choir members.

Staff Editorial

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Bayh votes against Roberts

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh announced Friday he would vote against the nomination of John Roberts to be the next chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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After his televised confirmation hearings and the way he juggled the Senate Judiciary Committee, we find Roberts to be an intelligent and sensible fellow, seemingly respectful of precedent and nowhere near an ideological appointment. By contrast, we believe Bayh's vote is based not on Roberts' views, but on his personal politics.

Roberts has demonstrated a clear reason why he should not be the next chief justice of the Supreme Court. By succumbing to political interests, Bayh has demonstrated his political agenda over that of the Constitution - a dangerous agenda that would ultimately benefit him. We urge all citizens to support Roberts as a qualified choice for the bench.

The Washington partisanship cooker has made it more difficult to get much accomplished collectively. Today it seems it would be difficult even to confirm the Court's great past justices, like Oliver Wendell Holmes or Earl Warren.

Let us hope Bayh's vote is simply the last of his career. By succumbing to political interests, Bayh has demonstated that he is not the figure to lead our country to a qualified nominee - he'd like to win the 2008 Democratic presidential primary.

This column originally appeared in the Sept. 26 issue of the Indiana Daily Student, the daily publication at Indiana University. The views expressed in this editorial are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

John Anderson.

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Geist
Only for the Nintendo Gamecube

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

For further proof that the first-person shooter is starting to run out of ideas, look no further than "Geist," a truly bizarre action/adventure game exclusively for Nintendo Gamecube. The game's premise involves a disembodied scientist who has the ability to inhabit other people, animals, and objects.

The player takes control of John Faust, a spirit ripped from his body by the evil Volks corporation. Aside from taking control of Volks soldiers (during which time the game devolves into a simple first-person shooter), there are also several puzzles in which the player takes control of inanimate articles in order to complete objectives. Thankfully, there is the ghost of a little girl who helps guide the player through the tougher situations, though there is still a fair amount of wandering aimlessly confused.

If all this sounds kind of creepy and strange, it is. It really is. Few games are as downright weird as "Geist."

A guard interacts with a dog in the bizarre "Geist" for the Nintendo Gamecube. Both can be possessed to further the players' progress.

X-Men Legends II: mutant mayhem

By MARK REMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Quality games have long, expensive production cycles. It is not uncommon for a game's development to span many years, and even then the time spent is no guarantee as to the quality of the game.

But there is a flip side to that coin - rushed games are almost always lacking in quality. Games that take less than a year to create are generally found lacking, the shortened time frame an obvious factor.

"X-Men Legends II: Rise of the Apocalypse" is unique in this regard. Filling the markets barely a year after the original was released, "X-Men Legends II" is a well-crafted, fun game to play. It avoids most of the pitfalls that are associated with rushed games, and is a solid product using the Marvel license.

Fans of the comic series will know what to expect from the game due to the title. For the non-comic fan, there is still plenty to draw the gamer in. An ancient, evil mutant known as Apocalypse is threatening to conquer the world. He is so powerful that the world's governments can do nothing to stop him. Even the mighty X-Men find themselves short trying to measure up, forcing them to team up with the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants against their mutual enemy.

This creates an even more diverse cast than that of the first game, as four Brotherhood mutants are now playable in addition to the X-Men. Joining the roster from the first game are Magneto, Toad, Scarlet Witch and the awesome Juggernaut. With their inclusion, the initially playable characters round out at 15.

However, some characters that were in the first didn't make the jump to the second. Jubilee, Beast, Emma Frost and Psylocke were dropped, as well as X-Men newcomer Magna. This was done due to fan response, as those were the less popular characters from the first installment.

Many other changes were made in response to fans' comments. The environments are even more interactive than before, an impressive feat for those who played the original. There are also more costumes for the playable characters, giving the player the option to play as the favorite version of their favorite mutant.

The largest, greatest gameplay impacting addition is the option of online playability. PlayStation 2 and X-Box owners can now take the game online. This is a key gameplay innovation, as playing with real people is always more fun than playing with the artificial intelligence.

All is not well in the X-Men's latest adventure, however. Not every graphical bug was worked out from the final product, as some graphics fail to appear at the scripted moment. This can vex the player, as the portal to his next destination may not appear on the screen. The bugs that do exist are minor, however, having none that drastically hurt the gameplay.

Another setback to enjoying the game is also its greatest strength, namely the roster. The 15 initially playable characters are later joined by three unlockable ones, giving the roster a final tally of 18 playable characters. However, there are so many mutants in the game and in the Marvel universe that 18 still feels like a miniscule number. Having only four characters playable from the Brotherhood, compared to the 11 from the X-Men, is particularly disappointing.

Overall, though, the game is a blast. The characters are more balanced than the original, and the gameplay has been more streamlined. For your mutant fix, look no further.

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Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects

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‘Marvel Nemesis’ fails at consistency

Marvel characters SpiderMan and Venom fight on the rooftops of the city. “Marvel Nemesis” is available for PlayStation 2, Gamecube and X-Box.

Photo courtesy of gamespot.com

‘Marvel Nemesis’ is a mixed bag. Half a playing field is covered in explo-

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To unlock these characters, the player has to go through the story mode of the game. This is the main flaw in the game reside. The story mode has moments of sheer adrenaline, but then balances those segments out with participants that are practically guaranteed to break the player’s controller. Any game that forces you to repeatedly try a segment, especially when it’s not the focus of the game, has some difficulty issues.

Difficulty is a vital component of games. Without it, there would be no truly memo-

nent memories within games, and there would be no incentive to become compe-

tent at a game. But the story mode is not the main component of “Marvel Nemesis,” and forcing players to painfully work their way through it is a disservice to the play-

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yanks, Sox head for photo finish

New York walks over Orioles to move halfway ahead of Boston

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — All thoughts about Boston ran away. For now, the New York Yankees are focused solely on beating the Baltimore Orioles. They gave it a pretty good shot of it, too.

After giving up two rain delays totaling nearly 2 hours, the Yankees resembled sole possession of first place in the AL East with an 11-3 rout of the Orioles on Monday night.

The victory moved the Yankees a half-game ahead of the Baltimore Orioles, who have lost a season-high nine straight, and three in Boston to finish the season.

If the Orioles have lately kept playing as they have, the Yankees can expect to bring some momentum into Fenway Park this weekend.

New York has won seven straight against Baltimore, including five over an eight-day time span.

"We control our destiny. If we win all our games, we win. That's the only way you can approach this," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"We can't be looking for help from anybody else. Sure, if we get a hit, great, but we can't go in expecting it." Boston must play a day-night doubleheader on Tuesday, forcing the Red Sox to shuffle their pitching rotation in the middle of a frenzied pennant race.

Tigers 4, White Sox 3

Chicago's lead in the AL Central dropped to two games over idle Cleveland and its magic number remained at five to clinch the division.

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The Angels opened a five-game lead and lowered their magic number to two.

They will send 10-game winner Vernon Santana to the mound against lefty Joe Kennedy to try to finish off the Angels.

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"We've got one more game we've got to get it done. Every game's going to be tough.

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Sophomore Chris May and junior Amy Becker started the day off in the "B" division but moved up to the "A" division on Sunday as the breeze built to a steady 12 knots. Sophomore John Dailey and junior Peter Solesuedein, who helped Oregon, had an impressive performance in which several firsts in their many races.

Many races came down to closers, but Notre Dame battled with Fordham and Georgetown all weekend. Georgetown, ranked No. 7 nationally, won the regatta while Fordham's C team finished third for the Irish. Teams from Loyola-Maryland, Holy Cross, John Carroll and a second team from Fordham rounded out the competition.

The clubs will square off at the Notre Dame meet with gusts up to 21 knots, but slowely died as the day went on. Despite the demanding weather, sophomore goalkeeper Tom Roy and junior Kerry Kilburn consistently finished near the top of the "A" fleet.

<p>Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson delivers in the first inning of New York's 13-3 win over Baltimore Monday night.</p>

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Tennessee downs LSU in overtime comeback

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Tennessee refused to be part of LSU’s feel-good story.

Gerald Riggs Jr. pushed into the end zone from a yard out in overtime to give the 18th-ranked Volunteers a 30-27 come­back win Monday night in the Tigers’ long-awaited, hurricane-delayed home opener.

LSU transfer Rick Clausen led the Volunteers (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) back from a 21-point deficit in the sec­ond half to tie it at 24 with 2:02 left on a field goal.

Getting done what he got done, coming back here to win this football game at a place where he had been, I don’t know if there is a better story in the world than what this guy has done,” Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. “The Tigers had first crack in overtime, but managed only a 31-yard field goal by Colt David.

Riggs accounted for all the Vols’ yards in overtime with a 10-yard reception and four runs. He powered through the line and into the end zone to send the hurricane-weary Louisianians home with a bitter loss.

Hurricane Katrina forced the No. 4 Tigers to postpone their first home game, and move their sec­ond to Arizona State, where LSU came away with a dramatic win.

Then Hurricane Rita forced another delay and set up the first Monday nighter in Tiger Stadium.

The crowd was a bit smaller than usual, but they were loud as ever and certainly looked like a team eager to play when they jumped out in a 21-0 lead in the first half.

“There was no panic,” Fulmer said. “We challenged each

other.”

Clausen came off the bench to rally Tennessee with a touchdown pass and a 1-yard TD sneak that made it 24-14 with 9:35 left.

He finished 21-for-32 for 196 yards and appeared to settle the Vols’ quarterback controversy.

Jonathan Broxton inter­cepted JaMarcus Russell and returned it 26 yards to the LSU 2 on the next possession. When Riggs scored from 2 yards out with about 7 1/2 minutes to play, the crowd went silent.

The lead was down to three.

In Brief

Pennington tears rotator cuff, out for season

NEW YORK — Jets quarterback Chad Pennington will miss the rest of the season because of a torn right rotator cuff, The Associated Press learned Monday night.

Pennington’s injury was confirmed by a person with knowledge of his condition, who declined to be identified because the team had not made an official announcement.

An MRI exam showed Pennington tore his rotator cuff in Sunday’s 26­-30 overtime loss to Jacksonville.

The NFL Network originally report­ed the injury, the second time Pennington has had this tear in less than a year.

Pennington was expected to visit noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews in Alabama on Tuesday. Backup Jay Fiedler also damaged his shoulder Sunday and will be side­lined, leaving third-stringer Brooks Bollinger to play quarterback against

Baltimore this weekend.

Last season, Pennington missed three games with the same injury and had offseason surgery to repair it.

Rollins continues to downplay hit streak

PHILADELPHIA — Everyone is talking about Jimmy Rollins’ 31­ game hitting streak, except the All-Star shortstop himself.

Rollins downplayed the streak when Philadelphia went 6-3 on its last road trip and moved within one game of the Houston Astros for the NL wild-card lead, insisting he didn’t allow himself to think too much about it.

With the Phillies back home on Sunday to open a three-game series with the New York Mets, the moody Rollins refused to speak to the print media, much as he has most of the past month.

Whether he wants to say anything about it or not doesn’t matter to the Phillies, who are only glad to get the production they expected when they moved him to the top of the order.

Cutcliffe to Arkansas fans, keep the faith

LITTLE ROCK — Former Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe has some advice for Arkansas fans disillusioned by their team’s 1-3 start. “Be supportive during the fact.

“Re supportive during the fact. Players need support, coaches need things positive,” Cutcliffe said at the Little Rock Touchdown Club. “After the season’s over with, people ought to express their opinions — very public situation that we have, but just remain supportive, because I think it’ll pay off for you when you do that.”

Cutcliffe talked for about 45 minutes at Monday’s luncheon, enter­taining the crowd with stories about his coaching career. Cutcliffe went 34-29 in six seasons at Ole Miss after he was an assistant at Tennessee for 17 years.
Big plays not just a small problem for Irish against UW

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

After Chinedum Ndukwe recovered a fumble on the Notre Dame 1-yard line to halt Washington's game-opening drive, the Irish seemed to be in control of the contest.

But Irish head coach Charlie Weis was not pleased with his defense's tendency to surrender big plays Saturday against the Huskies. The Irish gave up 449 yards of total offense with 419 coming on only 18 plays.

Weis was worried this could hurt the Irish when in a game closer than the 36-17 Notre Dame win Saturday.

"We were giving up way too many big plays," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. "That's obviously an area of concern."

He also had issues with the ability of Washington to sustain long drives. The Huskies had five drives of more than 70 yards Saturday.

"They didn't always come up with points," Weis said. "But when you change field position that drastically ... that's not a good thing."

The other main concern of Weis' dealt with penalties. All three Washington scoring drives were aided by Notre Dame infractions.

♦ Pleased it's over

With so much attention paid to the matchup between Washington coach Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame, where he coached for three years prior to his firing last November, Weis was relieved the game was over.

"We got through that," Weis said. "We can go on our way. They can go on their way."

He thanked the media and his players at the beginning of his Sunday press conference for their participation and behavior in the week leading up to the Washington game.

"I think both the way [the media] handled it and the players handled it kept it from being more of a distraction than it could have been," Weis said.

♦ Anastasio honored

With an effort Saturday that included a blocked punt and two tackles, Weis named Chase Anastasio special teams captain for this week.

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Chase Anastasio, right, sprints off the line before blocking a punt Saturday during Notre Dame's 36-17 win over Washington.

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out on the field, especially their defensive line,” Sands said. “I think away from the game as well as most of our offense in the first half. They definitely forced us to make adjustments at halftime.”

Sands also credited her teammates, especially the receivers.

“Bushelle was our offense in the first half, and Gargola, even though she’s a freshman, made a great play [on her touchdown catch],” Sands said.

McGlinn, 6, Pangborn 0
The Shells brought their best game against the Pioneers. McGlinn had about 10 minutes remaining in the game, McGlinn’s offense got a chance to shine. Senior quarterback Becky Brown lofted a 40-yard pass to鲜森鲜森 in the end zone. The throw was bobbled, but the touchscreen was good enough for the win.

The game started off much like the weather, not predictable. Neither offensive team was able to put points up in the first half.

“We didn’t do much on the offensive line to start the game,” Wilmot said. “We got that settled down late in the second half, with the rain slowing to a light drizzle, offensives of both teams began seeing more success.

It wasn’t enough success, however, for Pasquerilla East captain Megan Wysoki, who was adamant about needing the offense to perform better.

“We need to put some points on the board,” Woods said. “This is Zahn’s Oessi-Anto.”

Sorin was forced to punt to Wieland’s 24-yard strike to Sands also
A Pasquerilla East player tries to avoid several Welsh Family defenders after catching a pass over the middle during the Pyro’s 16-12 loss Sunday.

Both teams’ experienced defenses proved they were capable of holding the other’s offense where they were. McGlinn has plenty of confidence as it heads into next week’s game against Welsh Family.

Pangborn’s offense continued to break through the McGlinn defense, but was denied.

The defense had just as much trouble on its offensive end.

“We need to work really hard in practice this week,” Wysoki said.

Notes:
• Sunday’s game between Brennan-Phillips and Farley was cancelled. It has been rescheduled for 10 p.m. Tuesday Oct. at Stepan Fields.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Walsh set to face off against Lyons

By CHRIS HINE, JAY FITZPATRICK and TIM KAISER
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh are taking an unblemished record into a 7 p.m. Blue League contest against Lyons tonight, while the Lions are looking to get their season back on track at Hiebke West Field.

Thus far, Walsh has defeated Lewis, 13-7, and Badin, 20-0. The defending champions are led by Mary Sullivan at quarterback. Sullivan is the Michael Vick of the Walsh offense, using both her legs and arm with equal effect.

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The area to work on the most for us is offense,” Galley said. “Each player has to know their individual responsibilities and execute very well.”

Galley felt Howard’s younger players, including freshman receiver Liz Pike, would make a greater impact in this game.

“We have a lot of freshman,” Galley said. “But now they know what to expect: the pace of the games, the level of competition of women’s interhall football.”

Lewis has the edge over Howard in record against common opponents — they also lost to Cavanaugh but beat Lyons.

Lewis also lost to Walsh and is looking to bring its record to 2-1 overall. The Chicks will look to a strong senior class — including Kala Bailey, wide receiver Mary Rose Hackney and defensive lineman Lauren Gulley — to capture a win.

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Football Recruiting

Lineman gives Weis verbal commitment

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame added a second offensive lineman to its recruiting class during the weekend as Eric Olsen became the 17th verbal commitment for the Irish this year.

A 6-foot-5, 298-pound lineman from Poly Prep School in Brooklyn, New York, Olsen will play offensive guard for Notre Dame, according to Mike Frank of Irshieyes.com.

“It’s a good pickup,” Frank said. “He comes from a good program. He’s a big kid who likes to smack people around a little bit.”

Most of the schools he looked at were similar, but Notre Dame stood out for Olsen because of its tradition.

“I was looking for the complete package,” Olsen said. “I felt that it was everything I was looking for from the academic standpoint, the coaches and the environment. Plus, it had that mystique and tradition where it was just awesome.”

Frank said Olsen is in the “second wave” of offensive line recruits offered by the Irish coaching staff.

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Eric Olsen Irish recruit

ne week as Eric Olsen reports a 350-pound bench press and a 520-pound squat along with a 5.2-second 40-yard dash.

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This wonderful collection of humorous, poignant and revealing stories and anecdotes offers special insight into the university that Fr. Malloy has served so faithfully as long time University President and as resident of Sorin College. Monk’s Notre Dame has a story to tell about nearly every aspect of life at Notre Dame, Pr. Malloy intersperses insight on traditional campus events, such as new students moving into the residence halls and the annual bookstore basketball tournament, with lesser known stories such as the mysterious reappearance of a statue of Father Edward Sorin at the helm of a motorboat on St. Mary’s Lake. Anyone

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Wild Women run over Bullfrogs as Chicks tame Lions

By BECKI DORNER and JAMES FEGAN
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh were in top form despite the rain and water-logged conditions Sunday as they pulled off a 28-0 victory against the Badin Bullfrogs. In the waning moments of the game, Laurie Wasikowski ran for her second touchdown to finish as they pulled off a victory over Howard, the first touchdown of the evening.

"You have to give credit to the Walsh defense," Hackney said. "It was their defense off guard and resulted in significant gains for the Bullfrogs, yet Badin could not convert successfully. Badin's defense also seemed reenergized after the half, with several players earning sacks and holding Walsh to no touchdowns until about two minutes left in the game."

Despite the loss, the Bullfrogs are anxious to prove themselves in their upcoming match against Canyon, a solid Blue League competitor coming off a big victory over Howard.

"We'll have to step it up for our next game," Hackney said.

The momentum of that first half also couldn't have come at a better time for the Wild Women run over Bullfrogs as Chicks tame Lions Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005.

The Wild Women of Walsh were taking the field after thwarting Badin's first possession, Walsh got off to a quick start with quarterback Katie Rose Hackney and receivers Scott出游 to a quick start with quarterback Katie Rose Hackney in the end zone for the second touchdown to finish the scoring.

The result was equally revealing for Lyons. After punt-ling Howard in the opener, the leaders looked sharp.

The one-on-one quarterback combination of Kim Murphy and Lyons Truitt threw four total interceptions Sunday.

After catching three touchdowns in the opener, receiver Jones Delaney didn't get any such opportunities, as the Lyons offense rarely entered Lewis territory.

"The execution just wasn't there today, but we look forward to seeing [Lewis] in the playoffs," Lyons coach John Harrington said.

Lyons quarterbacks were sacked five times; with, two each coming from Chicks ends Alexandra Persley and Kate Erdle.

Lyons held to five yards rushing all game, as all of their attempts on reverses and options were swallowed.

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done the best they can. Notre Dame played a Sunday match and just now turned its focus towards tonight.

"Today, we wanted," Stasiuk said. "We had film. We went over their hitters and part of their offense. But basically, we practiced our offense a lot.

The Irish have not overlooked the Rambler, but they haven't worried, either. They respect their opponent but realize as long as they play their offense. Hut basically, we said, "We had film. We went done the best they can. Notre Dame knew it's in for a dogfight, and it knows it cannot take the Horizon League team lightly.

The Irish have put together a solid week after their first loss of the season against LSU. After playing a sloppy tournament that weekend—barely beating Tulane and getting handled by the spirited LSU squad—the Irish are determined to play at their own level. That was one of the things Coach Brown said we have to control our side of the net no matter what team we're playing.

The Irish came into the week as the only team in the nation to rank in the top-15 in both blocks (90) and digs (14).

Today's road trip to Chicago for a 7 p.m. match begins a grueling stretch for the Irish, but also a stretch they are willing and ready to handle. "We're all ready to go," Stasiuk said. "We're energized.

Besides an Oct. 5 home match, the Irish won't play in the state of Indiana until Oct. 21, with seven of their next eight matches away from home.

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SMC Volleyball

Belles to host Tri-State in MIAA competition

With solid attacking from Kristen Payko, strong blocking from Shelly Bender, tough defense from Anne Goyer and the emergence of Amanda David as setter, the Belles have already surpassed last season's win total.

Saint Mary's enters tonight's contest on a two-game losing streak after dropping conference matches to Calvin and Alma Saturday. Saint Mary's played well in sports during the weekend, especially in the final two games of the Alma match, but it was not enough to win.

Schroeder-Biek said developing consistency will be key to the Belles' success tonight.

"(On Saturday) we didn't pass consistently, the timing on our blocks was off and we had some trouble communicating. We didn't play poorly, we just need to focus on the little things.

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shirts, hats and stuff," hoping to make the child feel a little better.
It worked.
"I was able to get a couple smiles out of him," Weis said. "His mom got to take a couple
things out of him," Weis said. "It's not just the people who support that University."
During the meeting, Weis asked Montana if there was anything he could do for him.
Weis informed him of his players of the meeting Wednesday, using Montana as an example of what
they represent as Notre Dame football players.
"To watch a kid that's 10 years old only get a smile on his face because of his
passion and love for Notre Dame football, that's really a good moral thing to
tell your own players," Weis said. "It's not just the University they're representing,
it's all the people who support that University."

Men's Interhall Football — Gold League
Solids defenses dominate three games in week two
Morrissey wins close contest with O'Neill; Dillon tops Keenan

By JAY FITZPATRICK, JASON GALVAN and GREG ARGOBAST
Sports Writer

Morrissey tailback Nick Klein ran for a 5-yard touchdown, the game's only score, at 4:53 of the fourth quarter to lead Morrissey past O'Neill 7-0.

Near the end of the third quarter, the Morrissey defense stopped O'Neill's drive short with a fumble, giving the Manor the field position deep inside O'Neill territory. A
consistent Manor running game drove the ball 25 yards, culminating in the Klein touchdown.

O'Neill got the ball back at their own 35, but could not move the ball for a first down.

A failed fourth and long gave Morrissey the ball at the O'Neill 9-yard line with less than 3 minutes to play. A crucial fourth-and-one play saw Manor quarterback Mike Spencer give the ball to tailback Braden Turner, who broke through for a 13-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

Spencer in the end zone for the safety, blocking a punt. O'Neill's defense also stalled Morrissey on their two possession.

O'Neill's offense also boasted a strong running game, led by tailback Braden Turner, who worked consistently well against the Manor in the first half.

O'Neill has a bye next week to make the child feel a little better.

Dillon 13, Keenan 8

"Our defense definitely excelled out there today," Klein said. "Morrissey's defense forced two turnovers, the fumble that led to the touchdown and an interception, and blocked a 30-yard field goal attempt as time ran out in the first half.

The Morrissey defense registered a shutdown as the points O'Neill was able to put up were against the Manor's offense. With less than three
minutes remaining in the second quarter, Mob lineman Robert Lankford was able to sack Spencer in the end zone for the big sack.

O'Neill's defense also performed well in the game, recording a safety, blocking a 41-yard field goal attempt and forcing a turnover — an interception by defensive back Pat Conley.

Weis informed the child that his favorite player was the Morrissey quarterback.

"He could have a couple of players to watch," Weis said. "We just have to take it one step at a time.

The situation inspired Weis to reflect on his own children, to watch them play football, and just played classic Dillon offensive production came from their rushing attack.

"We went back to the run and
and moved downfield to their 48 behind two completions from quarterback Rob Coly.

Play was delayed, however, when a Dillon player had to be taken off the field in an ambulance.

The player was down on the field for several minutes before an emergency crew arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

With only a minute to go, the Knights drove to the Dillon 25 with two more key completions and seemed to seal the win by converting a two-point conversion.

The Knights were called for offensive pass interference and, after being moved back to the 40-yard line, the Dillon defense held its ground and did not allow another completion.

Dillon captain Romeo Acosta was pleased with his team's performance.

This was a completely different game from last week," Acosta said. "We got two turnovers out there and the Mob's offensive
and defensive lines were good against the Manor in the first half.

"Last week we had a few things go wrong, but we really got it together and just played well," Duffy said.

Nearly all the activity on both teams' offenses was on the ground.

"We're a good run-stopping team," Duffy said. "We just have to take it one game at a time."
In tight, defensive battles, the winner is usually decided by special teams and turnovers, and whether or not the opponent can capitalize on them. Zahm did just that Sunday, recovering two Sorin fumbles and dominating on special teams en route to a 12-0 victory.

On a rain-soaked afternoon, Faced with first-and-10 from his own 1-yard line, Charlie Weis had a decision to make. Mishawaka called for Theo Ossei-Anto for a huge clutch, blocking a first quarter sure on Otter quarterback Studebaker contained Sorin's passes for 73 yards and two special teams en route to a Sunday, recovering two Sorin the opponent can capitalize on listen to Or should be Should he listen to his coaching room for the Weis grants a young his own 1-yard line, Charlieق field goal and also springing Montana? fumbles and dominating on both sides, but it was Zahm that was able to capitalize. Following a scoreless first quarter, Sorin started deep in its own territory. But, playing in a shotgun set they seemed uncomfortable with all day, the Otters botched a snap, which Zahm recovered on Sorin's 24 yard line. Zahm the winner is usually decided coach chose the latter.

With a suggestion from Montana Mazurkiewicz, the Irish run a bootleg right in the first play of Saturday's game against Washington, resulting in a 1-yard completion from Irish quarterback Brady Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano. Sadly, Mazurkiewicz did not live to see the play. The 10-year old Mishawaka boy died Thursday from brain cancer. Weis had received word from the University that the boy, named after legendary Irish quarterback Joe Montana and a passionate Notre Dame fan, was near-death, the coach said at his press conference Sunday. So Weis stopped by the Mazurkiewicz's house last Wednesday to visit with Montana, his brother Rockne and his mother Cathy. He brought with him "a couple T-

A Carroll receiver, left, elevates and catches a pass against Siegfried during Carroll's 6-0 win Sunday. Right, a Welsh player extends to catch a touchdown pass in Welsh's 16-12 victory.