step down at the end of the academic year.
White, who has served as dean since fall 2002, said he will take a year-long sabbatical "researching and writing" and will then join the English department as a faculty member.

After 17 years as an administrator, White said, he misses the classroom and daily interaction with students.

"This is a great job," White said. "You are working with great people. It is an honor to be dean of faculty, but I have missed the connection

Sisters show Saint Mary's pride

Nuns attend athletic events, cheer on Belles

A lifetime
One of nine children, Byrnes loved playing sports as a girl, particularly basketball, volleyball and baseball. The Logan, Utah native decided to join the Sisters of the Holy Cross as a young woman and arrived at Saint Mary's in 1951 to take classes.

In 1954 she left the College and went out on mission, embarking on what would turn out to be a lifelong career of teaching. Assigned classes as large as 50 first or second graders, Byrnes worked in Catholic schools in California, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Texas.

Wherever she placed, she was always a big supporter of athletics.
"I went to the soccer, basketball and baseball games," Byrnes said. "I was very active with the children."
Whirlwind weekend

I was supposed to get my driver’s license this weekend.

Then again, I was supposed to keep my necessary certificates safe so the drive test would let me take the road test.

At 3:20 a.m. Friday, after 13 hours of travel that included a three-hour flight delay and diversion from LaGuardia Airport in Queens to New Jersey’s Newark International, I couldn’t find the certificate showing that I took the test site anyway, knowing I would be denied.

After a few hours of sleep and a couple more of searching, I resigned myself to the fact that it was nowhere to be found. The driving school that I had registered with told me my records were closed, and my road test was within hours. I went to the test site anyway, knowing I would be denied.

I was right in my assumption.

When I got home, I figured I had to make the most of the two days home I mean, the plane tickets cost $161. Two kinds of travel often included $57. Meals at the hotel and around town cost me nearly $240. Plus, the bus was another $57.

Yet, I did a few things before I hit the sack.

I threw on a bathing suit, grabbed my fins and water, and went to the beach.

That was my necessary certificates safe so the drive test would let me take the road test.
Chambers discusses diversity at Saint Mary’s College

Renowned African/Latina author visits campus, packs Vander Vennet Theater Wednesday in first lecture of series

By MARY CONROY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s experienced a little more diversity Wednesday night as author Veronica Chambers kicked off the Diversity Series program with a speech on “Diversity on Campus.” The lecture, first in a series of four, was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership. Vander Vennet Theater in the lower level of the Student Center was full to capacity as students, faculty and staff lined up to listen to Chambers’ childhood tales, experiences as a writer, travel adventures and development of her personal view of diversity.

Chambers, an African/Latina, authored books Mama’s Girl, Queen of Salsa, born in Panama, raised first in England and then Brooklyn at age five. Chambers had already experienced several different cultures and languages before she entered Simon College at age 16. At this point, she said, she believed she could identify herself as a young black Brooklyn girl. Chambers soon gained internships and began to write for several nationally published magazines such as Seventeen and YM, and it was at this time she realized her self-identification began to change.

“You are not totally defined as you thing you are when you grow up,” she said.

Through internships and additional jobs, Chambers was able to travel to Los Angeles, London and Japan. She said it was her experience in Japan in 2003 that drastically changed her personal view of herself.

“In Japan (I) was known as an American, not Black, not African-American, and I liked it,” Chambers said. After sharing personal stories, Chambers asked directly at the students in attendance: “Do you have an interest reaching across different cultures, your own opportunity to build friendships here?” She reminded the listeners that they reminded the listeners that directors, her work and her travel have influenced her writings and presentations. She reminded the listeners that even though we are all Americans, it is beneficial in at least familiar with other ethnicities. “If there is a time to reach past the awkwardness, this is the time,” she said. “College is the place where topics come up and the safest place to discuss topics — the corporate scene doesn’t care.”

Chambers concluded by encouraging students to broaden their experiences with diversity through writing.

“I am happy to help and give advice for those of you interested to be writers,” she said.

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NetID Passwords

Only the Strong Will Survive

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He also noted that course packets will now be available through the online bookstore. Bookstore professors print the packets themselves.

Matt Erste, major accounts manager for FedEx's Kinko's, said students are able to use the FedEx services before winter break.

She also discussed the updated TRANSPO routes and services available to students. She focused on The Sweep, which links Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, and #7, which this year includes stops along the Grand River and the Student Center. She said these are for free to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff.

"We have been pleased at this point with our agreement with TRANSPO." Skendzel said.

... and that there are certain people that it is safe to talk about these issues. In past years, some have designed similar shirts to wear with messages like 'Gay is a gift from God.'

"Those [alternative] shirts are just as great a way of making awareness to the issue," Gomberg said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female suicide bomber first in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A woman disguised as a man's robes and headdress slipped into a line of army recruits Wednesday and detonated explosives strapped to her body, killing at least six recruits and wounding 35 — the first known suicide attack by a woman in Iraq's insurgency.

The attack in Tia'A near the Syrian border appeared aimed at showing that militi­ans could still strike in a town where U.S. army troops have drove out insurgents only two weeks ago. A female suicide bomber may have been chosen because she could get through checkpoints — at which women are rarely searched — then don her disguise to join the line of men, Iraqi officials said.

Iraq's most notorious insurgent group, al-Qaida in Iraq, claimed responsibility for the attack in an Internet statement, saying it was carried out by a female suicide bomber.

Chernobyl yields radioactive find

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian authorities found radioactive material believed stolen from the non-defunct Chernobyl nuclear power plant a decade ago, an official said Wednesday.

Security officers discovered a plastic bag with 14 pieces of nuclear fuel during a routine search of the damaged reactor's perimeter last week, said plant spokesman Stanislav Shchedrin. The pieces included part of a fuel rod and small pipes.

He said the radioactive material "was probably missing since 1995," when a group of Mexicans tried to steal nuclear material from the now-defunct Chernobyl nuclear reactor's central hall.

The previous executive director was fired for the theft, he said.

National News

Hundreds of bodies unidentified

BAYON, ROUGE, La. — Hundreds of corpses left behind by Hurricane Rita's unchecked identification efforts at a makeshift morgue, with only 32 bodies released to families for burial so far — a slow pace officials consider unavoidable.

"It's a terrible, terrible time, and it's extremely frustrating. I wish I could speed up the process, but speeding up the process could mean releasing nonexistent victims," said Dr. Louis Cattale, who heads the body recovery process in Louisiana.

Identifying the bodies through personal artifacts, DNA, fingerprints, dental records, pacemakers or implants has been made difficult by the sheer volume of uninsured, left for days or weeks in contaminated water, sludge and heat, he said.

Heat closes Houston relief center

HURSTON — Saying they were caught off guard by the number of people in need, FEMA officials closed a relief center early on Wednesday after some of the hundreds of Hurricane victims in line began fainting in triple-digit heat.

The military closing of the Houston disaster relief center came as officials in areas hit hardest by Hurricane Rita criticized FEMA's response to the storm, with one calling for a commission to examine the emergency response.

Local News

Kernan named Red Cross director

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Former Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon has been named the new executive director of the Red Cross.

Kernan said his relationship with the Red Cross dates to the Vietnam War. He and other prisoners of war received a Red Cross package containing desodorant and toothpaste.

Gaza Strip

Israel continues missiles despite truce pledge

Associated Press

Gaza City — Israeli aircraft unleashed a barrage of missiles early Wednesday and fired artillery into the Gaza Strip for the first time in weeks, with an offensive despite a pledge by Palestinian militants to halt their recent rocket attacks against Israel.

Israel said it launched the strikes in response to an offensive by Palestinian militants to halt their recent rocket attacks against Israel.

Israel Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said the army would attack Palestinian militants relentlessly to force them to stop firing rockets at Israeli towns.

In the West Bank, Israeli troops raided offices belonging to the Hamas militant group in the towns of Qalqilya and Tulkarem on Wednesday, Palestinian security officials said.

The army had no immediate comment on those raids, but said it arrested 24 wanted members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad overnight elsewhere in the West Bank.

DeLay indicted in fundraising probe

House Majority Leader temporarily steps down, denies guilt, calls ruling 'baseless'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was indicted by a Texas grand jury Wednesday on a charge of violating state and federal fundraising laws, forcing him to temporarily step aside from his GOP post. He is the highest-ranking member of Congress to face criminal prosecution.

A defiant DeLay said he had done nothing wrong and denounced the Democratic prosecutor who pursued the case as a "partisan fanatic." He said, "This is one of the weakest, most baseless indictments in American history. It's a sham."

Nonetheless, DeLay's temporary forfeiture of the prospect of a criminal trial for one of the Republican party's most visible leaders reverberated throughout the GOP-run Congress, which was already struggling with weighty questions surrounding its Senate leader.

Republicans quickly moved to fill the void, while voicing popular support for DeLay. Speaker Dennis Hastert named Roy Blunt to take over most of DeLay's leadership duties.

Ronnie Earle, the Democratic prosecutor in Austin who led the investigation, denied politics was involved. "Our job is to prosecute abuses of power and to bring those abuses to the public," he said. "He was the best politician in the state, and we were the best lawyers about that," said Dr. Louis Cattale, who headed the body recovery process in Louisiana.

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DeLay, whose conduct on separate issues was criticized by the House ethics committee last year, was unrelenting in his criticism of Earle. He suggested the district attorney had promised not to prosecute him and then changed course under pressure from Democrats and criticism from a newspaper in Texas.
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department. I began building a relationship with the student athletes dine with Sisters of the Holy Cross at the convent. "...relationship for everybody," Kachmarik said. The athletes mixed and mingled with some of the Sisters. From that point on, Kachmarik said, Byrnes "just stuck." "I started doing what I call nun runs," Kachmarik said. "I would take my golf cart over to the convent and I would pick up whatever nunns wanted to come to the basketball game or the volleyball game. Attending games regularly, Byrnes grew especially close to members of the soccer squad and became team chaplain. "(The Sisters) want to be out serving and help with anything they can be," Kachmarik said. "So it is kind of like a life-line for Sister Viola — it keeps her young." Byrnes also credits her involvement with the athletics teams for energizing her physically, emotionally and spiritually. "It's been a lifesaver," Sister Viola said. "I would have gone nuts if I didn't have anything to do."

In good times and in bad

Despite serious health problems — including one kidney replacement, two knee replacements and severe arthritis — Byrnes is always on the sidelines cheering on the home game this season. "I'll never forget bringing her over on the golf cart (to the first game) and she had her hands above her head saying 'I'm here, I'm here.' Kachmarik said. "I've never seen our team play so much as a team as that first win against Albion." Byrnes has also become leg- ened for her ability to light up coaches for bringing terrible weather in order to watch teams play.

"Last year it was this really cold and rainy day," said Byrnes. "We were talking about the Maura Schoen, one of three soccer team captains. "It was so cold, I was leaving and I was going to blow over and she was still out there. We had some of our players stand behind her so make sure she didn't fall over. Nothing will stop her." A strong presence Sisters also formed a soccer team captain Shannon Culbertson had known a Sister from the beginning before joining the Saint Mary's team freshman year and meeting Byrnes. She said she was immediately struck by her enthusiasm for the College and the athletes.

"I love it when the other teams see that we have a nun in full habit on the sidelines," Culbertson said. "It is just priceless." Byrnes doesn't restrict herself to just the sidelines, however. She joins the team on the field for their pre-game pump-up sessions. "She's usually in the huddle," Culbertson said. "Sometimes people will sometimes people will forget she is there. Before the games it was like, 'You guys are playing so well, but the ball is only on one side of the field.'" Culbertson said. "We were all like, 'We are being coached by a nun.' It was the best half- time speech I've ever heard. I wish I had it on videotape or some- thing." After a senior awards banquet one year, Kachmarik said, "Her presence was so strong...the en- talist of an athlete approached her and thanked her not for honoring their daughter with one of the major awards of the evening but for reintroducing the Sisters to the students." Kachmarik said that gesture was "a huge statement for her and affirmed her belief that the Sisters have an important role in the athletic depart- ment and at the College.

A spiritual mother

Sister Viola's dedication to her faith and to her life's work has been an inspiration to many of those involved with Saint Mary's athletics. As part of her work as soccer team chaplain, Sister Viola gets to hear the name of one Saint Mary's player's Sister to the in- vest in for the team's success. At Christmas services and the sisters team went door to door in the convent to sing car- ols and thank the Sisters for their support. "Personally it has deepened my faith knowing that someone believes so strongly," Culbertson said. "Praying is not something she takes lightly, It is really serious." Kachmarik said when she arrived at Saint Mary's six years ago she was not a Catholic and had little interest in becoming one. But after little by little, Byrnes and fellow athlete enthusiast Sister Jean Byrnes little bit to ask Kachmarik about her faith and whether she was interested in the Church. "I was in such awe of their lives and their commitment to God," Kachmarik said. "I started joining in on it and then they became my sponsors." Her relationship with the Sisters of the Holy Cross has had a tremendous impact on her faith life. Kachmarik said. "I think Sister Viola and Sister Jean are 100 percent of the reason I became Catholic," Kachmarik said. "I am a com- pletely different person because of my relationship with Sister Viola and Sister Jean and all the Sisters of the Holy Cross." Contact Megan O'Neil at one0907@stmarys.edu 54570 N. IRONWOOD DR. 574.277.8500 SOUTH BEND/MISHAWAKA 5343 N. MAIN ST. 574.968.4600 "YOUR MOM WANTS YOU TO EAT AT JIMMY JOHNS!" WE DELIVER! WE DELIVER! WE DELIVER! © 2805 JIMMY JOHN’S FRANCHISE INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. WE SERVE THE FLIGHT TO MAKE ANY MENU CHANGES. WE SERVE THE FLIGHT TO MAKE ANY MENU CHANGES.
Overdue credit card bills at record high

American Bankers Association reports surging debt could rise in months ahead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Charge it! That familiar refrain is producing an unwanted response for more Americans: Your bill is overdue.

Surging energy prices, low personal savings and the higher cost of borrowing have combined to produce a record level of overdue credit card bills.

The American Bankers Association reported Wednesday that the percentage of credit card accounts 30 or more days past due climbed to an all-time high of 4.81 percent in the April-to-June period. It could grow in the months ahead, said the association.

The previous high of 4.76 percent came during the first three months of the year, in keeping with a generally steady rise over the past several years.

The last two quarters have not been pretty," said Jim Chessen, the association's chief economist.

Chessen and other analysts blamed high prices for gasoline and other energy products, but said that low savings and higher borrowing costs also played a role.

"The rise in gas prices is really stretching budgets to the breaking point for some people," Chessen said. "Gas prices are taking huge chunks out of wallets, leaving some individuals with little left to meet their financial needs."

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The personal savings rate dipped to a record low of 4.6 percent in July.

The negative percentage means that people did not have enough left over after paying their taxes to cover all of their spending in July. As a result, they dipped into savings to cover the shortfall.

When people have less money available to pay for energy costs or emergencies such as a big repair, many resort to credit. That option is getting more expensive. too.

The Federal Reserve has been tightening credit since June 2004. That has caused commercial banks' prime lending rate to rise to 6.75 percent, the highest in four years. These rates are used for many short-term consumer loans, including credit cards and popular home equity lines of credit.

Late payments may be bad news for consumers, but credit card companies do not necessarily mind them because late fees are a source of revenue. 'Credit card companies are increasingly addicted to their fees," said Daniel Ray, editor-in-chief at Bankrate.com, an online financial service. "Six years ago, all fees — including late fees — contributed only a minor portion to overall revenue. Today it accounts for more than 30 percent."

About half of all credit problems stem from poor money management. Credit problems due to the loss of a job, sickness or divorce play less of a role, said personal finance expert Susan Tiffany, director of consumer publishing at the Credit Union National Association.

Small businesses seek aid of backup services

NEW YORK — Business has picked up at data recovery services, insurance brokers and loan pre­ vention consultancies across the nation over the past few weeks, as images of flooded and destroyed Gulf Coast companies made many small busi­ ness owners uneasy about their own financial preparedness.

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In Brief

Federal judge rules against AARP

PHILADELPHIA — Reversing her earlier decision, a federal judge ruled Tuesday that companies may offer younger retirees better health care benefits than they give older retirees who qualify for Medicare.

The AARP sued over the rule change proposed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on grounds that unequal health packages amount to age discrimination.

U.S. District Judge Anita Brody initially agreed, granting an injunction in March that barred the federal agency from adopting the rule change.

However, in a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in an unrelated case compelled her to change course, she said in a ruling Tuesday.

Reversing the agency from granting the injunction, though, until the AARP has a chance to appeal.

A lawyer for the AARP, which sued on behalf of several members who saw their health benefits decline when they turned 65, said an appeal is likely.

EEOC Chairwoman Cari Dominguez said Wednesday the rule change is in the public's interest, arguing that employers might other­wise eliminate retiree health benefits altogether.

The AARP questions that assumption.

Recording industry urges Congress

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"There are so many factors driving employ­ees away from retiree health benefits ... escaping health costs, demographics, all sorts of things influence employers' decisions," AARP Foundation attorney Laurie McCann said.

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whether he believed the "College should have money invested in apartheid-ridden South Africa.

Looking for a candidate who could balance with her background in chemistry, then-dean Dorothy Feigl said it was White’s strong credentials in English that earned him a job.

"He has a very wide range of interests, and that was what we were looking for in that position," Feigl said.

When White arrived on campus, his position was largely undefined. There had only been one dean of faculty at the College, six years earlier. White worked to establish himself, and Feigl quickly got a taste of what collaborating with White for the next decade would be like.

"The first year we worked together we had a major proposal, and we finished the proposal at 11 p.m.," Feigl said. "We raced to the post office to get it postmarked before midnight.

The post office was already closed when we arrived. Nevertheless, White knocked on the door and staff had re-created a postal worker to stamp their proposal.

Working with Feigl until 1998 and then with her successor Karen Bistau from 1998 to 2002, White proved himself to be an academic innovator and a brilliant grant writer.

Under White’s direction, Saint Mary’s hosted the "Play of the Mind Conferences" in 1992, an event which brought faculty and students from dozens of institutions across the country for a week-end creative and intellectual engagement. It ran for 12 straight years and was placed on hiatus for the Presidential search in 2003.

Hoping to foster faculty and curriculum development White founded The Center for Academic Innovation (CFAI) in 1993. The Center became the base for some of the College’s most respected and applied to programs including the Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant, a student-faculty research opportunity, and the Collaborative Study and Research Enrichment Program (COSTAR), a faculty-student research opportunity.

"He was very good at bringing creative ideas in how we could improve the intellectual environment of the College," Feigl said. "He brought a lot of money to the College.

Perhaps White’s biggest coup came when he won a proposal to establish CWIL, an academic think tank dedicated to women research and educating in the field of intercultural relations on a local, nation and global level.

The CWIL endowment granted the College an initial $12 million dollars — followed a year later by additional money — and in 2000, CWIL was born. White went on to hire 15 CWIL fellows, some of whom later became full-time faculty members.

In 2002 Bistau was stepping down as dean of faculty and White was named interim dean. Shortly thereafter, then-College president Martin Elled announced her retirement.

Not wanting to have both a search for a new president and new dean being conducted at the same time, the College dropped the interim from White’s title.

With Carol Mooney well established in the president’s office, White discussed his desire to return to teaching with her, and Mooney made the announcement to the faculty Aug. 17.

A national search for White’s replacement will soon be underway. A search committee chaired by Mooney and comprised of four faculty members selected by the faculty assembly, two faculty members appointed by Mooney and one student representative is being assembled in the next week.

Internal candidates are also being considered College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said.

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All lectures start at 4:30 pm and are held in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.
Marrow transplants improving

Development of safer procedures will help fight cancer, doctors say

Associated Press

STANFORD UNIVERSITY — Doctors seem to have found a way to make bone marrow transplants safer and more effective against blood cancers like leukemia, an achievement that offers new hope for people over 50 in particular.

The advance by Stanford University doctors could make such transplants, which have dramatically improved cancer survival among children and young adults, more widely available to older people who typically don't fare as well.

It also brings the field closer to its Holy Grail — training a recipient's body to accept tissue from another person and live a "blended" life without heavy reliance on anti-rejection drugs.

Scientists already had achieved this in mice; Stanford researchers now have extended it to people. Their study is published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine and was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Specialists said the study was small and preliminary, but very promising.

"If it works, we would be able to do transplants in a lot more people," said Dr. Mary Horowitz, scientific director of the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research, based at the Medical College of Wisconsin, which had no role in the research.

Ideally, a leukemia or lymphoma patient would be given radiation or high doses of chemotherapy to destroy the cancerous bone marrow before receiving healthy marrow or blood stem cells from a donor. However, many patients, especially those over 50, die of infections they are unable to fight off before the new marrow takes hold and grows.

A way to avoid this problem, doctors usually destroy only part of the patient's original marrow. That brings other dilemmas: some cancerous blood cells remain, and the new marrow frequently attacks the old — an often-fatal problem called graft-versus-host disease.

Stanford researchers developed a way to condition the recipient to accept the new marrow and to inactivate the parts of the patient's immune system that would attack it. They used a combination of low-dose radiation over two weeks and short courses of immunosuppressing drugs.

Only 2 of the 37 patients given the experimental treatment developed severe graft-versus-host disease. Ordinarily, more than half of them would have.

An average of 27 months later, 27 of the 37 were still alive, and cancer was in complete remission in 24 of them — better results than usual. The average age of the patients was 52.

"It can achieve the cure of the tumor without the high likelihood that you will come down with the dreaded side effect," said the lead researcher, Dr. Samuel Strober.

The results need to be repeated in larger studies, but are "impressive" and "open a new era in the field," Dr. Gerard Suele, a transplant specialist at several universities in Paris, wrote in an accompanying editorial.

Patients also need to be followed for longer than a year to see if they remain cancer-free, Horowitz said.

Bone marrow and blood cell transplants are one reason the death rate from childhood cancers has dropped roughly 50 percent since the 1970s. Leukemia is the most common cancer that children face, but it is diagnosed 10 times more often in older adults — the very group for whom transplants have been most dangerous.

With the new treatment, "the side effects are being markedly reduced, which is good news for elderly patients with leukemia and lymphoma," Strober said.

The approach also might help people receiving organ transplants if they are "conditioned" with marrow or blood cells from the donor before receiving a kidney or other organ, Strober said.

Areas of New Orleans reopen for residents

Associated Press

Baton Rouge, La. — More areas of New Orleans that escaped flooding from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will be formally reopened starting Thursday, Mayor Ray Nagin said.

The areas include the French Quarter, the Central Business district, and Uptown with its historic Garden District. Business owners will be allowed in on Thursday, and residents on Friday.

Non-essential entry started Monday and is going very well — exceedingly well," Nagin told legislators at a hearing Wednesday at the state capitol.

"Everything you hoped to happen is happening. Algiers is alive and well and breathing," he said.

On Monday, Nagin opened the Algiers neighborhood, which has electricity and clean water.

Nagin said checkpoints where motorists stop people will be pulled back Thursday so that only areas that were flooded will be off limits. Homes in those areas were heavily flooded and most are likely beyond repair.

If all goes well, as of Oct. 5 only the Lower Ninth Ward, which was hit especially hard by the storm, will be cordoned off, Nagin said.

Electricity has been restored to some dry parts of the city, but the water is not yet drinkable.

The mayor disagreed with the head of the state's Health Department about the condition of the city's water, insisting residents could now wash in it, though they shouldn't drink it.

"The two things that are absolutely necessary to ensure public health — clean drinking water and proper sewage systems — simply are not available in the east bank area of New Orleans at this time," said Dr. Fred Cerise, secretary for the state Department of Health and Hospitals.

"People who re-enter the city may be exposed to diseases such as E. coli, salmonella or diarrhea illness if they do not allow for the necessary inspections to ensure public health and safety," Cerise said.

Many residents of the city have returned ahead of Nagin's official timeline, and the mayor appeared eager Wednesday to get more of them back.

Nagin complained that state opposition was feeding a misperception about New Orleans, saying: "We're fighting this national impression that we're tainted, we're not ready."

Yet a handout from the mayor's office to returning motorists struck a more cautious tone than Nagin himself.

"You are entering the city of New Orleans at your own risk," it reads, before going on to detail potential health hazards from water, soil and air, and advising residents to bring in food.

The Department of Irish Language and Literature presents WHY IRISH? - a one day international colloquium exploring the contributions of Irish language and literature to scholarship and the academy.

Friday, September 30

Hesburgh Auditorium

9:00-10:45 Session I

Dean Mark Roche - Official Welcome

Minister Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D. (Government of Ireland) - An Ghaeilge – Learthaí Náisiúnta nó Teanga Oibreacha?

The Irish Language – A Historic Relic or a Working Language?

Professor James McCloskey (UC Santa Cruz) – Irish as a World language

11:15-1:15 Session II

Professor Philip O'Leary (Boston College) – Teanga gan Teorainn – The Novels of Alan Titley

Professor Clare Carroll (CUNY) – Irish Literature, Irish History and Comparative Studies

2:30 – 4:30 pm Session III

Professor Tomás Ó Cathasaigh (Harvard) - Saga and Myth in Irish Language Literature

Professor Calvert Watkins (UCLA) – What Makes the Study of Irish Worthwhile?

Professor Bredánn Ó Buachalla (Notre Dame) – Closing Remarks

Reception sponsored by Consulate General of Ireland, Rt. Hon. Mr. Charles Sheehan
WASHINGTON — A divided Democratic caucus on Wednesday assured Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts Jr. of a comfortable, bipartisan Senate confirmation as the nation's 174th chief justice, the youngest in 200 years.

Many say they would have chosen someone else for the position, yet 21 Senate Democrats agreed he has "a brilliant legal mind" and will be among the 76 senators more than three-fourths of the 100-member Senate — who say they plan to vote to confirm the 50-year-old Roberts as the successor to the late William H. Rehnquist.

Democrats are uniting, however, to stage the White House a warning not to nominate O'Connor's replacement soon after Roberts is sworn in as chief justice.

"While this nomination did not warrant an attempt to block the nominee on the floor of the Senate, the next one might," said Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, chairman of the Democratic Senate Steering and Campaign Committee, and a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee that is set on front-flusters of Bush's lower court judicial nominees and is one of the 21 Democrats who have announced their opposition to Roberts.

Sen. Mark Pryor of Arkansas is one of the 21 Democrats who have announced support for Roberts, yet he too cautioned the White House to proceed with caution, saying: "If Bush nominates another conservative activist judge there will be problems in the Senate."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., condemned talk of blocking Bush's next Supreme Court pick, but also urged the White House to nominate "in the mold of Judge Roberts," who has gone through the Senate relatively unscathed from the day Bush tapped him as the nation's 109th Supreme Court justice.

"If the president can find someone in Judge Roberts' mold, I think by putting up that nominee, he disarmed his opponents," Roberts is expected to have a long tenure as chief justice.

Not since John Marshall, confirmed in 1801 at 45, has there been a younger chief. Oliver Ellsworth was 50 — about six weeks from turning 21; And John Jay, the first chief justice, was 44. He served from 1789-1795.

Roberts, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, grew up in Long Beach, Ind., working summers in the same steel mill where his father was an electric engineer and serving as a high school quarterback and captain of the football team.

After graduating with honors from Harvard — both in undergraduate and law school — he clerked for William H. Rehnquist when he was an associate justice on the Supreme Court and later worked as a prominent lawyer and judge in Washington. He argued 39 cases in front of the Supreme Court, and was considered one of the nation's best appellate lawyers before being tapped for the federal appeals court.

Roberts has drawn fire for his conservative views on women's issues and civil rights but also disarmed many Democratic senators with a smooth performance before the Judiciary Committee. He spoke without notes for four days and jousted with senators who unsuccessfully tried to pin down how he'd rule once he's confirmed as chief justice.

"No one disputes that Judge Roberts has a brilliant legal mind," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., adding that he believes Roberts is not as conservative as Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia.

If Democrats voted against Roberts as a bloc, it would give Republicans a reason to block the next Democratic president's nominees if they are still in charge of the Senate, Wyden said. "A sword forged in ideology in 2005 can be used against a progressive nominee in 2009 with an equal disregard for the Constitution and the individual," he said.

Senators are expecting a more partisan fight over Bush's replacement for O'Connor. She often has been a swing vote, a majority maker whose replacement could signal a shift on the court on many contentious issues including abortion and affirmative action.

Democrats make it harder for the White House, given how well his nomination was accepted by the Senate, said Sen. John Corzine, D-N.J., a member of the Judiciary Committee. "If the president picks a nominee close to the quality of John Roberts, then I don't think there will be a fight," he said.

Democrats say if Bush sends up any of the nominees they flustered earlier this year — like federal appellate judges Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown, William Pryor and Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada — they will fight to the bitter end.

Debated ground zero museum idea dropped

NEW YORK — Bowing to pressure from furious Sept. 11 families, Gov. George Pataki on Wednesday removed a proposed freedom museum from the space reserved for it at ground zero, saying the project had aroused "too much opposition, too much controversy."

He left open the possibility that a new spot at the former World Trade Center site could be found for the museum.

The decision followed months of acrimony over the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum's proposal, coupled with Sept. 11 families and politicians saying that the museum would overshadow and take space from a separate memorial devoted to the 2,749 World Trade Center dead and would dishonor them by fostering debate about the attacks and other world events.

"We must move forward with our first priority, the creation of an inspiring memorial to pay tribute to our lost loved ones and tell their stories to the world," Pataki said in a statement.

Pataki said that the Freedom Center, which is part of a cultural building located near the proposed trade center memorial, can't but he left open the possibility that the center could find a home elsewhere on the 16-acre site.
Inexpensive computers could benefit children in developing countries

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The $100 laptop computers that Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers want to get into the hands of the world's children would be durable, flexible and self-reliant.

The machines' AC adapter would double as a carrying strap, and a hand crank would power them when there's no electricity. They'd be tough, like traditional notebook PCs, and carried like slim lunchboxes.

For outdoor reading, their display would be able to shift from full color to glare-resistant black and white.

And surrounding it all, the laptops would have a rubber casing that closes tightly, because "they have to be absolutely indestructible," said Nicholas Negroponte, the MIT Media Lab leader who offered an update on the project Wednesday.

Negroponte batted the $100 laptop idea after seeing children in a Cambodian village benefit from having notebook computers at school that they could also tote home to use on their own.

Those computers had been donated by a foundation run by Negroponte and his wife. He decided that for kids every­body Negroponte and his wife, they could also tote home to book computers at school that rural benefit from having note­books.

In the second year — when Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney hopes to start buying them for all 500,000 middle and high-school students in this state — Negroponte envis­ions 100 million to 150 mil­lion being made.

But while a prototype isn't expected to be shown off until November, Negroponte unveiled blueprints at Technology Review magazine's Emerging Technologies confer­ence at MIT.

Among the key specs: A 500­megahertz processor (that was fast in the 1990s but slow by today's standards) and a 15.2­inch display; a hard drive with moving parts. To save on software costs, the laptops would run the freely available Linux operating sys­tem instead of Windows.

The computers would be able to connect to Wi-Fiwire­less networks and be part of "mesh" networks in which each laptop would relay data to and from other devices, reducing the need for expensive base stations. Plans call for the machines to have four USB ports for multimedia and data storage.

Perhaps the defining differ­ence is the hand crank, though first­generation users would get no more than 10 minutes of juice from one minute of winding.

This certainly wouldn't be the first effort to bridge the world's so­called digital divide with inexpensive versions of fancy machinery. Other attempts have had a mixed record.

With those in mind, Negroponte says his team is addressing ways this project could be undermined.

For example, to keep the $100 laptops from being wide­ly stolen or sold off in poor countries, he expects to make them so pervasive in schools and so distinctive in design that it would be "socially a stigma to be carrying one if you are not a student or a teacher." He compared it to fishing a small trap for something from a church. Everyone would know where it came from.

"I think consumers are increasingly starting to notice that they can get used books in good condition, in a timely manner," says Jeff Hayes, a director at InfoTrends, a mar­ket research firm that served as the principal analyst for the BSG study.

More than 111 million used books were pur­chased last year, re­presenting about one out of every 12 overall book purchases. By the end of the decade, the per­centage is expect­ed to rise to one out of 11, a trou­bling trend when sales for new works are essen­tially flat, authors and publishers receive no royalties from used books.

"Obviously, these are not sta­tistics to warn the heart of publishers," says Simon & Schuster spokesman Adam Rothberg.

The BSG, a nonprofit organ­ization supported by publish­ers, booksellers and others in the industry, reports that price is the greatest appeal for choosing used books over new ones. While hardcovers often cost $25 and higher, used books purchased in 2004 aver­aged $8.12 — except for text books, which averaged $42.91.

New York — For as long as there has been a publishing industry, there have been used books, that supposedly quaint world of poly­mash and anti­quarians poking about musty, clutter­ed stores for titles few read­ers would know.

But a land­mark study re­leased Wednesday confirms what publish­ers, authors and booksellers have believed and feared — since the rise of the Internet: Used books have become a modern powerhouse, driven by high prices for new works and by the convenience of finding any title, new or old, without leav­ing your home.

According to the Book Industry Study Group, used book sales topped $2.2 billion in 2004, an 11 percent increase over 2003. Much of that growth can be credited to the Internet. While used sales at traditional stores rose a modest 4.6 percent, they jumped 33 percent online, to just over $600 million.

"I think consumers are increasingly starting to notice that they can get used books in good condition, in a timely manner."
Two World Youth Days

To the media, World Youth Day was "a Catholic Woodstock." But to the new Pope it was a teaching moment. 2005 had two World Youth Days. The first, in April, was spontaneous. The young predominated among the millions in Rome for the funeral of John Paul II. The event, including the homily by the future Pope, was seen, in person or on television, by more people than any other festival in history. Four days later, at the Mass inaugurating his pontificate, Benedict XVI looked to the future: "I (the Church is) alive. And the Church is young. She...shows...the way towards the future."

In August, Benedict went to the World Youth Day in Cologne to show young people "how beautiful it is to be Christian." The event exceeded expectations, with more than a million at the closing Mass. The Pope made the most of it, confirming that relativism, among other issues, would be a major concern of his papacy.

At the Mass before the conclave that elected him, then-Cardinal Ratzinger had said, "We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires." He described "relativism" as "letting oneself be 'assimilated' and thereby carried away by every wind of doctrine." In Cologne, Benedict developed the point. "If you're free, he said, "is not simply about enjoying life in total autonomy, but about living by the measure of truth and goodness, so that we...can become true and good." He explained that objective, non-relative "measure" in the context of the Greek and Latin origins of the word, "adora­tion." Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist leads to "submission, the recognition of God as our true measure...[That] submission liberates as deep within...Pope's message of relativism is nothing new. John Paul II, in 1991, noted that "agnosticism and skeptical relativism" are the foundation of democracy. Rather, without an "ultimate truth to guide...political activity...ideas...can be manipulated" as a means to power. A relativist democracy "easily turns into open or thinly disguised totalitarianism." That makes sense. If there is no acknowledged moral truth, political life becomes a power struggle among interests, with no real limits to what the law can do. Similarly, in 1999, then-Cardinal Ratzinger identified as one of the "crises of law" the determination of what is just by the shifting consensus of the majority. Relativism is a problem of special note in the academic world. More than a few professors are absolutely sure that they can't be sure of anything. But relativism itself is absurd. If you say that all things are relative, you must admit that your statement, too, is relative. The jurisprudence of a relativist society will be legal positivism in which any law, whether Dred Scott, Auschwitz, or whatever, will be considered valid if it is enacted by the prescribed procedure. A law cannot be criticized as unjust because nobody can know what is unjust. As Hans Kelsen, the 20th century's leading legal positivist, pointed out, "justice is an irrational ideal." The answer to relativism, however, is not in the false absolutes of ideology. Instead, Benedict XVI urges a "true revaluation" in contrast to the ideological revolutions of the twentieth century which "assumed total responsibility for...the world in order to change it...for all human and partial point of view was...taken as an absolute guiding principle. Absolutezing what is not absolute but relative to...totalitarianism...takes away (man's) dignity and enslaves him. It is not ideologies that save the world, but only a return to...our Creator, the guarantor of our freedom and what is..."A kind of new explosion of religion." But Benedict cautioned against letting religion become "a consumer product." Religion constructed on a "do-it-yourself" basis...may be comforting, but at times of crisis we are left to ourselves." The answer is in Scripture and the teaching Church.

So what is Benedict all about? He really believes in objective moral Truth. Imagine that. And he capitalizes it because that Truth is a person. Like John Paul, he tells it like it is, especially to the young. At his inaugural Mass, he said, "I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open wide the doors to Christ — and you will find true life." Surprising numbers of young people seem to be listening to this man. Even at Notre Dame.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

"We're Making High Resolution TV!!"

"Philosophy is a battle against the bewitchment of our intelligence by means of language."

Ludwig Wittgenstein

philosopher

QUOTE OF THE DAY
At the end of April, a popular, fun-loving and intelligent Notre Dame grad­uate of 2004 did not feel well for almost a week. The doctors and friends checked him into the emergency room of the University of Chicago Hospital. Twenty-two-year-old Tim Solic was hired as a business associate at the prestigious McKinsey & Company in Chicago one year earlier, and was known for his great contributions and impressive marks for his performance. In a city where there are almost 7,000 Notre Dame alumni under 29, Tim tended to stand perhaps a bit above an incredibly talented group of young men and women.

As a result of his illness, Tim’s friends set up a Web site where people could communicate with Tim as he suffered through his treatments and procedures for a cancer that never was fully diag­nosed, despite treatment by some of the best medical minds and medical centers in our country. Last Tuesday, the Web site contained this (edited) message written by his friend Austin:

"He was a scholar and a just, good man. I am writing tonight. During the 4 weeks, Tim contracted a bacterial infection that quickly spread throughout his body. While doctors gave Tim antibiotics and the usual immune boosting injections, there was little else that they could do without risking his already diminished immune system. Tim’s health deteriora­ted rapidly."

A few of his close friends and his immediate family were with Tim in Notre Dame College during his last two days. Doctors made Tim comfortable, and he told us of things he had seen and experienced when he had passed away.

Monday night, Father Tim Scully, OS­C, came to State College at a moment’s notice, during which he received the Body of Christ for the first time from his father. We visited with Tim the following day, telling stories and sharing great memories. While he was not entirely conscious, we know that he could hear us.

"At 5:00 on Tuesday, Tim died peace­fully. He knew he was loved and that his funeral on Saturday at State College, Pennsylvania, was an extrador­nary honor for Tim. He was one of those many intangible but real elements that are so integral to whom we are as members of the Notre Dame family. Twelve or 15 of Tim’s under­graduates and alumni, and of his sister were present for the wake and funeral, as were dozens of his fel­low alumni from 2004."

Many hundreds of people were pres­sent for the Mass of Resurrection, and two score or more of Tim’s friends were present at his home before the burial. There they continued their small private time of Tim’s life and gathered to watch the Notre Dame—Washington football game as “Tim would have wanted.” The observa­tions of those people who had no association with Notre Dame were similar. They commented on how impressive they were with the way they experienced that day. They saw young people celebrate Mass together in a peaceful and faith-filled manner by which the extraordinary camaraderie of the Notre Dame undergraduates and alum­ni. They were taken by the easy and deep way young men and women related to each other, “almost as brothers and sisters,” one person noted.

“I never understood what was so spe­cial about Notre Dame until today,” a physician, like Tim’s father, who was a Princeton alumnus, told me, “although I have many colleagues from Notre Dame whom I have known and admired.”

"As a Boston College brain surgeon and a lifelong subway alumnus, I have to tell you that I have never experienced such friendship and faith,” a Boston attorney offered. And many other similar com­ments were made by men and women who were truly in awe of what they had seen and experienced of the Notre Dame ethos embodied in those present. I hope we never take for granted, underestimate or trivialize what it means when we proclaim boldly that “We are ND.”

It is well and hundreds of others experienced last Saturday as we cele­brated Tim Solic’s life. It is the love that was shared by Tim during his lifetime and during his last days and weeks before he came face to face with God. It was the love of his bereaved family and his many friends in the context of God’s incredible gift to us, the Eucharist, which is the central and compelling force which ultimately unites us. And it is what happens in so many different and less dramatic situa­tions when people are with and serve others, as when we celebrate the Eucharist in our residence halls, or when we cheer on a Notre Dame or a residence hall team, or when we simply walk around our beautiful campus, whose many special places raise our hearts and minds to God with gratitude and a sense of awe that is never absent when a Notre Dame man or woman is home.

Tim Solic is home. And he will never have to leave home again.

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TV REVIEW

Keys plugs into MTV's 'Unplugged'

By BRODERICK HENRY

Scene Critic

When MTV Unplugged premiered in the late 1980s, it started what many consider a mini-musical revolution. In昙 infancy, the hour-long show consisted of major pop acts performing their hits with only acoustic instruments. Since its inception, Unplugged has been credited with making pure acoustic and musical arrangements relevant in popular music.

The series has grown so influential that a poor showing could mean the crippling of an artist's career, while a great performance may offer an artist legendary status. Few can forget Nirvana's appearance on the show, which marked the last televised performance by Kurt Cobain. Music lovers are still clamoring over Jay-Z's 2001 appearance, as it not only solidified him as the best rapper in the game but also showed the world what hip-hop could and should be.

Alicia Keys was confronted with such a reality when she decided to resurrect the series after a three-year shelving by MTV. Friday the Grammy winner made sure to acknowledge the magnanimity of moment and not disappoint. Keys' performance, which was actually taped July 14 at Brooklyn's Harvey Theater, began rather clumsily with the young star singing a prayer a cappella. In a sense, Keys was invoking the Muses for inspiration much like the Greeks did years ago. However, the attempt fell flat because she lacks the vocal stylings of a Beyonce to sing without musical accompaniment.

Alicia Keys performed both soulfully and charismatically on MTV's "Unplugged." The show, which first aired in the late 1980s has hosted acts such as Jay-Z and grunge band Nirvana. The observer Thursday, September 29, 2005

By VINCE LABRIOLI

Scene Critic

Icelandic melodies are unmistakable blend of new flavors

They have collaborated with Radiohead, been lauded by Chris Martin of Coldplay, and with their new album entitled "takk..." Icelandic rockers Sigur Ros have produced a new, lighter sound that may prove to be their most accessible album to date. Their first opportunity to experience Keys' incredible backup vocalists. Their well-crafted and beautiful "takk..." arrangements gave their first performance their first opportunity to experience Keys' incredible backup vocalists. Their well-crafted and beautiful "takk..." arrangements gave their first appearance, as it not only solidified him as the best rapper in the game but also showed the world what hip-hop could and should be.

Part of Keys' appeal is her ability to take a classic piano medley and make it her own. Often, the process involves sampling other artists' work, but occasionally it means reviving a well-known hit of your own like "If I Ain't Got You." Keys chose to sing the song in a lower key with much more emphasis on the vocals rather than the music. The new arrangement definitely gave a new feel to the ballad. Yet, the highlight of the evening was "Diary." Keys and backup singer Paul Green played wonderfully off each other. When Keys reached for her upper vocal register, Green went right up there with her. Overall, there were one or two missteps, including "Every Little Bit Hurts." The song stretched the star's range and highlighted her tendency to shout on records with gospel influences. It is clear that Keys still has a fair amount of growth to undergo. Yet, at this point, she supersedes any of her peers in ambition, creativity and overall artistry. From this appearance, it is obvious she is a legend in the making.

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CD REVIEW

Icelandic melodies are unmistakable blend of new flavors

Sigur Ros, out of Iceland, combines synaptic sounds with various instruments to create an eclectic blend. Their new CD "takk..." was released Sept. 13.

"Takk..." was released in America to excellent reviews and established the band as a difficult, if ultimately rewarding, listening experience. Both "von" and "agaetis byrjun" are long, emotional albums with indelible vocals that drift through the songs' syrupy voice. They would earn their keep this evening as they made each opening. "takk..." was released in America to excel-

The vocals become yet another part of the evocative arrangements that Sigur Ros is known for. This new effort is no different.

Although vocals were completely missing from the band's previous album, given the unpronounceable title ("t. k."). "takk..." is filled with wistful spoken melodies that permeate every track. However, "takk..." is a much more traditionally structured album than those that preceded it. Ambient noise fills much less space on the album than before, without compromising the ethereal, slow, plodding style that defined the opening tracks of previous Sigur Ros albums. Nevertheless, it's difficult to talk about individual tracks on "takk...". When the album is listened to, the best albums to listeners to when you want to brood. "takk..." by comparison, is more than anything else, Sigur Ros has created their own unique brand of alternative music, and if you're in the mood for something intense, emotional and, most importantly, different, the Icelandic melodies on "takk..." are worth spending some time with.

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**Concert Preview**

'Ingram Hill' to bring southern style to Notre Dame

By MARY SQUILLACE

There are certain songs that connote the feeling of cruising down wide-open country roads — songs that almost require windows down and a full view of the down-hill countryside that stretches ahead. With its emotionally-driven, sing-out-loud lyrics, powerful guitar interplay and lead singer Justin Moore’s distinctive southern accent, band Ingram Hill invites Notre Dame students to take just such a journey this Saturday at Legends. Predeterminately, the four-piece band hails from the south, and even found the inspiration for its name along a Mississippi highway. From there was an exit sign along the highway, and it actually says 'Ingram's Mill,' but I misread the sign as 'Ingram Hill,' and when we were deciding what to call ourselves, we liked the name and where it came from, so we decided to use it," Moore said in an interview on Ingramhillmusic.com. "After we had the name for a while and told people where it came from, they were like, "You idiots — it’s Ingram’s Mill.'"

However, fans have since overlooked the Memphis-based band's geographically incorrect name. To date, Ingram Hill’s success consists of two album releases, radio play, television appearances and the song "Will I Ever Make It Home" appearing in both the movie and on the soundtrack of "13 Going on 30." Additionally, after opening for a variety of groups, from Maroon 5 to Lisa Marie Presley, Ingram Hill made enough of an impression on the road that the band was able to headline itself the second time through cities.

This success paved the way for the band’s recent full-length album, "June’s Picture Show." The album features what the band has branded "pop-rock with a southern twist," and the band draws upon influences as diverse as the Black Crowes and Tonic.

"We’re a rock and roll band," Moore said, "and we want to have guitar solos, but we also write songs. Someone once said that if there was a southern pop category, we’d own it. I kinda like that. We’re proud of where we’re from, and we’re proud of what we do."

The album presents more than simply a unique sound.

"This album is a blueprint of our lives." - Phil Bogard guitarist

"This album is a kind of coloring book of lives as emotional beings," guitarist Phil Bogard said. "It’s about everything that’s affected us up to this point — the major pains and the good things as well."

These emotions are not only expressed in lyrics of songs like "On My Way," a catchy anthem about post-breakup bitterness, and "Almost Perfect," which describes an agonizing love-triangle — but also surface in Moore’s vocals — say one young man stage dove on the crowd. Twenty minutes later, his entrance was rewarded with a curtain call.

"It’s been a while since we played on campus," Moore said. "A lot has changed. We’ve gained a few members since we graduated. We’ve also lost a bit of ourselves, as we haven’t been recording for a while. But we’re.e back at Legend’s, and we’re excited to see how the crowd reacts."

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**Concert Review**

Student band 'Appetite For Destruction' plays to classic tastes

By ANALISE LIPARI

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Unsurprisingly, the inspiration for a number of these tracks stemmed from the breakup of a relationship.

"I was devastated when it ended, but I’m thankful for it now," Moore said. "It’s provided me with tons of material. I look at it as an emotional investment. We’d all been through some issues with women, and, boy, that’s the easiest thing to write about. I’ll tell you what. And it seems like people relate to it."

Currently the band is in the process of a nearly nonstop tour across the country, and its members’ ambitions remain unhitched by their eclectic schedule.

"I don’t want to sound arrogant, but I would love to end up something like U2," Bogard said. "Something that’s huge and lasts forever — that would definitely be the ultimate goal."

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Appetite For Destruction, this question is a no-brainer. The way they see it, G&R is just a great rock band with a broad appeal. Their songs are surprisingly well-known to most people, which lends the band’s concerts to having a fun vibe of familiarity and 80s nostalgia.

"Guns N’ Roses is the ultimate party," said McAulliffe, and the other members agree, adding that classic tracks such as "November Rain," "Sweet Child of Mine" and fan favorite "Paradise City keeping the audience coming back to the band for great performances.

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"The real Guns N’ Roses haven’t sounded this good since 1989. I think that if Slash heard some of their guitar solos on Friday, he would immediately run back to his rehearsal studio to practice when he heard some of their guitar solos on Friday, he would immediately run back to his rehearsal studio to practice."

For a band that covers the song catalogue of one of rock’s most legendary bands, Appetite For Destruction has come to acquire some legends of its own. At one of their recent performances, several audience members began dancing on stage with the band. As the first set concluded, one young man stage dove into the crowd. Twenty minutes later, his father followed suit. Crazy, sure — but for a band in the tradition of Axel Rose, the crazy is to be expected.

The band’s names usually consist of Guns N’ Roses standards, as well as interpretations of other songs in a G&R style. Recently they have reined Eric Clapton’s “Wonderful Tonight,” and Friday night, they performed a Led Zeppelin medley in similar fashion. Eventually, Collins said, the band plans on recording some of its own material, but for now its current song list will definitely suffice.

"Seeing the reaction of the people to this stuff is unbelievable," Collins said. "What I would say to people is to come see every show you can, because it’s a huge party every time. We dare you to come and not like it."
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The Chicago White Sox need two wins at Cleveland, and that's the most important one.

With Chicago's victory and second-place Cleveland's 1-0 loss to Tampa Bay, the White Sox lowered their magic number to two for clinching their first division title since 2000. After Thursday's series finale in the Bronx, the White Sox finish the regular season with three games against the Indians.

"To worry about what they're going to do in another city, you worry about stuff you can't control," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "I just came back tomorrow and win the game."

Chicago, which had lost its previous two games, led the AL Central by 15 games on Aug. 1—no team with a lead of more than 13 games has ever failed to finish first.

Carl Everett's two-run triple broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth, and Juan Uribe and Aaron Rowand homered for the White Sox, who had 15 hits.

Carlo Pena homered for Detroit.

Conteras (15-7) gave up two runs and seven hits in eight innings, walked none and struck out nine, one short of his career high. Bobby Jenks finished with a three-hit ninth.

Tampa Bay 1, Cleveland 0
Aaron Boone sat silently in his recliner at the far end of the Indians' quiet clubhouse, his only companions two ice wraps to help comfort a season's worth of bumps and bruises.

On Wednesday night, the pain was a little deeper.

"I just didn't want it to go," said Boone, who failed to get a sacrifice bunt down in the eighth inning of Cleveland's loss to Tampa Bay. "It's frustrating."

Suddenly, there's another AL Central team cracking under pressure.

And for the Indians, it's happening at the worst time possible.

Seth McLaughlin pitched eight shutdown innings as the Devil Rays beat Cleveland for the fifth straight time since sweeping the Indians three games behind the first-place Chicago White Sox with four to play.

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The Red Sox, Yankees push for playoffs

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Throughout the rich fabric of baseball history, the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees keep showing up, their seasons frequently intertwined, their destinies often determined in head-to-head showdowns. From Death Valley in Yankee Stadium to the Green Monster in Fenway Park, a litany of dramatic confrontations often have defined their seasons. The characters change. Where once there were the Yankee Clipper and the Splendid Splinter, and later Dent and Yaz, now we have A-Rod and Big Papi. Instead of Raschi pitching against Kinder, the Yankees have the Big Unit and the Red Sox have Boomer.

It all adds up to a final series between two old rivals to settle the season's accounts. They've done it again this week-end at Boston, three games to decide the AL East championship, the Yankees and Red Sox going mano-a-mano.

Perfect. Only once before it did come down to this, the Red Sox and Yankees playing a final regular-season series for first place. In 1949, their fates came down to the last two games of the season. Boston held a one-game lead with two to play at Yankee Stadium. The math was simple for the Red Sox: win a game and win the pennant.

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Tennessee Titans running back Chris Brown is tackled by St. Louis' Michael Hawthorne during Sunday’s game. Brown solidified his hold on the starting job after teammate Travis Henry's suspension for a drug use violation.

Brown undisputed starter for Titans

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For now, the Tennessee Titans are putting their trust in running back Chris Brown.

The Titans (1-2) lost Travis Henry on Monday to a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, and coach Jeff Fisher said that freed up some money for Tennessee to possibly add a running back to the roster to fill that void.

But they hadn’t made a roster move through Wednesday, and Fisher said Brown is ready to handle the work Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts (3-0).

"He believes that if he can get on a roll and get moving, then we are going to keep feeding him the ball. That was our approach going into the game last week. This is really no different than last year," Fisher said.

 Pending a late move, rookie Damien Nash, a fifth-round pick out of Missouri, will back up Brown. Fisher also said fullback Troy Fleming is another option and that promoting Jarrett Payton, the son of the late Walter Payton, off the practice squad remains a possibility.

The reason the Titans swapped a third-round pick to Buffalo for Henry in July before training camp was because they wanted an insurance policy for Brown. A third-round pick out of Colorado in 2003, Brown missed five games because of injuries as a rookie and five more in 2004 with turf toe.

Brown may be at his healthiest yet despite a concussion on his first reception against Baltimore on Sept. 18. Through three games, he had 39 carries for 179 yards with Henry getting 31 rushes for 97 yards.

"He is issue-free I guess you could call it right now," Fisher said.

"He feels good and he is looking forward to the challenge this week with this defense. You have to hit the hole exceptionally fast and quick to get crosses because things close up very quickly."

Brown knows it is a challenge as does our offensive line."

Brown is ready to show the Titans he can handle the work.

"I’m just going to go out there knowing my teammates are depending on me to get the job done."
Despite never-ending stress, Yankees coach fails to lose control

NEW YORK — As the season draws to a close, Joe Torre’s wife can tell how wearing it’s been. He is a little paler after 150-plus days and nights in the dugout. The creases on his forehead are more evident after six months of managing under the scrutiny of millions of fans — and George Steinbrenner, the most visibly demanding owner in sports.

Only after the season, perhaps when the Torre family heads to Maui each December, will the tension completely dissipate.

“My wife notices more than I do. She sees me and then, all of a sudden, after a couple of months, ‘Oh you look good,”’ Torre recalls her saying.

Heading into the final weekend of the regular season, the Yankees were unsure whether they’d wind up in the playoffs for the 11th straight year — and whether failure would result in the 62-year-old manager’s ouster.

Baseball’s first team with a $200 million payroll had to scramble back into contention after an 11-19 start, its worst since 1966. Searching for the right combination and dealing with injuries to all five starters in the rotation, New York used 28 pitchers and 51 players, both team records.

Yet, in the dugout, Torre’s behavior usually was the same — either sitting stoically on the bench or, in ballparks where that affords little view of the field, leaning on a rail, with pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre and bench coach Joe Girardi at his side.

“Joe is the kind of person that will not show his emotions,” said center fielder Bernie Williams, the longest-tenured member of the current Yankees at 15 years. “He probably could have been the greatest poker player alive if he had chosen to do that. He’s the epitome of that phrase: ‘Never let them see you sweat.’

In the inner sanctum of the clubhouse, though, he’s nearly matched Congress in number of meetings, trying to spur players and stop the slide, searching for words to motivate a group of veteran multi-millionaire stars, some of whom don’t like being told what to do.

Mike Mokris’ commitment to his faith took him to a different continent this summer. After working with high school students as a counselor for ND Vision this summer, Mike traveled with a group of 25 ND students and campus ministers to World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. Now that Mike is back in O’Neill Hall studying theology he still has a full plate of faith related activities. He is one of O’Neill Hall’s Liturgical Commissioners and is also involved as a small group leader in the Freshman Peer Leaders Program. Mike is a sponsor in the RCA program because he wants the opportunity to help people grow in their faith in the same way other people helped him to grow along his faith journey. In the midst of all of the service that Mike is involved in, he still finds time to nurture his own spirituality by regularly attending Eucharistic Adoration.

Mike has done a great job of mixing his service to others with time for personal spiritual growth. Thanks for really “Living it”! Mike!
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she played No. 4 singles and compiled a 22-13 record. She also teamed up with Brock Buck to post a 27-12 record at No. 2 doubles. The marketing major also boasts a 3.7 GPA.

The senior’s ability to combine her work ethic with light-hearted moments has made her well-liked among her teammates. More importantly, she has earned her teammates’ respect.

“She’s funny and she keeps the team loose; she’s got a great personality,” Louderback said. “She’s done everything we’ve ever asked of her since she’s been here.”

Much of the focus will be put on Connelly to lead a talented Irish team to national prominence. In addition to her singles play, Connelly will team up with fellow senior Kiki Stastny to anchor the doubles lineup at No. 2 position. Connelly’s aggressive nature on the tennis court makes her a force in doubles, which Louderback thinks will be a strength of his team this season.

“She loves to come to the net,” Louderback said. “She plays better when she comes forward, that’s what makes her a very good doubles player. We have the potential to put three very good doubles teams on the court this year.”

Connelly has been a key contributor to the recent success of the women’s tennis program, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed. She has taught her important life-long values about teamwork and cooperation.

“This team has helped me to realize that my actions have an effect on more than one person. I’ve also learned to communicate better by interacting with my teammates,” she said.

The last three years also afforded Connelly a unique opportunity to play with her sister Sarah Jane, who graduated in the spring. Connelly and Louderback agreed that the two enjoyed the experience and that they grew closer working together.

The Connellys, along with Thompson twins, Christian and Catrina, have helped to develop a family atmosphere that has brought the team close and allowed them to play together and rise in the rankings.

This season as the Irish look to defend their Big East championship and rise into the top 10 in the national rankings, Connelly knows she will play her best if she continues to let her personality come out in her tennis game.

“I just like to have fun out there,” she said. “I play my best when I’m loose and relaxed.”

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that Mattia did, and recorded her first experience in college-level competition, as well as how much she has grown since.

“She was rather quiet [as a freshman], but I could tell she was a good golfer,” Hamilton said. “In her first tournament she was rather nervous ... and shot a score I’m sure she’d like to forget ... but she became more accustomed to playing college golf and has blossomed into probably the most consistent player that I’ve had for the school.”

And it is exactly that consistency that Mattia has used to lead the way for her team this year. She may not be the most vocal person on the team, but then golf wasn’t designed to be an outgoing sport.

Mattia has done an outstanding job so far this year of helping to fill the big shoes left by last year’s extremely successful senior class. At the beginning of the fall, Mattia spoke about her goals for her last season with the Belles.

“Individually I just want to play really well...to make first team all-conference, to keep improving, and to score well. And I really want to win conference,” Mattia said.

So far everything is right on track for all of the golfer’s goals to be met this year. The Belles are in perfect position to take the conference title for a fourth year in a row, and Mattia has been consistently finishing rounds in the high 70s and low 80s.

With her success at the conference competitions, she is likely to earn MIAA honors for her fourth and final year, and will look to lead her team to another NCAA appearance in the spring.

And to be successful at that, Mattia will only need to do more of what she has been doing. She has been to three NCAA championships and is about to win her fourth MIAA title with the Belles, giving her enough confidence in the program to have an impact on any team.

“I think she shows people how to shoot low scores on the golf course,” Hamilton said. “She knows she shouldn’t get rattled. She’ll stay the course and keep working at it and make it to nationals.”

“I expect her to keep doing what she’s doing: playing solidly and being Megan. ‘She’s got the experience ... and she never fails me.”

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hokies coach blames himself for last year

Associated Press

Blame it on the coach.

That’s essentially what Virginia Tech’s Frank Beamer said Tuesday about the Hokies’ last visit to Morgantown, which ended in a 28-7 loss to West Virginia.

It seems Beamer started feeling good about his team, which went into the rivalry game 6-0 and ranked No. 3 in the nation, the same ranking it has now.

Like Saturday’s game, that one could have been the Hokies’ manhandled a good team — Syracuse in 2000, Georgia Tech last weekend — 51-7 in a raucous Lane Stadium.

“We had just played really well against Syracuse and [former West Virginia coach] Don Nehlen, it’s great team,” Beamer recalled, somewhat sheepishly. ‘We’re talking before the game and I’m saying, ‘Don, we’re pretty good.’ We’ve got a good football team, and Don’s saying, ‘Well, I’m going to tell you this place is ready for you.’

“And I said, ‘I know. We know exactly what we’re getting into, but we’re a good football team,’ and we were. But that good football team — we fumbled five times, we threw three interceptions and we had 13 penalties for 115 yards.”

The loss, and one two games later at Pittsburgh, ended the Hokies’ hopes in their final season in the Big East. And even though Virginia Tech got some redemption last year, beating the No. 6 Mountaineers 19-13, a bitter taste lingers.

For Beamer, the uncharacteristic collapse provided a lesson he won’t forget.
Phillies keep playoff hopes alive with win

Philadelphia scores 16 runs in the win over New York, Trachsel

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA – Chase Utley hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs, and David Bell and Kenny Lofton each had four hits to give the Philadelphia Phillies' fading postseason hopes a boost with a 16-6 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

The Phillies avoided a three-game sweep and maintained their slim chance of catching Houston for the NL wild card. The Mets played in St. Louis and finish the season with four home games against the Cubs.

The Phillies are off Thursday and close the season with a three-game series in Washington.

Jimmy Rollins extended his club-record hitting streak to 33 games with a leadoff single, and Shane Victorino and Pat Burrell each homered during a seven-run eighth inning. Utley drove in two runs in the eighth to give the Philadelphia Phillies' wild-card hopes a boost with a 16-6 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday night. The win, Philadelphia remained in the wild-card race, despite Houston's victory.

The Mets, who had clinched the NL East title with a series win at Atlanta, were the seventh straight opponent to score a combined 33 runs in a victory over the Phillies, starting with the Braves on Sept. 24, 2003, when 14 started a major league game since.

Cincinnati 11, Milwaukee 4

Capuano (18-11) pitched five innings, giving up six runs and eight hits. It was the second straight game he allowed six runs, although he was able to get the win over St. Louis on Sept. 23. He was trying to be the first to win 19 games since Teddy Higuera won 20 games in 1987.

Aaron Harang (11-13) pitched 7 1/3 innings, giving up four runs and 14 hits. The 14 hits were a career-high with previous high 11 in his last start against Philadelphia on Sept. 21. He was helped by three double plays.

The loss pushed the Brewers back to the .500 mark (79-79) as they try to finish with a winning record for the first time since 1992, when they were still in the American League.

Reds center fielder Willy Mo Pena hyperextended his lower back when he crashed into the wall diving for Bill Hall's line drive in the fourth. Pena hit his head and left shoulder and remained on the ground while left fielder Ryan Freel retrieved the ball.

Kenny Lofton, left, congratulates Jimmy Rollins during Wednesday's 16-6 win over the Mets. With the win, Philadelphia remained in the wild-card race, despite Houston's victory.
NFL

Rocky receives part of Vikings' game plan

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings coach Tice has been trying to take it slow with quarterback Daunte Culpepper who propelled the Vikings (1-2) to victory over the Buffalo Bills last Sunday. Culpepper said that just putting it out there and letting him run and get it. That's what I want to do .

We have to keep that in the back of people's minds that we can hit you over the top if you are not careful.

Williamson does everything fast. He learns fast, eats fast and talks fast.

Oh, yeah, he runs fast, too.

Williamson ran in the low 4.3's in the 40-yard dash at the combine.

"Any football player that has speed can learn how to run the ball very well in the air," Tice said.

"But we had to learn a route and catch a ball, but you can't learn how to run fast."

Not surprisingly, it didn't take long for the seventh overall draft choice out of South Carolina to show what he can do.

In the second quarter of last week's win over New Orleans, Williamson got behind man coverage and hauled in a 53-yard touchdown pass from Daunte Culpepper that propelled the Vikings (1-2) to victory over the Buffalo Bills last Sunday. Culpepper said that just putting it out there and letting him run and get it. That's what I want to do.

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Williamson finished with three catches for 83 yards and led opposing defenses know that the Vikings' offense is still dangerous even without No. 84.

The Vikings' offense has struggled, but one might find an identity without Moss, who was traded to the Raiders after seven record-setting seasons in Minnesota. The Vikings selected Williamson with 14th pick. Mike Williams for his speed and game-breaking ability, two things that were in short supply when Moss was traded.

Even though he is only a rookie, and light-years away from the ultra-talented Moss, opposing coaches are already getting the message.

"Especially after the play he made last week," Atlanta coach Jim Mora said. "I saw what happens if you let him off the line. He can just run over you. She kid has got the ability to be special — really, really special."

Manning looks to tie record

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning has always been there when his teammates needed him. Whether it's on game days, in the locker room or inside the film room, the Indianapolis Colts have counted on the 11-year veteran to be on the field. Anything less is unimaginable.

In seven-plus seasons, Manning has never missed a game. On Sunday at Tennessee, Manning is expected to make his 116th consecutive start, setting a franchise record and tying Ron Jaworski for the second-longest streak by an NFL quarterback.

"I like to play, I like being in there," Manning said Wednesday. "It's more fun being on the sidelines than anything slow.

For Manning, the records have become almost as routine as the starts.

He and Marvin Harrison hooked up six times last Sunday to break the NFL record for most yards passing between a quarterback and receiver. Manning also became the second-fastest player to top 30,000 yards, taking 115 games — one more than Miami's Dan Marino.

This week's two-game win streak is ready to break the franchise mark for consecutive starts, set by former Colts center Ken Mendenhall (115). Next week, Manning should pass Johnnie, leaving only Brett Favre's record 208-game streak between Manning and another milestone.

Like Favre, Manning has become the identity of his franchise because of his reliability. He helped turn Indianapolis from an NFL also-ran into a perennial Super Bowl contender, and without Manning, nobody knows where the Colts would be.

Fortunately, they've never had to ponder the thought.

"Next question," tight end Dallas Clark said when asked about the Colts' offense without Manning. "One-hundred sixteen! That's a lot of games. It shows you his consistency, his dependability. He's always there, always ready to play."

McNabb to play despite severe muscle strain

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb tossed touchdowns passes on a broken ankle and played an NFC title game with an following rib injury.

Now McNabb is taking his biggest health risk yet: playing with a severe abdominal strain that likely will need surgery and definitely will leave the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback back in discomfort and pain all season.

"Fortunately for me, I haven't got to the point where you just can't go," the Eagles' star said. "Once that happens, then I think we're best served just handling this is not being out there. But I don't think that would ever happen."

Training camp is also the time that McNabb goes to work on a day-by-day, game-by-game situation.

McNabb is expected to start Sunday against Tennessee. He is willing to play through his various injuries. McNabb always plays through pain in his chest and a shin contusion. "I'm ready to go," McNabb said Wednesday. "I don't have any concerns right now... It's just a matter of you have to deal with and realize some days you'll feel great and some days you won't.

McNabb was tested last week for the sports hernia, but coach Andy Reid called the injury an abdominal strain after X-rays' won over Oakland. McNabb went to Boston on Tuesday for another opinion and it was confirmed he has a sports hernia.

"His pain may get worse, it may get better, the condition won't," Burkholder said. "It's not like letting a go to do a career-ending problem to his abdomen or his groin."

McNabb hopes the surgery will help him in the chest and a shin contusion. "I'm ready to go," McNabb said Wednesday. "I don't have any concerns right now... It's just a matter of you have to deal with and realize some days you'll feel great and some days you won't.

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**Alabama QB Croyle prepares to face Florida Saturday**

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Brodie Croyle knows exactly how Alabama quarterbacks are measured by winning inches.

It's how the senior hopes to be remembered by Crimson Tide coach Mike Shula.

Shula has been accustomed to the existence of five-ranked Florida Saturday.

Croyle is trying to leave a mark with the fans.

"That's all they care about," said Croyle. "I want to do the same stuff for us.

While Florida's Chris Leak is the nation's top quarterback, Croyle has no complaints about his own.

"He gets tuned in," defensive coordinator Dom Paterno said. "He's a really strong downhill racer.

He's a guy that when he comes off for timeouts, he's very calm," said Shula, a former Tide quarterback known for keeping his emotions in check. "When he tells you he sees things out there, he's very accurate. He doesn't get rattled.

"His pulse kind of slows a little bit during the course of the game when a lot of guys are racing.

Croyle needs just two touchdown passes to match the Tide's 35 touchdown by Shula and Andrew Zow. He's also within range of Zow's mark for career passing yards by season's end.

Croyle, who has won his last seven starts, is right in the middle of SEC quarterbacks statistically. His 828 passing yards ranks fifth and he has thrown for six touchdowns against two interceptions.

His numbers aren't as impressive as Leak's despite throwing only five fewer passes in markedly different offensive systems. The Tide has the SEC's leading rusher in Ken Darby.

Croyle has no complaints about the Tide's system, though he does admit spread offenses like Florida's are "fun to watch.

"They're 4-0, we're 4-0. That's all that matters to me," he said. "I'm perfectly happy throwing whatever we throw in a game. Some games we'll throw it 40 times a game, some we won't. As long as we're winning, as long as we're putting up points, I'm not concerned with how many yards I throw for.

"Croyle's teammates praise his savvy and his arm strength.

Fullback Tim Castille said Croyle isn't likely to "do anything dumb with the football" in light situations.

"He's a football player," Castille said. "That's the ultimate accolade for somebody who plays football. That just means you do things the right way.

If that's not the ultimate compliment, maybe this assessment of Croyle from offensive coordinator Dave Rader is:

"This is the kind of guy you want in a big game."
**Hinton**

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early and often by scoring three goals in the opening stanza. Lauren Hinton continued her offensive flair and notched the first Belles goal with an assist from freshman Thompson. The women struck again fast and hard with Ashley Hinton striking the ball unassisted past Adrian keeper Rosilia Novian to put the Belles up 2-0. The final tally of the half was Dullea's first on a laser to the back of the net assisted by senior midfielder Carrie Tier.

Dullea saved her finest for last when she tallied her second goal nearly midway through the second half, the fifth for the Belles. Dullea broke down the right side of the field before she encountered an Adrian defender. Unfazed, Dullea took her head on and muscled her way to the outside. Once in the open she controlled, took her shot and found her mark. "She had a tremendous game," Belles coach Caryl Mackenzie said. "We've been playing her on the outside quite a bit, but moved her up today just to get a different look for her.

And did it ever work. Dullea was in on the numerous Belles rallies deep into Adrian territory and worked the ball all around the outclassed defense. Normally, Dullea plays outside halfback, but Mackenzie knew the versatility of her hard nosed player. "She did a great job [attacker] and we're very pleased with her play and effort," Mackenzie said. "That's a good thing to know, that we can slide her in there and have another forward to play with."

The Belles scored their fourth goal 15 minutes into the second half on a shot from Thomson, advised by Lauren Hinton. Hinton broke through an Adrian midfielder on the right side and passed up to Thomson. Thomson turned and bent the ball over the keeper's head with just enough room to spare below the crossbar.

The two-goal second half was an outstanding considering the conditions faced. With nearly 25 minutes remaining in the game the rain started to come down with force and turn the field into a slippery bog, but the Belles continued to put it done and advance their season along.

"Loved our unselfishness," Mackenzie said. "It was a good team effort, got to see some women get off the bench that hadn't had some opportuni­ties, a good thing to move some people around and play them in a few different places, which was good.

The Belles will next see action against at home against Tri-State University on Saturday at noon, a school that is winless MIAA play thus far this season. The Belles are excited to have a chance to play another game on their home turf.

Mackenzie summarized Adrian's game and the rest of the weekend. "Overall, we're very pleased with our effort and unself­ness and am looking forward to playing on Saturday at home," she said.

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**Option**

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couple the technique with a high-flying passing game. "This is a unique running game, it's not the same las.

Irish head coach Charlie Weis said. "Any team that runs the option, you have to do some serious studying to make sure you can get ready to go in a week, in addition to all thewide-open passes they have."

While parallels can be drawn between the hybrid option running-passing attack and the triple-threat wishbone offense, Purdue's brings a dif­ferent flavor to the old forma­tion.

"Purdue combines all of this special spread offense with what amounts to be the old wish­bone, though it doesn't resemble anything like the wish­bone, because they've got peo­ple spread out," defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "But they've taken the quar­terback and put him back at a level of five years, and what he does is function up and down his line of scrimmage at the discretion of five yards, doing what the conventional option quarterbacks do on the line of scrimmage."

"They still have all the triple option reads with the pitch, and they've got all the triple option playaction passes off the pitch, and the QB can do it from behind back where at any time they can snap the ball and be in the gun with potentially five receivers.

Ultimately, more so than other offensive systems, Purdue's style of play caters to the exploitation of one-on-one match-ups within the defense. "It's basketball on grass when you think about it," Minter said. "It's about match-ups and playing in space and making the one on one play — that's their intention. It's that cause them to become a little more physical in that they are committing themselves to run the ball a little more, so it was an addition they probably thought they needed.

For Weis, the incorporation of a quarterback presents more challenges than those that naturally accompany defend­ing the option, quick, multi­faced style.

"They have evolved that offense into such a much-bal­anced offense than they have in the past," Weis said. "It causes a bunch of problems. When a team is basically a running team, you can go in there and make sure that they don't do that, or at least you'll have a fighting chance because you can play a men­tality where you're just going to throw it on every down. Now, you no longer can perceive their offense as one­dimensional."

Building an already well­respected Tiller offense, the Bellemakers hope to confuse Notre Dame defenders with the inherent difficulty of the offense, an intention acknowled­ged by backfield mate Mike Hinton.

"With them being able to spread out as much as they do, and then be able to incor­porate the option into it, it's going to be pretty complex to defend against," Richardson said. "As a team, we've been prepared for it as much as it has possible."

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**PGA**

PGA tour returns to Greensboro

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — The PGA Tour is in Greensboro once again, continuing a storied his­tory that dates back to Sam Snead's victory in the inaugu­ral tournament in 1938. And Roy Williams' memory of this event goes back nearly as far. "I can remember sitting in Spanish class, wondering why Arnold Palmer tried to hit it out of a creek on the 15th hole to make a double bogey and lose the tournament," said the University of North Carolina basketball coach, who played in the pro-am on Wednesday.

"That's how far back I go," he said. "Now, the question is whether the tour's revoc­ing the sched­ule in 2007 has room for the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro. Now, the tour is moving, that's for sure."

PGA tour director Bill Lewis said. "As a team, we've been preparing for it as much as it has possible.

"I like to play a bit more in Europe, because I have some nice evenings around my country that I enjoy playing, that I can get some friends to come and watch me, things like that," the Spaniard said. "But I still try to come and play two or three, four events in the fall."

"The Fall Finish, it is import­ant to all of us, there's no doubt about it," Sergio Garcia said. "There's some really good events in the fall. I try to give it the best shot I can."

"I like to play with the top player from the World Golf Ranking here in Greensboro, and I'm not the only one from the top 10. For Garcia, he has a tough time fit­ting tournaments in the United States into his busy itinerary, which includes many stops in Europe.

This is the first time he's played in Greensboro, and the Spaniard said. "I like to play a bit more in Europe, because I have some nice evenings around my country that I enjoy playing, that I can get some friends to come and watch me, things like that," the Spaniard said. "But I still try to come and play two or three, four events in the fall."
Junior forward Justin McGeeney with the game’s only goal. Just send it past Bradley goalkeeper captain John Stephens sent a and freshman forward Bright a game-high six shots, while led the Notre Dame attack with Sophomore forward Joe Lapira defense, out-shooting the the Braves 8-3 before the break. Sophomore forward Joe Lapira led the Notre Dame attack with a game-high six shots, while junior forward Justin McGeeeney and freshman forward Bright Dike each recorded three shots. Dike put the Irish ahead early with the game’s only goal. Just 5:13 into the contest, senior tri-captain John Stephens sent a free kick into the middle of the box where Dike was waiting to send it past Bradley goalkeeper Chris Dunean. "It was a great goal," Clark said. "It was a good free kick played in by John Stephens, and Bright just met it. He just put a nice surface on it and put it away." The Irish continued to set the pace for much of the second half, but Bradley seemed to come alive in the final six minutes. The Braves kept the ball on Notre Dame’s side of the field and had several scoring opportunities. With four minutes to go, Bradley bought what might have been its best opportunity to even the score. When Irish defender Greg Dalby deflected a Braves shot, the ball ricocheted to a Bradley forward in front of the Irish goal. Senior defender Ben Crouse broke the play up behind, however, Bradley called for a penalty kick, but no call was made and the Irish cleared the ball. Clark was disappointed in his team’s inability to close out the game in the second half. "I didn’t feel we handled the end of the game as well as we could have," the coach said. "We kept them in the game. We had several opportunities to kill the game. "But having said that, it’s hard to criticize anyone on a night like tonight." Notre Dame came away impressed by the Bradley team. The Braves, who entered the game with a solid 6-2 record, were the runner-up last season in the Missouri Valley Conference. Clark had nothing but praise for Bradley after the game. "Bradely is a very strong, direct team," Clark said. "They’re not a pretty team, but they’re an effective team. "They have always given us problems. You’ve got to compete when you play them and they keep you very honest, so I think that’s a tribute to them." The Notre Dame victory was secured by yet another solid performance out of the defense, despite some significant injuries in the back. Senior tri-captain Dale Bellas was sidelined, so Clark elected to move Dalby back from center midfield for the game. In addition, freshman defender Jack Traynor went down with a foot injury in the second half. Dalby, Traynor, Crouse, junior Ryan Miller, and freshman Matt Beiler limited Bradley to just ten shots for the game.

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**Raining wins**

Notre Dame’s victory in the poor weather over Bradley moves them to 6-3

By KEVIN BRENNAN

Bobby Clark feels like he’s gone home.

For the second straight game, the Notre Dame head coach watched his team battle through pouring rain and strong winds — conditions much more commonly found on the pitch in Clark’s native land.

“It’s like playing back in Scotland,” Clark said. “This is far the course back in Scotland. That’s two games in a row. We’re getting used to it now.”

While the weather remained the same, the result improved for the Irish. After falling 2-1 to Iowa midfielder Matt Besler moves the ball uphill Wednesday against Bradley. Notre Dame won 1-0 on forward Bright Dike’s goal, in a game that was played despite the pouring rain.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles roll, shut down MIAA foe**

DuBree scores twice in the strong victory

By KYLE CASSILY

It was another game, another win and another step towards the forefront of the MIAA pack for the Belles soccer team after trouncing Adrian College 5-0 at home on Wednesday afternoon.

The Belles were spearheaded by the sweet touch of midfielder Sarah DuBree, who struck twice in the Belles-dominated affair. A strong first half coupled with a second half mix of strong defensive play and explosive power vaulted Saint Mary’s into third place in the MIAA conference. 4-2 in league play and 5-4 overall.

Saint Mary’s got the board

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**MADD GOLF**

Maddia leads by example, on and off the links

By ANNA FRICANO

Some leaders get the job done by being vocal, and then there are those who simply do their job well and leave an example for others to follow.

Megan Mattia, a senior on the nationally ranked Saint Mary’s golf team, is definitely a member of the second breed. In her four years with the Belles team, Mattia has been a quiet presence both on and off the golf course.

But in terms of results, her impact could hardly be more visible. During the fall 2005 season alone, Mattia has finished first for Saint Mary’s in six out of six appearances, and took first place overall in the three conference tournaments in which the team participated. Earlier this fall when Saint Mary’s competed in the Notre Dame Invitational, Mattia ended with a top-20 finish out of a pool of more than 80 Division-I golfers.

But her success this season has hardly come as a surprise to the golf program. Since her freshman year, Mattia has been awarded All-MIAA honors three times, and has finished in the top 10 during every conference championship. Head coach Mark Hamilton credits Mattia to Saint Mary’s in the same year. She helped lead the program to a top-20 finish out of a pool of more than 80 Division-I golfers.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Connelly loving the opportunity to play

By RYAN KIEFER

Lauren Connelly is living in the moment.

The senior captain of the women’s tennis team has a very simple goal for herself this season — enjoy every minute.

“I want to keep everyone motivated this year,” Connelly said. “But this is my last season and my last year playing competitive tennis. I just want to have fun and appreciate every thing that happens.”

Connelly’s easygoing nature should not be interpreted as lacking effort or focus. In fact, it’s quite the opposite.

“She works hard,” coach Jay Louderback said. “She is one of the players that comes in the most outside practice to work on her game.”

The results speak to her dedication. Connelly has won more than 70 percent of her career doubles matches. Last season the senior capped off her career with an all-around performance, including a top-20 finish at the national collegiate championships. Connelly’s success has put the Belles into third place in the MIAA, and she has established herself as a leader for the Belles.

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**FOOTBALL**

Irish aware of Purdue option

By MATT PUGLISI

Navy isn’t the only team on the Notre Dame schedule running the option.

With the graduation of one-time Heisman hopeful Kyle Orton, Purdue head coach Joe Tiller realized the offense needed another component, despite the talent of quarterback Brandon Kirsch.

Enter the option.

Not only can the option give opposing defenses fits, but the Boilermakers also effectively...

Derek Landri pursues Washington quarterback Isaiah Stanback on Sept. 27. Solid defense will be key Saturday against Purdue.