Students deal with reality of paying, losing security deposits
By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

While Notre Dame prides itself on having 80 percent of its students living on campus, one-fifth of the population resides off campus, adding responsibilities for the students who live there.

One of these students, Lori Clark, a 2005 Notre Dame graduate, said she felt "cheated" after her off-campus experience.

Before moving into the College Park apartment complex on Buhla Road last fall, Clark said previous residents warned her that students who leased from the complex were "notorious for not getting their security deposit back."

But Clark and her three roommates put down a $955 security deposit in spring 2003, a requirement to rent an apartment. When she moved out two years later, College Park returned $177.79 of the security deposit.

Graduate Lori Clark said she paid for damages she didn't cause in her unit's common area at College Park, above.

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Katrina blame questions posed at forum
By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Since Hurricane Katrina made landfall in New Orleans on Aug. 29, a surge of resentment has risen nearly as high as the perilous waters that breached the city's levee system and washed away the lives of those who called the region home.

This resentment was addressed at Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium at Notre Dame Tuesday as part of a two-part series of panel discussions sponsored by the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) in conjunction with the Notre Dame Law School.

The discussion, titled "An American Tragedy: Katrina in Focus," was an open forum centered on sparking dialogue about the sociological, organizational and environmental causes for the widespread nature of the tragedy.

Panelists were diverse in their areas of expertise and focus, but they agreed that while Mother Nature could not be controlled, preemptive actions in the days, months and even years before disaster was in the hands of the local, state and federal governments.

"It's not a question of a lack of authority," visiting assistant law professor Jennifer Mason said. "The real problem was in the practice, the operational and the personnel levels."

Mason said there are two aspects to consider when dealing with the placement of blame — first, how clear, on paper, the governmental allocation of authority was stated; and second, how in practice the local, state and federal governments exercised this allocation of authority.

"On paper the lines of authority are clear," she said. "Failures were at the operational level — not at the lines of authority."

Mason said Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco took nearly all the necessary precautions to limit impending destruction, including the operation of coastal levees.

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NDSP releases new campus crime report
By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) released the University's most recent campus crime report last Thursday, detailing an increase in burglary and larceny on campus since 2002.

NDSP officials encouraged the University community in an e-mail to look through the collection of statistics detailing criminal activity, including all violations that occurred on-campus from 2002-2004.

The report presents data from each of the years in the areas of burglary, larceny, sex offenses, liquor law arrests and drug law arrests, as well as several other types of crime, associate director of NDSP Philip Johnson said.

There is consistency in most of the categories from year to year, but the numbers for burglary and larceny saw the greatest increase.

According to the NDSP crime statistics, 43 reports of burglary were recorded in 2002, 49 in 2003 and 58 in 2004. The number of larceny offenses dropped from 45 in 2002 to 37 in 2003 before rising to 51 incidents in 2004.

The University has increased the number of security patrols on campus to create a safer environment.

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INSIDE COLUMN

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**IN BRIEF**

The women’s volleyball team will face off against the University of Arkansas at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The victory would give them a winning streak of four.
Nun discusses free trade
College holds lecture on the importance of fair trade, international justice

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Under the trade agreements set by North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), businesses have been successful in suing countries over trade restrictions, a hotly-debated topic discussed Tuesday by Sister Mary Turgi, director of the Congregational Justice Committee for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"That is a scary thing when a business can have the power to sue a national government," Turgi said.

Her lecture, which focused on the importance of fair trade and justice issues involving international relations, was presented by Saint Mary's Campus Ministry as the second part in the College's series themed "What difference does it make?"

The previous lecture, titled "Choices that Affect the Environment and our Faith," focused on health care and environmental issues.

Turgi explained the difference between free and fair trade — free trade lifts all impediments on trade, which could include environmental laws, human rights and labor laws, and laws that protect the Earth.

"There is no coincidence that the same problems [of trade injustice] are happening on each continent," Turgi said.

After Turgi gave her analytical point of view, she introduced Sister Mary Terman, who spent several years working with poor farmers in Brazil for 26 years.

She began by giving a personal anecdote on the price difference of Coca-Cola in Brazil versus that of the United States.

"I learned that when the product is cheaper, it is not always the best option. It just means that the people who made it are getting nothing," Terman said. "They [the workers] do the same work, have the same risks, have the same desires to raise their children, but their salaries are proportionally much smaller in the Southern Hemisphere of the globe."

She said she focused on "the injustice of the global economic system ... and the more analytical point of view of trade."

Through education of these laborers, they were better able to recognize the global problem and seek the guidance to learn how to negotiate, transport their goods to a fair market and package their goods efficiently, she said.

Terman showed pictures of the farmers in her village to illustrate the extreme poverty the workers face still today.

Torman and Turgi proceeded to show a short video sponsored by Equal Exchange, a fair trade corporation. Equal Exchange, which began in 1986 as the first company to adopt fair trade standards in America, is currently the leading producer of fair trade brand coffee in the world. Equal Exchange produces organic, high quality products for a slightly higher price, but benefits the workers rather than exploits them. Equal Exchange also promises to honor minimum price for a product according to the world market, the video said.

The video showed that a small village in Nicaragua was able to receive relief from poverty by selling their products to Equal Exchange in a time characterized as "the best of times for coffee, but the worst of time for farmers."

After the video, Turgi said that it is important to buy fair trade products, noting that Catholics spend over $3 billion a year on coffee.

"If even a fraction of Catholics switched to fair trade coffee, think of the impact it would have on people's lives," she said.

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Funds granted to study religion in America

National Endowment for the Humanities awards ND $1 million for three-year program

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded a $1 million grant to the University for a new program dedicated to examining the role of religion in American public life.

The grant will be administered over a three-year period and must be matched by an additional $3 million from other sources, providing a permanent $4 million endowment for the new program.

"The aim of the new program is to provide scholarly depth and breadth — both historical and philosophical — to issues surrounding the different visions of religion in American politics," said Michael Zuckert, the Nancy Reeves Drexel Professor of Political Science and director of the new program.

"This program is very well suited to Notre Dame's mission and its strengths. We can offer the depth of talent and the seriousness of purpose to make this program a success."

Titled "Religion in American Life," the program is designed to elevate the level of public discourse on the role of religion in American democracy through scholarly activities and outreach programs, Zuckert said. It will be implemented in 2006.

The grant will fund an annual lecture series and interdisciplinary faculty seminars, postdoctoral teaching fellowships, dissertation fellowships, graduate student stipends, conferences and an annual summer seminar for journalists.

Of a pool of 36 applicants, Notre Dame was one of seven institutions awarded a challenge grant from the NEH.

Created in 1965, the NEH is an independent federal agency funding projects that promote excellence in the humanities and convey lessons of history to all Americans.

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their deposit, she said.

Clark, Lori’s mother, faced The Observer the deposit settlement dated June 29, 2005. Both mother and daughter bring up the issue with two items on the settlement relating to “Cleaning & Damage.”

“We were charged $25 an hour for cleaning fees for seven hours when I knew other places had crews charging $15,” Lori Clark said.

While Lori Clark knew they would have a cleaning crew to come in, she said she cleaned the place herself before moving out, so the amount that was left to do could not have amounted to seven hours. Also, she compared what she was paid to what her sister, who lived in Castle Lane, paid when she moved out the same year.

“If there are [cleaning] companies half as cheap, they should be using those,” Lori Clark said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

First parliamentary elections end
KARUL, Afghanistan — Powerful warlords, a former Taliban commander and women's activists were among the frontrunners as vote counting drew to a close Tuesday in Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections in more than 30 years. Preliminary results were being announced starting Wednesday or Thursday and in phases, in the event of unrest, officials said. Low voter turnouts are a general concern that's bombed election authorities with complaints and accusations of cheating. Final counts were expected in late March.

Suspected Taliban insurgents who failed to stop 6.8 million Afghans from voting Sept. 18 resumed attacks this week. A bomb hit a Afghan-Pakistan border crossing Tuesday killed three people — a woman and two boys — and wounded 20 others.

EU considers Turkish membership
LUXEMBOURG — The European Union opened membership talks with Turkey early Tuesday — a historic first step that would transform relations by inking a dominantly Muslim nation and expanding its horizons of integration.

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul flew late Monday night to Luxembourg for a late-night ceremony in formally opening talks, following an agreement reached after two dramatic days of diplomacy that included strong U.S. lobbying for Turkey's candidacy.

NATIONAL NEWS

New kidney-swap program studied
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Workers may have to put their health on the line as NASA readies itself to resume shuttle flights that had been put on hold because of a disturbing loss of foam insulation that cast a cloud over NASA's return to space, said Wayne Hale, the agency's associate administrator for the shuttle program.

"The disturbing loss of foam insulation that cast a shadow over the return to flight of the shuttle fleet," said Hale, "is the number one challenge NASA faces in its efforts to return to space. There are no quick fixes. There were no deaths. There were no injuries... We are facing up to the challenge and we will return to flight."

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Hale said the shuttle program is again "in a very special phase of the recovery from catastrophic events," adding that the agency is "now in a bit of a holding pattern as we prepare for the return to space." Hale said NASA will work "day and night" to return to space and "do it safely." Hale added, "The safety of the astronauts and grounded the fleet." Hale said the agency "is not in a position to say we're going to return to flight this week or this month."

The practice is particularly useful in cases where kidney patients' friends or relatives are willing to donate an organ to their loved one but are not a suitable match. Of the 22 transplants, only one failed, said Hatch, a former chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "She's going to basically do what the president thinks she should and that be a strict constructionist." The term refers to justices who believe their role is to decide cases based on a close reading of the Constitution rather than a general interpretation.

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The projections were based on surveys conducted in countries that have already implemented measures to encourage healthier habits. Exercise and better diets can help prevent 80 percent of premature cases of heart disease, strokes and diabetes, the report said.

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**Associated Press**

**CHICAGO — Researchers are reporting a high success rate for a novel kidney-swap program that proponents say could someday ease the organ shortage of transplant organs.**

Most kidney transplants use organs taken from cadavers. But doctors prefer using organs from live donors, because the success rates are higher.

In a live-donor practice used increasingly in the U.S. over the past few years, a patient who needs a kidney is matched up with a compatible stranger, in return, the patient must line up a friend or relative willing to donate an organ to a stranger, too.

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Asked point blank if Miers was the most qualified person he could find in the country for the high court, Bush said, "Yes, otherwise I would not have put her on."

His father, George H.W. Bush, made a similar claim about Clarence Thomas — and was disin­corporated for it — while defending his controversial Supreme Court pick in 1991. Thomas was confirmed 52-41.

Pressed on whether he and Miers had ever discussed the court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legal­izing abortion, Bush said: "Not to my recollection. He reiterated his own opposition to abortion, but said he had not asked any judicial candidates about the subject.

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Saint Mary's seniors.
Nearly one year since its Oct. 8, 2004 dedication, Opus Hall is cur­ rently housing its second round of 72 seniors. The hall, which was designed with input from stu­ dents, is fully furnished and includes the suite-style campus housing access. There is also a full kitchen, which includes a microwave, stove, dishwasher and refrigerator. There are 24 apartments in the building, broken up into 12 doubles and 12 quads.
Annunciation Hall currently houses 50 seniors. The hall contains rooms ranging from singles to quads. The floor features a large break room with an overstuffed couch and big screen TV. Residents of Annunciation Hall also have special access to a basement entrance that allows them to bypass the first floor lobby.
Seniors on campus have noticed several benefits to living there. Senior Emily Fannon, a resident of Opus Hall, enjoys the flat fee of $2,400 for campus housing that includes the month-to-month expenditures of off-campus living.
"All of our expenses are cov­ ered, so we never have to worry about paying the bills," Fannon said.
Senior Mary Ruehl, a resident of Opus Hall, agreed.
"Not having to worry about utilities is great," she said.
Many seniors living on campus said that the locations of Opus and Annunciation allow them to stay involved with Saint Mary's activities.
"It's nice to be able to use the campus services," Ruehl said. "I'm involved in the Education Club and it'd be difficult to do that if I had to drive.
Fannon said her friends off campus had a difficult time staying involved in the Saint Mary's community. And seniors living on campus said living on campus makes it easier to manage classes.
"I'm an art major, so I have to be on campus a lot," said senior Catherine Bradley, a resident of Opus Hall. "Living in Opus is help­ ful because I can get from my room to class very quickly.
Brown was helped with her decision to live on campus during her senior year.
"I'm glad I'm still a part of camp­ us," she said, adding that she has plenty of time to move into an apartment later in her life.
Many residents of Opus and Annunciation Hall also said they feel safer than many of their off­ campus friends.
Despite many seniors moving off campus to find greater free­ dom, many senior hall residents said they have found the same thing living on campus.

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declaring a state of emergency and requesting President Bush corroborate her declaration. These actions are established to trigger specific powers — such as federal aid — that can then be used to prepare for disaster, she said.
"When the scope of a disaster is so huge, it's the job of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to step in," she said. "FEMA could be used to prepare for disaster, she used to prepare for disaster, she said.
Brown to say he didn't realize how unfair FEMA is fair," Mason said. "For residents of Louisiana and requested additional help from other mobilized National Guard troops in Louisiana and restored additional troops from the President, but she delayed her request for troops from other states — a procrasti­ nated action Mason said was "one of the things she did wrong." Even so, Mason said "virtually everything" Blanco did in the face of the approaching hurricane was correct and criticisms that say she failed to take the right steps are unfounded.
"I believe the criticism aimed at FEMA is fair," Mason said. "But I never said he didn't have the right to complain to President Bush about the hurricanes were dangerous at best.
Senior Dame low professor Jay Tidmarsh admitted he had little expertise about "response or root causes," but Linden said even this doesn't compare to the sad­ness of poverty. "The tragedy of Katrina occurred a long time prior to the hurricane's landfall," he said. "It had an economical, sociological and political framework ... In my view, this serves to reveal what's been concealed in inner-city America.
Associate law professor Alejandro Camacho, who empha­ sized the environmental facets of the issue, said the disaster was the result of widespread ignorance to what was already obvious.
"Rather than thinking of this as a wakeup call, from an environ­ mental perspective I see it as a consequence of people ignor­ing previous wakeup calls," he said.
Camacho said levies were "insufficiently planned by the Army Corps of Engineers and insufficiently funded by the federal government.
"The various levels of govern­ ment let down the people of New Orleans through lack of past action ... A fair amount of damage could have been prevented by wiser policy choices," he said.
Camacho cited wetland destruction as a contributing fac­ tor to Katrina's extensive damage. Louisiana has one of the largest expanses of coastal wetlands and marshes that, historically, worked as a natural buffer system in hur­ ricane situations.

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Who's Coming to Work?

a presentation by Ginny B. Baxter
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Ms. Baxter will present a program on the 4 generations that are currently working together in the workplace and what shapes each generation. She discusses each generation in detail (vets, baby boomers, Xers and millennials), the variety of experiences and expectations that shaped them and what that means in the office and on work teams. This provides incredible context and insight — especially to those who are entering the workforce and beginning careers.
ISO reports Katrina damage estimates

NEW YORK — Hurricane Katrina is likely to result in at least $34.4 billion in personal and commercial property loss claims, according to the first publicly released survey of the nation’s insurance industry.

The ISO’s Property Claim Services Unit said Tuesday that the bill could eventually exceed that amount as damage claims are worked out, with people for years, debates stirred as a controversial move. With Hurricane Katrina’s devastation, and oil price increases, the Fed does not want to see a recession.
The University must still work to make campus crime news.

The Observer

Salvaging caused two explosions

Associated Press

MARION, Ind. — Two explosions about six miles apart have left some people who live and work near a closed Thomson television picture-tube plant uneasy about the salvage work being done behind the factory's gates.

An explosion and fire on Tuesday injured four workers who were removing equipment from inside a building, police said. The fire, which sparked when a live electrical line was mistakenly cut, critically burned one worker, with the three others and a firefighter suffering less-serious injuries. Worries about possible exposure to chemicals stored in the building prompted authorities to ask many nearby residents to leave their homes before air quality tests found no contamination.

This is the second time this happened. The first one shook my house."

Brenda Beaman
Marion resident

Minor

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Completion of the minor requires 15 credit hours, Billy said.

The idea of offering students some sort of film-related program has been in the works for about two years, Billy said. Currently, the Departments of Communication and Performance Studies, English, History, Art, Sociology, Modern Languages, Religious Studies and Political Science are all teaching or are planning to teach a course that is related to the study of film. However, Billy said any faculty member from any discipline willing to offer a course with a significantly

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Health Administration inspector to the factory after the August explosion and that they approved further work at the site. He said OSHA would be called again to check that the site is safe.

"We're just going to make sure they know what they're doing," Seybold said of the Salvage workers. "We're not going to let anybody go back to work until we know it's safe."

Messages seeking comment on the two explosions were left for state OSHA officials. The badly burned worker from Tuesday's fire was taken by helicopter to St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Two other workers and a firefighter suffered some burns and were taken to a Marion hospital, Garcia said. A fourth injured worker was treated at the scene. Janet Haisley said her best friend's husband was working in the plant and suffered minor burns Tuesday. She said she had never worrying about any danger from the plant before Thomson closed it last year.

"There's never been any threat," she said.
Charges against DeLay remain

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - A little-known Texas law could decide the future of Rep. Tom DeLay, the former House majority leader who is charged with conspiracy and money laundering in an ongoing campaign-finance scheme.

Grand juries looking into 2002 campaign contributions have indicted DeLay on Monday for the second time in less than a week. House rules required him to step down from his leadership post pending the outcome of the case.

"I have not seen a criminal conspiracy case in Texas for a long, long time," said Austin-based defense attorney Ray Bass, who is not involved in the DeLay case. "In the last 20 years, I can't even think of one.

Rather than rely on conspiracy charges, Texas prosecutors often use an alternative known as the "state's parties statute," which allows them to accuse or implicate groups of people who allegedly participated in a crime together, Bass said.

The use of the rarely invoked conspiracy law suggests that prosecutors are getting "very inventive" in their case against DeLay, Bass said. DeLay was first charged with conspiracy to violate the state election code, which bans the direct use of corporate money for political campaigns.

Defense attorney Dick DeGuerin believes the new indictment replaces the first. But District Attorney Ronnie Earle, in a statement released Tuesday, said prosecutors would press ahead with all three charges, and the final decision would be resolved by a judge.

Earle's office said prosecutors found new evidence over the weekend and presented it to the grand jury on Monday, leading to the new indictment against DeLay. Earle did not release any details about the new evidence.

The previous grand jury had declined to indict DeLay on the additional allegations, the statement said.

"Out of an abundance of caution because of the passage of time, the district attorney's office presented some evidence of those allegations to the grand jury. That grand jury declined to indict on the last day of its regular term," on Sept. 28, the statement said.

DeLay is accused with associates John Goyando and Jim Ellis in the campaign-finance scheme and redistricting plan to help boost Republicans to victory in state House races in 2002. The GOP won a majority in the House that year and took control of the chamber in January 2003 for the first time in 130 years. The Republican-controlled Legislature then passed a GOP-leaning congressional map and redistricting plan brokered by DeLay that put more Republicans in Congress.

DeGuerin argued the original indictment was based on the conspiracy provision that the Legislature added to the law in 2003.

Bush proposes ban on cattle parts in feed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Seeking to close a gap in the nation's defense against mad cow disease, the Bush administration on Tuesday proposed to eliminate cattle parts from feed for all animals, including chickens, pigs and pets.

The government already bans cattle remains from being used in cattle feed. The proposal from the Food and Drug Administration "will make an already small risk even smaller," acting FDA Commissioner Andrew Hiers said.

The plan would reduce the risk of infection by 90 percent, said Stephen F. Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. After a public comment period, the rules should take effect sometime next year, he said.

Critics said the proposal falls short of what FDA promised 19 months ago, after the nation's first case of mad cow disease was confirmed. FDA originally said it would prohibit in cattle feed the organs of slaughtered, rendered plate waste and poultry litter, all potential pathways for mad cow disease.

The proposal is designed to eliminate the need for banning chicken litter, because chickens would no longer be fed at-risk cattle parts. It does not apply to cattle blood, often fed to calves as a milk replacer, or to restaurant leftovers.

The feed rules are important because the only way cattle are known to get mad cow disease is from eating feed containing contaminated cattle remains.

Ground-up cattle remains - leftovers from slaughtering operations - were used as protein in cattle feed until 1997, when Britain's catastrophic outbreak prompted the U.S. to ban the use of those remains in cattle feed. The ban applies specifically to brains and spinal cords, tissues that can carry mad cow disease.

FDA's new proposal bans using in cattle feed and spinal cord parts from cows older than 30 months. The age cutoff is specified because injection levels are believed to rise as cattle grow older.

The proposal does not include other tissues, such as eyes or part of the small intestine, considered "specified risk materials" by the Agriculture Department, which requires their removal from meat that people eat. FDA regulates animal feed.

Consumer groups criticized the government for not closing all the gaps in the food ban.

"There is no question that we should not be feeding the remnants of mad cows to food animals, and by not closing this dangerous loophole, we are perpetuating the American public to unnecessary risk," said Michael Hansen, a biologist for Consumers Union.

Chris Waldrep, a spokesman for Consumer Federation of America, accused the agency of "unwillingly caving in to the meat industry."

"Americans remain vulnera­ble to the health risks created by having the organisms that cause mad cow disease pass into the human food supply," Waldrep said.

"There is no serious scientist or consumer advocate who doesn't believe that these precautions are necessary to protect American public health," said Chris Sondulfof, who lead Tuesday's proposal "is much more protective" than the previous one.

"By removing the brain and spinal cord, you're taking 90 percent of the risk," he said, citing a risk assessment prepared by Harvard University researchers.

The meat industry applauded the new rules, saying a broader ban on at-risk tissues from any part of mad cow remains would force meatpackers to dispose of 1.4 billion pounds of materials annually.

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To my irritation, everyone I meet automatically assumes that I am straight.

Of course, I am not actually bothered by this, except on a bemused and superficial level, since — having been born out for straightness, and having not had the courage to reveal myself — I am quite comfortable with myself, and anyway if I were concerned with what most people think of me, I would not be a columnist.

However, it is puzzling to me, since I have outed myself in this newspaper on five separate occasions (albeit, possibly in fairly subtle ways), and still people who have read my column, and with whom I am otherwise well acquainted, continue to assume my heterosexuality. It seems to me that I neither look nor act like I should be gay, and this plays a nontrivial role in how some people interpret what I say and do. I wonder if my years at Notre Dame would have been more complicated if I had been less straight-acting.

It is because of these subtle biases, like those that people have about a gay person’s appearance, that I fear that the vast majority of people on this campus are not equipped to have a remotely profitable discussion about gays and lesbians, their emerging role in society and the pros and cons of contemporary gay culture. Some lack the proper vocabulary, or have only the most rudimentary idea of what being gay means to a gay person or worst of all, get their stereotypes from Bravo, Shoebox or Genesis. Given all of this, it is no wonder that the level of discussion about gays in this paper almost never rises above dogmatism and heterosexist sophistry, with the occasional childish rant.

There is not a great deal that I can do about all this from the vantage of a newspaper, but at the very least I can give a basic lesson in vocabulary and thereby address one extremely common underlying misunderstanding.

First, for those who find themselves confused, the preferred terms for referring to persons who are attracted (physically, romantically and/or emotionally) to members of the same gender are “gay” (adjectival, “gay person” (singular) and “gay people” (plural). These forms are useful because they are gender-neutral and implicit include bisexual subjects, however the gender-specific terms “gay man” and “lesbian” are also acceptable in any situation. The increasingly common term “queer” is slightly more dangerous, since it is still seen as offensive by some. It is usually a synonym for gay, however if used in reference to a person it can also mean “gay in an undefined way.”

Obviously terms like “fag,” “homo,” and “dyke” are always highly offensive. However, the term “homosexual” is also derogatory and should never be used — as many — myself included — increasingly find it offensive. Likewise avoid any propaganda terms like “gay agenda,” “avowed homosexual” or “gay lifestyle,” which are laced with false assumptions.

Probably the most common, and unfortunate, assumption that people have about gays is that there lives revolve around sex, and that accepting oneself as gay is a fundamentally erotic definition. One would think, to read the opposition, that gay rights is a matter of fighting who get who (have sex with) whom and how, and possibly the right to post pornography on billboards outside of grade schools. (Mind you, some of the opposition would consider two women holding hands to be pornography.)

Accepting oneself as gay is a sexual definition, but only for a given value of “sex.” Sexuality is a profoundly holistic concept that touches every aspect of life. For example, Notre Dame’s basic social building block is the gender-segregated dorm, and the most intimate passages in the Hebrew Scriptures frame sexuality as a conjugal union with God. Sexuality runs more broadly and more deeply through the human person than many are willing to admit.

It may surprise you to learn that there are a growing number of people, some of them gay, who refer to themselves as asexual and who are not physically attracted to others in the classical sense. Yet these people are still compelled to seek out lasting and intimate relationships with others — certainly ones that go beyond mere friendship — even though the relationships have little, if anything, to do with physical sexuality. This is an example of emotional attraction operating independently of physical attraction.

My point in all of this is that the landscape of human sexuality, for both gay and straight people, is more complicated than it is usually appreciated. It defies simple or narrow definitions and touches many different aspects of a person’s life.

Saturday, October 11, is National Coming Out Day. If you are planning on making an entrance, I wish you the best, if you are not, well, consider it.

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Domestic violence must be confronted

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and there couldn’t be a better time to highlight this problem afflicting our nation. Domestic violence isn’t going away, and the problems it causes in our society are more severe than people may think. The discounts don’t end with abusive acts, but often continues, when victims seek help they can’t afford.

There’s some hope in the battle, but presently, it’s clearly not enough to forestall the foreseeable House of Representatives recently voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act by a 415-4 margin days before its Oct. 1 expiration, but the bill must still be passed in the Senate, according to U.S. Newsweek. At least a month has begun on a positive note.

The Violence Against Women Act protects victims of violence with government grants, research programs, strengthened protections for perpetrators of abuse, and creates a bill of rights for domestic violence victims. The legislation strengthens training; it helps prevent domestic violence in the military, the workplace and underserved communities.

The National Organization for Women and other women’s rights groups have feared the act wouldn’t be reauthorized. However, there’s still a large dispute regarding the VAWA’s authorization to the APA programs geared toward women of color and immigrants, according to Ms. Magazine. However, this amendment to the act is still in debate until the Senate and House can agree on its legislation.

Such legislation is a step in the right direction, but domestic violence still affects millions of people each year. The Senate suffers the most, making up 90 to 95 percent of victims. The American Bar Association estimates that one million to four million women suffer nonfatal violence by an intimate partner each year. Once nearly one in two people will experience a physical assault by a partner in their adult life, causing.

One of the biggest problems domestic violence causes is the displacement, and subsequent homelessness, among victims and their families. Nineteen percent of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse in their lives. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Many cities report domestic violence as their biggest cause of homelessness, yet there aren’t nearly enough federal housing rent vouchers to accommodate the need. Some people remain on waiting lists for years. Sometimes women are even advised not to file protective orders because it will make them less appealing to landlords.

In addition to the lack of funding, non-profit organizations need funding to help women and families get away from the horrendous situations they abuse them in.

Domestic violence is largely unattainable and many victims of domestic violence can’t get jobs because of their current daycare assistance and lack of simple job skills. Since many abusers control their victims’ lives, they’re often unable to learn skills needed to enter the workforce and become self-sufficient. As a result, women and children end up on the streets longer, and those shelters are consequently forced to turn women and children away. Some victims even resort to returning to their abusers because they can’t find housing.

Social services often get the short end of the stick, especially because the Bush administration’s values tax breaks over social programs. Helping victims of domestic violence takes a lot of money. With inadequate funding, non-profit organizations are forced to turn victims away, and raising dollars takes time away from the programs themselves.

October is a good time to learn more about domestic violence, but one month out of the year isn’t enough.

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Denying clothes and food to local charities that assist battered women can help these victims. The ongoing problem is essential to combat abuse — every month of the year.

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**MOVIE REVIEWS**

**A History of Violence**

*By SEAN SWANEY*  
*Scene Critic*

*How far would you go to protect your family? How far would you go to protect the innocent? How far would you go to protect a deep, dark secret?*

David Cronenberg's "A History of Violence" is a gripping movie that tries to find out the truth about Tom's past. The movie opens with a scene of Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen) and his wife Edie (Maria Bello) living peacefully in Indiana until unwelcome visitors disrupt their lives in "A History of Violence." The opening scene of the film seems much like a Western because it consists of a single shot, following two criminals, who will later try to rob Tom Stall, as they check out of a motel. The shot appears to be boring and pointless until the camera moves inside and finds the motel room brutally murdered by the two men.

The rest of the movie follows the same formula of carefully arranged dramatic scenes interrupted by brief, graphic violence. At its heart, "A History of Violence" is a family drama in which violence estranges a father from his family, and he must make amends. Mortensen and Bello give excellent, believable performances as a husband and wife who passionately love each other despite—and throughout—the whole ordeal.

When the movie takes on some of an action film, viewers find out exactly how far Tom Stall will go to protect his family. Mortensen portrays his character as a capable hero, but the ease with which he kills causes viewers to consider Stall as tread in a very fine line between good and evil.

**Writers:** Caroline Thompson, David Cronenberg  
**Director:** David Cronenberg  
**Starring:** Viggo Mortensen, Ed Harris, Maria Bello and William Hurt

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**Corpses Bride**

*By MICHELLE FORDICE*  
*Scene Critic*

"Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," the long-awaited follow-up for fans of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," sustains a sense of fun and accessibility, but isn't quite up to the high-minded Lord Barks. "Corpse Bride," though, recently reaches its artistic expectations and simultaneously provides a fun, if fleeting, evening's worth of entertainment to a varied group of moviegoers.

"The Corpse Bride" opens as a marriage is being arranged between Victor Van Dort (voiced by Johnny Depp), the son of wealthy fishmongers, and Victoria Everglot (voiced by Emily Watson), the daughter of bankrupt aristocrats. Despite several clumsy first attempts—"I'm not saying anything," Victor's part—they seem to have fallen in love by the end of their first meeting. Understandably, they want to properly recite their vows during the wedding, but end up running into the woods to practice.

There, he accidentally says his vows a few years too soon to Victoria, calling her "Little Miss Living," and Victoria tells his alter-ego skeletons to "play dead." The film's comic elements are some of its best and most charming attractions.

The movie is visually and textually as humorous as the humor. Though the score and the large group of characters both make Victoria and occasionally Emily — play add to the movie's appeal, the actual singing parts are at best uncomfortable. Otherwise, the film is forced, and while their straightforward fun may entertain the younger members of the audience, the older crowd will be less enthused.

Once again, Tim Burton's use of stop-motion animation, despite computer advancements, results in a quickly beautiful film. The worlds of the living and the dead are strikingly painted in very different colors that match their feel. Ironically, the land of the dead is filled with bright neon colors, while the land of the living is painted in muted grays and purples, reflecting the idea that only death or love can overcome the world's difficulties and trials.

The stop-motion animation itself provides an enjoyable and whimsical look to the movie that is often lost in the "perfection" of computer-generated images. Because they are animated, the characters' physical appearances become great reflectors of their personalities.

"Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," like "The Nightmare Before Christmas," does excel at remaining entertaining for audiences of all ages and types. The PG rating and fun storyline attracts kids; while the humor attracts older crowds and the artistry tempts film enthusiasts. With its mass appeal, quirky beauty and entertaining storyline, "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride" makes it well worth the price of admission.

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**Burton's 'Corpse Bride' surprisingly lively**

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Scene Editor

For the first time in years, the frontier of outer space was quiet.

With "Revenge of the Sith" recently finishing its triumphant blitz through the summer box office and "Star Trek: Nemesis" already three years removed from theaters, two of the most lucrative, beloved science-fiction franchises were suddenly silent.

Into that vacuum steps one of the most unlikely, but worthy, heirs to the science fiction throne — director Joss Whedon's "Serenity," a film that by all rights never should have been made.

Joss Whedon doesn't give up easily. Although "Firefly," a science-fiction show the writer/director developed for Fox, enjoyed a small but devoted fanbase, it was terminated mid-season by Fox executives who thought Whedon had a good shot at entering production in the first place. Based on Whedon's short-lived "Firefly" television series, "Serenity" is a big-screen sequel to a TV show that lasted only 11 episodes on Fox back in 2003. Fortunately, Whedon was able to sell the right to Universal, a studio willing to bankroll the 40 million dollars needed to test the film's flight potential.

And what a flight it is. The ragtag crew of Serenity, a cargo ship that floats between the far reaches of space, takes freelance jobs as they come, even if those businesses ventures aren't exactly legal. Their captain, Malcolm Reynolds (Nathan Fillion), is a hardened veteran of the war between the human and the Alliance, a galactic civil war. He leads his crew from job to job, scrapping together a living that enables them to keep flying.

Reynolds unknowingly harbors a pair of fugitives, the crew members of Serenity find themselves in the crosshairs of the Universal Alliance, the coalition that won the civil war. Suddenly, Reynolds and his crew can no longer free-float through space, as they elude a mysterious, ruthless Alliance operative (Chiwetel Ejiofor) backed by all of the Alliance's military might.

While intergalactic crusades are nothing new for a genre long associated with numerous "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" offerings, "Serenity" offers something many $100 million extravaganzas cannot — heart. The heart of "Serenity" — and the reason why it is so memorable — is its deep, charismatic cast.

Whether running from one threat to another, banging on for dear life in the film's numerous outer space skirmishes or arguing back and forth with pitiful baw­ler, the cast is clearly having a lot of fun with their respective roles and it shows on screen.

In one scene early in the film, Reynolds and his crew are in the process of robbing a bank safe as­soc­iated with the Alliance. After forcing their way into the practically empty safe, Zoe (Gina Torres') long-standing first mate, quips: "We're in the process of robbing a bank safe, and there's not a single customer in sight?"

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**DVD REVIEW**

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Scene Editor

"Firefly" doesn't give up easily. Although "Firefly," a science-fiction show the writer/director developed for Fox, enjoyed a small but devoted fanbase, it was terminated mid-season by Fox executives who thought they were cutting their losses early. Surprisingly positive sales of the "Firefly" DVD set allowed Whedon to whisk his characters away from Fox and convince Universal Studios to finance "Serenity," a big-screen sequel to his small TV project.

Looking back at the early episodes of "Firefly," it's easy to see why Whedon fought so hard to keep the show alive. Billed as Whedon's unique vision for the future, "Firefly" drugs vampires and demons for a roaring, high-spirited trip to the far reaches of outer space.

The scene is the vague future, and the destruction of Earth and the development of interplanetary travel have led to the colonization of various planets, yielding a unique hybrid lifestyle that is equal parts Western and science-fiction. The show follows an ensemble cast of nine characters, each with his own outlook on life aboard their interplanetary cargo ship, affectionately dubbed Serenity.

At the show's epicenter is Malcolm Reynolds (Nathan Fillion), a renegade soldier who was on the losing end of an interplanetary civil war. Firefly loyal to his crew, Reynolds guides Serenity below the radar of the Alliance, the unified central government that emerged victorious in that civil war, as the ship flies between the border planets.

Reynolds' ragtag crew includes: Zoe (Gina Torres), who served with Reynolds in the war and remains extremely loyal to him; Wash (Alan Tudyk), her self-depre­cating, witty husband and the ship's pilot; Kaylee (Jewel Staite), the ship's sunny, good-natured mechanic; and Jayne (Adam Baldwin), a tough, brash mercenary hired to help the crew's "business" enterprises.

With such a large, colorful cast of characters, "Firefly" has plenty to offer in terms of drama and story development. Indeed most of the show's produced episodes focus on expanding the background of each of the show's diverse principal characters. "Firefly" succeeds because Whedon frequently dips into the past of each character, mining a wealth of character development.

The DVD includes all 11 of the show's original episodes and an additional three that were never broadcast on Fox. Some of the standout episodes include: "Out of Gas," in which the spaceship loses power and the show's creators creatively use flashbacks to introduce how each of the ship's inhabitants came to join Reynolds' crew; "Ariel," an action-packed episode that shows how far Simon (Seson Ma­her), a young, rich doctor, is willing to go to rescue his sister; "River Summer Flash"; and; "Serenity," the three-hour finale episode, which introduces Reynolds and shows how he became a hardened leader after losing most of his friends during the civil war.

The special features for this box set are extensive. Seven episode-specific audio commentaries featuring various members of the cast and crew highlight how much work, sweat and love went into the show's creation. Also included are several features, including a fascinating 26-minute documentary that explores how the series was conceived and offers a look into the creators' difficulties in keeping the show alive.

"Firefly" is one of those exceptional shows that burned bright with a life span that was far too short. Fortunately, the release of "Serenity" in theaters has drawn more attention to this little-known gem. Every episode on the DVD is a reminder of why Whedon was so unwilling to let the show fizzle without a fight.

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**Firefly The Complete Series**

20th Century Fox

"Firefly," which was canceled after only 11 episodes, returns in the feature film "Serenity." The complete series is available on DVD.
The Longest Yard’ nearly goes distance

By MARK REMENDERDER Assistant Scene Editor

Remakes have become a staple in Hollywood these past years. They do well financially, as they appeal to fans as well as newcomers. However, they are almost universally panned by critics for not reaching the bar the previous movie set.

Fortunately, the remake of the 1970s classic “The Longest Yard,” directed by Peter Segal, proves to be a solid effort, both standalone and as a remake. It may not be incredibly deep, but it was also never meant to be. As a piece of pure entertainment, it succeeds admirably.

One of the traits that “The Longest Yard” has going for it is that it has almost as much star power as “Ocean’s Eleven.” Starring Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Nelly, Bill Goldberg, Tracy Morgan and a wealth of others, it proves to be worth watching for sheer screen charisma alone. Each actor is given more than a simple cameo, however. They all play important roles within the movie, to varying extents. Of those taking scenes with screen time compared to others, but that only works to heighten the enjoyment when comedic Tracy Morgan or Kevin Nash pops onto the screen.

The story at first almost seems secondary to the characters on the screen, but fortunately, it’s ultimately not. If there is any real concern, it’s that the movie is too short. A little more time could have been well spent developing each of the characters, but as the movie stands now the lack of background doesn’t hurt its flow.

The sound and video on the DVD are up to standards, meaning that they neither stand out nor detract from the movie. However, with the movie largely set in a prison, it’s unlikely the image quality could be much improved to any real effect.

The extras on a DVD that star this many personalities tend to go either two ways, often being a bare bones release. Fortunately “The Longest Yard” went the other way, with the extras filled as much charisma as the movie.

First Down and Twenty-Five to Life is one of the best features, as it shows most of the actors talking about their roles, the difficulties they encountered trying to act like real football players and what it was like filming in a desert, in a real jail. However, it also looks like the standard extra, so the video quality isn’t the greatest.

Another interesting feature, at least for non-athletes, is “The Care and Feeding of Pro Athletes.” Since many of the actors in the movie were actual football players, or at least athletic enough to be one, they had to be fed proportionate amounts. It is an interesting feature for those who never experienced the athletic appetite first-hand.

The other features are equally entertaining and informative, running the gamut from how producers made the hits look real to the computer rendered-tennis ball in the movie. It’s a decent inclusion for the computer aficionados out there.

Overall, the movie may not be the deepest, or around the most logical. But it wasn’t intended for that. It was intended to be a good, humorous football movie, at which it succeeds nicely. The hits look real, and the actors could pass for real football players, which is good enough for a lightweight film like “The Longest Yard.”

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Scorsese’s first masterpiece to be screened at DPAC

By BRIAN DOXTADER Assistant Scene Editor

“Loneliness has followed me my whole life,” everywhere says Travis Bickle (Robert DeNiro) midway through Martin Scorsese’s “Taxi Driver” (1976). “In bars, in cars, sidewalks, stores, everywhere. There’s no escape. I’m God’s lonely man.”

The film follows Bickle, an insomniac campaign worker, and his follow taxi career. Based loosely on John Ford’s seminal 1956 Western “The Searchers,” the plot begins to unravel as Bickle becomes obsessed with saving a young prostitute (brilliantly played by a 12 year old Jodie Foster) from her sleazy pimp (reliable Scorsese mainstay Harvey Keitel).

“Mean Streets” (1973) might have put him on the map, but it was “Taxi Driver” that really solidified Scorsese’s reputation as a director. He fills the film with indelible moments throughout, most notably in the famous “You talkin’ to me?” mirror scene. Like most of his films, “Taxi Driver” is discom­forting and disquieting, with many diffi­cult and shocking moments.

DeNiro is staggering­ly unrelenting in a role he has made his most famous role. Watching him as he self-destructs is fasci­nating and terrifying in equal measures. Yet, the other actors are equally up to par, especially Foster, who gives a com­peilingly bravura performance as the prostitute Iris.

Her iris as both nonchalant and vulner­able, com­paring against DeNiro for the acting Oscar. de Niro lost the act­­ing Oscar, which was posthumously award­ed to Peter Finch for “Network.”

The big winner of the year was John G. Avidson’s “Raging Bull.” If Sylvester Stallone competing against DeNiro for the acting Oscar and beating out Paul Schrader for a writing nomination seems absurdly un­believable, remember that he had not yet made such masterpieces as “Rambo: First Blood Part II” and “Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot.”

As for Scorsese, he went on to make “Raging Bull” and “Goodfellas,” while Avidson (the director Oscar winner of the year) went on to make “The Karate Kid Part III” and “Rocky V.” Ooms. Sometimes hindsight really is 20-20.

“Taxi Driver” is one of the most impor­tant American films of the 20th century and should not be missed.

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Red Sox black and after loss to White Sox
Yankees ride arm of Mussina to win over Angels in division series opener

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The White Sox got the winning runs. Five of them. Now, after such a powerful start, maybe it’s their turn to end a title drought.

So it was that the World Series champions with five homers — two by A.J. Pierzynski — crushed the Boston Red Sox 14-2 Tuesday in their play-off opener.

“It’s nice when you get a game like this, but we’ve played enough of the other ones to not expect this,” White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said. “I don’t think we really felt comfortable until we were up eight, ten runs.”

Pierzynski went the final month of the regular season without a homer, but his first one Tuesday — a three-run shot capped a five-run first inning that’s seven longer than the one good pitches to hit and I hit with out a homer, but his first comfortable until we were up eight, don’t think we really felt confidence on the South Side: 2004. Their Sox.

Then again, Boston has done fine overrunning Oriole deficits. The Red Sox rallied from 3-0 down to beat the New York Yankees in the AL championship series last year before sweeping St. Louis in the World Series for their first title since 1986.

They started that remarkable run last October after they were beaten 19-8 in Game 3 of the ALCS.

That was a long time ago, Boston manager Terry Francona said. “It’s a different team. I’ve got so many times that last year doesn’t matter. What matters to this team is how we bounce back.”

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Wednesday at U.S. Cellular Field with Chicago’s Mark Buehrle facing Boston’s David Wells.

The White Sox got their first playoff victory since 1993, and the home opener felt much like a raucous, towel-waving crowd of 40,717 delirious as they roughed up Clement.

“Disappointing, no excuses, I pitched bad,” Clement said. “I threw bad pitches. They hit them.”

Yankees 4, Angels 2

Mike Mussina pitched better as soon as rookie Robinson Cano claimed his second American League series win on an early lead. Just like that, the right-hander wasn’t as concerned about his tender elbow.

Mussina pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning, Cano lined a three-run double in the first and the Yankees beat Bartolo Colon and the Los Angeles Angels in Game 1 of their AL division series Tuesday.

“This is only the third time I’ve been to the mound since I had three weeks off,” said Mussina, who missed much of September because of a flexing elbow. “One was good and one was bad, so I didn’t have any idea what to expect. The two extra days off certainly helped me.”

Mariano Rivera saved it for the Yankees, who looked completely fresh — even after a cross-country trek on the heels of a seven-game road trip to end the regular season. They traveled west late Sunday, one day after clinching their eighth consecutive AL East title with a victory over the rival Red Sox in Boston.

“We’ve been playing important games for the last month or so now,” Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. “It doesn’t matter whether we’re home or on the road.”

Darin Erstad’s RBI single cut it 4-2 to the ninth, only the 10th run to cross for Boston since July.

hideki Matsui — prompting a
day later, Boston manager Terry Francona went to the mound to take out ailing starter J.A. Happ.

Rodriguez on five total pitches

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In the 2004 AL championship series last year before

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**An Associated Press story:**

ST. LOUIS — Reggie Sanders, Chris Carpenter and the St. Louis Cardinals looked every bit like the best team in baseball — even with a shaky end.

San Diego played as poorly as its record suggests for most of the day. And now, with ace pitcher Jake Peavy out for the postseason with a broken rib, the Padres might be overmatched.

Sanders hit a grand slam and set an NL division series record with six RBIs. Carpenter pitched six scoreless innings before being pulled as a precaution and the Cardinals built a big lead and held off the Padres 8-5 Tuesday in Game 1. "It's huge," Sanders said. "Let alone getting one RBI in a game — even with a shaky end." 

"It's not over, we've got a long way to go," Sanders said.

Facing a team that won the West despite an 82-80 record, the Cardinals — who led the majors with 100 wins — opened an 8-0 cushion in the fifth inning against Peavy. He pitched with an injury that worsened in the third and was taken to a hospital after allowing only 4 1/3 innings.

An MRI showed one broken rib on his right side and the possibility of a second break. A Padres spokesman said the day. And now, with ace Carpenter out for the postseason with a broken rib, the Cardinals might be overmatched.

"We're playing a tough team," Sanders said. "As you can see, they fought to the last out." 

Mark Mulder will oppose San Diego's Pedro Astacio on Thursday in Game 2 of the best-of-five series.

Jim Edmonds helped St. Louis with a home run, double and single. Eric Young had a pinch-hit homer in the eighth for San Diego and an RBI groundout in the ninth.

"It's not over, we've got a long way to go," Sanders said.

Carpenter was 21-5 with a 2.83 ERA — only five points behind Ryan Franklin in the NL in the regular season, driving in 10 runs in the last six games and allowing three times in the final four.

Against Peavy, Sanders had both of the key hits. His two-run single off the glove of diving first baseman Mark Sweeney put the Cardinals ahead 4-0 in the third, and his groundout with Edmonds in mid-July. Sanders rediscovered his stroke in the final week of the regular season, driving in 10 runs in the last six games and allowing three times in the final four.

"It feels nice to get zeros and win a game," Carpenter said. "You go out there to execute pitches and give your team a chance to win and I was able to do it all day." 

The Padres had 13 hits, but four straight Cardinals batters reached safely with one out in the third as the Cardinals scored three more times.

A bases-loaded wild pitch by Peavy that defied logic was the dirt allowed one run to score and Sanders' infiel'd hit drove in two more.

In the fifth, the Cardinals reached the 20-win mark with one out. Edmonds began the rally with a sharp ground-out Peavy's glove. Albert Pujols singled and Larry Walker walked to set up Sanders' grand slam. The Padres had 13 hits, but eight came in the last two innings.

"I think anytime you're down eight runs and you end up getting the winning run at the plate, I think that shows a lot of character and heart of the club," Bochy said. "They were battling to the end." 

Khali Greene had a sacrifice fly off Cardinals reliever Brad Thompson in the 10th inning and Young homered off Randy Flores to start the eighth. Mark Loretta and Brian Giles had RBIs singles in the ninth.

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**NFL**

San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith throws a pass in an Aug. 13 preseason game against the Oakland Raiders. Smith was promoted to the starting quarterback position for the 49ers over Tim Rattay on Tuesday.

**Smith gets starting QB job in San Francisco**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Overall No. 1 draft pick Alex Smith was promoted to be the San Francisco 49ers’ starting quarterback on Tuesday, ascending to the job after just four games as Tim Rattay’s backup.

Smith will make his first NFL start on Sunday against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts at Candlestick Park. The former Utah star played in two of the 49ers’ first four games, mapping up in losses to Philadelphia and Arizona.

“I feel that Alex gives us the best chance to win, and I believe he’s ready,” San Francisco coach Mike Nolan said. “Tim has handled everything very well, but at this time in the process, I believe it’s time to get Alex in the game. . . . At 1-3, we didn’t draft Alex to just sit him on the bench. At 1-3, I believe we need to begin to utilize him.”

Rattay completed 57.7 percent of his passes this season for 627 yards, five touchdowns and six interceptions. He compiled impressive statistics in a season-opening win over St. Louis and a last-minute loss to Dallas. But the 49ers’ offense has been mostly terrible, with stark deficiencies in time of possession, total yards (1,589-993) and points (133-76) — and Rattay has been shaky and indecisive in the fourth quarter, when San Francisco has been outscored 48-6.

The 49ers managed just 168 total yards in last Sunday’s 31-14 loss to Arizona in Mexico City. San Francisco’s offense was shut out by the Cardinals, though Smith went 6-of-10 — his first NFL completions — for 34 yards after Rattay was pulled in the fourth quarter.

Smith was the 49ers’ starter in their first two exhibition games, but he struggled to move the offense. His throws frequently were hurried and inaccurate, and he still was learning the intricacies of the West Coast offense.

Nolan gave the starting job to Rattay, Jeff Garcia’s longtime backup who had an impressive preseason. The seventh-round draft pick started time games in 2004 while recovering from three injuries.

At the time, Nolan said it important not to be “wisty-wash” with the decision so Rattay could play without fear.

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**IN BRIEF**

Leinart hurt by late hit against Arizona State

LOS ANGELES — Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart’s black beard disguised evidence of the seven stitches he needed after briefly being knocked out of the game against Arizona State.

His feelings about the late hit by Robert James, however, were quite apparent Tuesday.

“I don’t understand the philosophy of cheap shots, but I’m not one to talk about that,” Leinart said. “Maybe people do want to knock out a quarterback from what I’ve accomplished. It’s just normal.”

He went to the sidelines for a few plays in the first quarter of Saturday’s 38-28 comeback victory by the No. 1 Trojans (4-0, 2-0 Pac-10). Arizona State coach Ick multimedia late apologized to the Heisman Trophy winner.

“He was the only one, though,” said Leinart, who acknowledged that he was a little taken aback by the hit.

Tigers sign Leyland to manager’s position

DETROIT — Jim Leyland was enjoying his leisurely life working as a major league scout for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 60-year-old could’ve been content with his managerial career that included a World Series title, two NL Manager of the Year awards and three division championships.

But he wasn’t — so Leyland accepted the challenge of trying to turn around the Detroit Tigers.

Detroit signed Leyland on Tuesday to a three-year contract to replace manager Alan Trammell, who was fired a day earlier after three seasons.

Leyland found he was regretting his last experience as a manager six years ago in Colorado more than he was reminiscing about leading the Florida Marlins and Pittsburgh Pirates.

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**Hart resigns as general manager of Rangers**

ARLINGTON, Texas — John Hart stepped down Tuesday as general manager of the Texas Rangers, clearing the way for 28-year-old Jon Daniels to become the youngest GM in major league history.

Hart’s resignation came two days after the Rangers finished 79-83, their third losing season in four years under Hart and their fifth since winning their last AL West title in 1999.

Hart, whose teams won six division titles and twice went to the World Series in his last seven years in Cleveland ending in 2001, will be replaced by Daniels, who at 28 years, 41 days, is about 10 months younger than Theo Epstein was when he became Boston’s GM on Nov. 22, 2002.

Daniels was promoted from assistant GM and Hart will remain a team consultant.
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And he said the main part of his job during such a hot streak is to make Quinn work to do what he does best consistently.
"I think there are a lot of things Brady has done well and you just continue to remind him of what he needs to do to have that consistency," Vaas said.
"Trust me, it's not rocket science, it's just very little things now and then. Brady just continues to practice and practice...and as a result he becomes more consistent."
Vaas' experiences with coaching in the NFL and in college are memory banks for his current coaching style. Since the sixth grade, Vaas said, he wanted to be a coach. As he lives that dream, he constantly is reminded of his own development as a football coach and a football mind.
"Growing up, I watched (Boston Celtics coach) Red Auerbach a lot on television, watched the Celtics games or whatever it may be, so it's been an ongoing process," Vaas said. "When people say you're a student of the game, you're also a student of your profession. You watch different coaches on TV conduct interviews, you watch different coaches with practices, you ask questions."
He feels privileged to have one of the most well-respected quarterback tutors in the nation in Weis coaching along with him and teaching him new aspects of the game.
"One of the exciting things for me to come here was to learn from Charlie and to see how he interacts with the quarterback."
Vaas said, "So when that happens, it's a learning experience for me and I relish that opportunity."
Vaas has coached many quarterbacks since taking his first job as running backs and quarterbacks coach at Allegheny College in 1974. But he was wary of naming a favorite.
"I don't want to insult anybody else along the way, but right now Brady is my favorite. Because he's the one I'm with," Vaas said.
Note: • Seven Irish assistant coaches will be on the road recruiting Thursday and Friday. Weis, Vess and tight ends/assistant special teams coach Bernie Parmalee will remain in South Bend to be Weis' "skeleton crew," as the head coach described it Monday, for Thursday's practice.

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defender Judith Kaczmarek ran back to inside the 10-yard line as the clock expired.
In the game as a whole, there were no Braves turnovers and seven sacks — three by Cavanagh and four by Lyons. Lyons also was active on Buffal on every down, forcing surefire passes by Cavanagh, and to contain the stellar Chaos running game effectively.
more than was the best game we've played so far this year," Lions coach John Harrington said. "It showed we have some serious talent. If not for a few bad breaks, we could have won.
Next week Cavanagh will face Howard, while Lyons will take on Walsh.
Lewis 18, Badin 9
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Walsh, Howard 0
The Walsh Wild Women, behind quarterback Mary Sullivan, won two games in a row and is jumping off to a good start for the rest of the season.
Sullivan was also able to connect with Marie Brenner and Laurie Wasikowski for several key contributions.
Walsh has a really quick quarterback who is also a good athlete on the move, "Vaas said.
The Eagles were able to drive the ball twice within the Wild Women 5-yard line but were unable to turn their offensive performances into points.
"We had a couple of tough breaks on offense with those drives,' Vaas said. "Some passes were just unable to turn their offensive performances into points, "Plis said.
Despite the tough season for the Eagles, the team is still hopeful looking ahead to next year.
"We're looking for next year with one of four seniors coming back and a lot of underclassmen who really came together and improved as the year wore on," Campbell said.
The Wild Women, meanwhile, look ahead to a difficult playoff schedule and seek to hang tough against a strong field of competitors.
"We're definitely optimistic about the playoffs and we're hopeful to give ourselves," Campbell said.
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Lang. "They all seemed to want it for Lewis quarterback Katie Rose Walsh Tuesday night at Riehle West Field.
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL --- GOLD LEAGUE

Durant dominates as Farley stops BP

By ADAM FONTANAROSA
Sports Writer
Farley beat Brown-Phipps 19-6 Tuesday night at Stepian Field in a hard-fought battle as two first-half touchdowns by the Babes sealed the win.
On the opening drive of the game, Farley quarterback and captain Katie Piek found junior wideout Breee Darnar for the first Farley touchdown. After the Farley defense forced a punt, Piek came back to throw another touchdown pass to Duran. Following an interception by a Brown-Phipps defender back, it looked like the Babes might have a chance to make a late charge before halftime, but time expired before they could complete the drive. Farley missed both conversions and the score stood at 12-0 at the half.
Brown-Phipps opened the ball in the second half and the ensuing drive was the only one where the Babes offense seemed to find success. After a long, penalty-sustained drive, the Brown-Phipps quarterback hit a Babes wide receiver for a touchdown. After a missed conversion, the score was 12-6 still in favor of Farley.
Two drives later, however, the Finest came back strong as Pepik threw her third touchdown pass of the game, this time to another junior receiver, Annie Parrott. The first successful conversion for either team followed and pushed the score to 19-6. Brown-Phipps did get two more opportunities to put points on the board but drives ended with the Babes turning the ball over on downs.
The difference in the game seemed to lie with the play of the passing game for both teams. Farley's wide outs dominated the BP defense, grabbing three touchdown passes and catching numerous balls, while the Babe offense was plagued by dropped balls and overthrown passes.
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Note: A Badin runner runs tries to avoid the tackle of a Howard defender during the teams' 6-6 tie Sunday.

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The Crusaders
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The Crusaders have played a daunting early-season schedule and come through it fairly unscathed. They played No. 21 UCLA back-and-forth before falling 25-30, 30-21, 30-24, 24-30, 9-15. Before that, they fell to No. 4 Wisconsin in a tight match, 23-30, 21-30, 22-30. The Crusaders are 2-0 against Big East opponents this season. They defeated DePaul and Villanova. The team will also play Marquette later this season.

"I think the challenge for us is that they are a really well-balanced offensive team," Brown said. "And that makes it a little tougher to stop when they've got five hitters that all take a decent amount of swings, as well as their setters are pretty accurate -- and pretty offensive also." After playing UCLA and Wisconsin tough, the Crusaders will be gunning for their first upset of a ranked team this season. They'll be trying to end a streak -- a losing streak against ranked teams. But, at the same time, they'll be trying to keep their winning streak against Big East opponents alive.

Though the Irish fell 3-2 in last season's early regular season match, they played the Crusaders in the NCAA tournament and won, 3-1.

While the Irish have played four straight road matches and have four more road matches to go after tonight's home match, they're fully aware that this time, home could be more difficult than the road. Their preparation has been satisfactory as Brown said they had a good practice today and a helpful film session. Brown said.

"That was good for us," she said. "It was good to look at some film and get a good idea of some of the offensive patterns that they run." Though this is a mid-week, non-conference match, Brown and her players realize they're in for a challenge.

When asked if her players are taking Valparaiso lightly or as a break from Big East play, she didn't hesitate.

"Not at all," Brown said.

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Middle blocker Lauren Brewster (32) and setter Ashley Tarutis (8) combine for a block in a Sept. 25 win over Seton Hall. The Irish will look to avenge last season's loss to Valparaiso this year.

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Virginia, Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said the team has been finding its stride.

"I think guys are just starting to gel," Clark said. "We lose five starters from the previous year, it takes a little while before they really start to believe in themselves. I think we're making progress in that." After finishing a four-game homestand with a record of 2-1-1, Notre Dame plays at Marquette today before returning to face Connecticut.

It is currently in a four-team tie for third place in the Blue League of the Big East Conference with Connecticut, Seton Hall, and West Virginia.

Although Marquette is 1-3-1 in the Big East and seventh in the Blue League division, it could be a formidable opponent.

"We're playing a team that is very well-organized and consistently, apart from its game against Connecticut, has really conceded very few games," Clark said. The Irish left for Wisconsin on Tuesday. Clark said his team was prepared for this game like any other.

"We look at game tape, and we talk to people who have played Marquette," he said. "We'll watch game tape tomorrow morning at practice, discuss some of the things ... that would be it."

Marquette has given up 12 goals in nine games, but six of those scores came in a blowout loss to Connecticut on Oct. 1. The team is 3-1-0 at home and has not lost to the Irish since 1988. However, the teams have not played in 15 years.

Clark is confident going into today's contest.

"I think it will be a good test, but every game on the schedule is a good test," he said, noting that the Big East is traditionally one of the strongest conferences in the nation.

"It's one of the hard things but it's also one of the good things," Clark said. "You go into every game knowing you have to play to your potential because if you don't it could be tough ... there're no easy games on our schedule."

Against West Virginia, the Irish led three times but gave up an equal number of goals and were unable to score in overtime. Joe Lapira notched a goal and two assists for his first career four-point game, while midfielder Nate Norrman has been a force in the front, tying Lapira for a team-high three goals.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Tough challenge looms before trip

Saint Mary's will face Adrian tonight then play nine road games

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Finishing a season with nine of the final 10 matches on the road would frighten most coaches.

Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek doesn't see this schedule as a problem.

"We're a better team on the road," she said.

Saint Mary's begins a long stretch of away matches beginning tonight with a 7 p.m. game at Adrian. The Belles have played six consecutive home matches over the past three weeks, completing 8-3 record.

 Schroeder-Biek thought her team could benefit from getting away from distractions involved with playing at home.

"There are home game pressures that you don't face on the road," she said. "You can't control as many things on the road, though. It's just a different challenge for our team."

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SMC SOCCER

Kalamazoo too quick for Belles

Belles defender Shannon Culbertson, left, strives for the ball along with Hornets forward Aliza Caplan. Saint Mary's fell to Kalamazoo Tuesday, 3-0.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

They came within a fingertip of mounting a late comeback, but the Belles could not put the finishing touches on a hard-fought game, losing 1-0 at home to Kalamazoo Tuesday.

The Hornets knocked off the Belles in an intense mid-season MIAA match up and dropped Saint Mary's to 5-3 in conference play and 6-5 overall.

The Hornets scored their lone goal a mere five minutes into the game when Kalamazoo midfielder Sarah Armosky slid the ball past Saint Mary's goal-keeper Laura Heline for the score. Saint Mary's head coach Caryn Mackenzie described the play as a breakdown in the backfield due to a lack of communication.

The Belles' best scoring chance came when attacker Mandy Thomson received the ball above the goalkeeper's box in the wanning minutes of the second half and pivoted to shoot. Her shot arced high and was headed for the back of the net, just below the crossbar, when Kalamazoo goalie Jennie Smith jumped and managed to brush the ball up over the goal with her fingertips.

The Belles got down in the opening minutes of each period and were forced to play catch-up for a majority of the first and second half. They pressured well, and contained the ball in the Hornets' zone in an attempt to capitalize on one of their many scoring chances.

"We came out pretty flat and they took advantage, then they put it in the net," Mackenzie said. "For the next 85 minutes we spent time spinning our wheels trying to figure out how to put the ball in the back of the net. We just couldn't do it."

Despite a consistent attack aimed at the Hornets' goal, the Belles did not get another scoring chance similar to Thomson's in the remaining regulation time.

Lauren Hinton came within inches of tying the game, as well. The freshman attacker received a pass up the middle from midfielder Carrie Ivey and turned to boot a hard shot on net. The ball sailed just over the crossbar, though, leaving the Belles scrambling to get back in the game.

"I just thought it was a very physical game; it suited their style of play and not necessarily ours," Mackenzie said of the game's rough play. "You have got to respond, whatever the situation is and it was on our home field. We just really didn't step up and do that today."

Heline kept the Belles within striking distance during the second half by making several sliding saves. The Belles tallied 14 shots while Kalamazoo fired just six shots at Heline.

Saint Mary's will next play at noon Saturday at home in a rematch with rival Hope.

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FOOTBALL

QB coach Vaas plays key role in Quinn's development

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

There are a few secret ingredients to Notre Dame's passing success. And one of those ingredients is named Peter Vaas. Vaas replaced previous quarterback coach David Cutcliffe in the offseason when Cutcliffe resigned for health reasons. And though Charlie Weis is a higher-profile quarterback teacher, the head coach notices Vaas' positive influence on his thriving starter, Brady Quinn.

"I have total confidence that [Quinn] is being coached by an upper-level person," Weis said in Monday's press conference about his attitude during practice. "It frees me up from having to worry about what [Quinn] is going to do if I am not there."

Since 2000, Vaas has been the head coach of both the Cologne Centurions and Berlin Thunder in NFL Europe. Earlier in his career, he coached running backs and quarterbacks at Notre Dame in 1990 and 1991, respectively. Now, the return to South Bend has been a welcome homecoming of sorts for Vaas. As the man working closest on a day-to-day basis with the quarterbacks, he has worked behind the scenes as Quinn has amassed career- and program-high numbers — 65.3 completion percentage, 1,621 yards passing, 13 touchdowns and just three interceptions.

Quinn is raising eyebrows with his play, but Vaas said he is not surprised with the quarterback's success. He is pleased.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL—BLUE LEAGUE

Chaos continues

Cavanaugh remains undefeated, handles Lyons in 13-6 battle

By JAY FITZPATRICK, GREG ARBOGAST and JASON GALVAN
Sports Writers

Even though Cavanaugh won Tuesday night's game against Lyons at Riehle West field, 13-6, the Lions can claim a small victory — they stopped the Chaos' streak of consecutive shutouts at four.

With time running out in the second half, Lions quarterback Kim Murphy threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Meghan Reagan to end the streak.

Despite ending their shutout run, the Chaos improved their record to 5-0 and remained the only unbeaten team in the women's Blue League.

Cavanaugh put the nail in the coffin just before halftime when Chaos defensive back Aislinn Doyle Intercepted a Lions pass and ran it back to the 7-yard line before finally being tackled. Despite losing six yards on a sack by Bridget Trainor, Chaos quarterback Izaia Bower found receiver Tara Brown in the end zone to make the score 13-0 before half.

The first touchdown came on Cavanaugh's first possession of the game when Bower threw a 19-yard pass to Nancy Powsa. After failing to score on fourth-and-goal late in the game, the Lions defense stepped up and fared the vaunted Chaos offense. The Lions forced a punt and got the ball back inside their own 20-yard line.

After driving to midfield, Reagan caught the ball at about the Chaos 35-yard line, broke free from the Cavanaugh defenders and outran the rest of the defense to make the score 13-6.

Just before the half, Lyons showed some promising defense with an interception that Lyons

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish refusing to take Valpo squad lightly

Notre Dame hoping to avoid a repeat of last season's upset

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Even after a long run against top-ranked teams and solid Big East foes, the No. 10 Irish don't think they are getting a break tonight when they take on Valparaiso at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Not after losing last season's regular season match against the Crusaders or after seeing the way the Crusaders have played so far this season.

"I think they basically have the same team that they had last year," coach Debbie Brown said. "They have a new libero and a new defensive specialist. Their hitters are the same. Their setter is the same, and they're very experienced. "They're very comfortable playing with each other." Valparaiso enters the match with a 14-3 record.

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Saint Mary's at Adrian

The Belles start stretch of road games tonight against the Bulldogs.

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Kalamazoo 1
Saint Mary's 0

Sarah Arnozky scored to lead the Hornets past the Belles Tuesday.

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NHL

No. 1 draft pick Alex Stalock has been the starting quarterback for the arena's game Sunday against the Colts.

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St. Louis 8
San Diego 5

Reggie Sanders led the Cardinals with six RBIs, an NL division series record.

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MLB — AL PLAYOFFS

Chicago 14
Boston 2

The White Sox hit five home runs on their way to a rout of last year's champions.

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MLB — AL PLAYOFFS

New York 4
Los Angeles 2

Mike Mussina pitched six scoreless innings to lead the Yankees.

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