While the Student Senate's proposed $15 increase in Notre Dame's student activities fee to implement the College Readership Program provoked debate last week, fee increases have been fairly standard procedure during the past 10 years. The current $80 fee was set during 2002, according to the 2004 University Factbook. This was a $15 increase from the previous $65 fee. In 1998, the fee increased from $55 to $65.

The Academic Affairs committee presented this data alongside statistics tracking the annual tuition percentage increase and annual inflation rate at last Wednesday's Senate meeting to explain why an increase in the student activities fee is necessary. "It is important to note that inflation has picked up in the past four years," the committee's conclusion said. "Inflation has decreased the buying power of student groups and organizations by about $5 since 2002." The current inflation rate, cited by the U.S. Department of Labor as 3.0 percent, has increased steadily since the 1.6 percent rate in 2002. The rate has been a factor driving past fee increases, which have always faced debate.

In 2002, Senate rejected a fee increase that proposed an initial $10 increase accompanied by five subsequent yearly $5 raises. After facing backlash about the need to help cash-strapped clubs, Senate approved the one-time $15 increase, which went through the Campus Life Council and Vice President of Student

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Some colleges outpace others in research

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series examining the presence and future of undergraduate research within different colleges at Notre Dame.

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Science
Undergraduate involvement in research is relatively common in the College of Science, according to associate dean Mitchell Wayne. Wayne said a number of students sign up for research credit and are involved in some capacity in faculty laboratories. Wayne also said some students are funded through faculty grants.

"We strongly encourage students, especially students who think they are going on to graduate school, to do research," he said.

Assistant professor of physics Philippe Colin said about 25 percent of physics majors are "involved in one form or another in active undergraduate research.

Wayne said the college is talking about developing a new position to coordinate all of the research opportunities available to undergraduates, perhaps through a database. He also said the department does not have "a continuing means of support" to fund students who attend conferences or present their work.

Wayne said he and other members of the college are very supportive of University President Father John Jenkins' emphasis on increasing undergraduate involvement in research.

He's money: Vaughn and company fill Stepan

Comedy show sells out, entertains students

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

The Stepan Center was wild with laughter Saturday night as actor Vince Vaughn brought four acclaimed comedians and three special guests to campus for a sold-out two-hour "Wild West" comedy show.

Vaughn emceed the event, which began with Ahmed Ahmed, a comedian originally from Egypt who joked about his difficulties as an Arab American — especially in terms of getting on an airplane.

Following Ahmed was the first guest of the night, producer Peter Billingsley. Billingsley played Ralphie Parker in the 1983 film "A Christmas Story" and is one of Vaughn's best friends. The two acted out a scene from an ABC After School Special they acted in together, in which a young Vaughn confronts Billingsley about steroid abuse.

Sebastian Maniscalco then took the stage and generated big responses with jokes ranging from shopping at a luxury store to having a "text message war.

Vaughn's second guest was

SMC to offer new programs

College introduces two abroad options

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students with an itch to travel have two new opportunities to do so this year — for class credit.

In addition to the 15 semester, summer, and year-long study abroad programs already being offered at the College, students can now choose either the Comparative Women's Studies in Europe — provided by Antioch College in Ohio — or Business Internships in the European Union.

"Saint Mary's is very gradually and thoughtfully expanding study abroad options to best meet the needs and interests of our students," said Elaine Meyer-Ferris, director of International and Intercultural Learning at the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWILL).

Astrid Henry, coordinator and assistant professor for Women's Studies at the College and the director of the Women's Studies in Europe option, said students who are enrolled in the fall-based program will travel to four or five different countries, studying with feminist scholars and activists from each.

The program, which began at Antioch College in 1994, was approved for Saint Mary's in spring 2004 by the CWILL International Study Committee and the Curriculum Committee. It examines the trends and
INSIDE COLUMN

Students at Notre Dame, particularly during midterm, rarely have enough time to watch the news — so it is not surprising that the student body is not entirely aware of the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Stan in Central America the last few days. The footage of Guatemala and El Salvador, replayed in the news, is reminiscent of Hurricane Katrina except the victims this time around are farmers and villagers, and the homes destroyed were not located along Bourbon Street, but on the Central American countryside.

More disastrously, though, these homes were not made of concrete, but rather of mud and clay. Hurricane Stan, though not as potent as Katrina, has had an equally devastating effect, as the infrastructure in these countries is not designed to resist a hurricane.

After a week of incessant rain, the streets of San Salvador are flooded, partly because the city’s drainage system dates back to 1920, and has not received significant maintenance since.

Houses are built irresponsibly, proponents say, along hills and mountains that may pose the threat of mudslides. In 2001, two earthquakes caused the side of a hill to collapse, burying an entire neighborhood.

The tragic scene repeated itself in 2005, when a mudslide in Guatemala came over the Mayan village of Punahaj like an avalanche. Physicians are likely to declare the site a mass grave, as they expect all 1,400 of the village’s residents to be dead.

Mayan Indians place great importance on the proper burial rituals of their loved ones, but once again, they are powerless in the face of a natural disaster that has already claimed their homes and crops. In El Salvador, more than 60,000 people have lost their homes and work.

Hurricane Katrina is still fresh in the memories of Notre Dame students, and these challenges, as we have just contributed to, bear a similar resemblance. The truth is that the Guatemalan and Salvadoran people need as much help — and as urgently — as the residents of New Orleans did.

This is not the time to dwell in our efforts to provide a helping hand to those who need it.

The earthquake that took the lives of 20,000 Guatemalans over the weekend is yet another painful reminder that our responsibility of solidarity to those less fortunate.

There will be fundraisers for both the South Asian and Central American victims in the coming days, and if one were to come across any one of them outside the elevator in LaFortune or at the USC game, one should spare no expense.

I, too, am a college student — perpetually broke — but I can spare a dollar or two, and though it may not seem much at first, it will eventually add up to a significant amount if everybody else also contributes a dollar or two.

Open up your wallets, Notre Dame. Because the wrath of Mother Nature did not end in Louisiana, and there are still thousands of people who desperately need help.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO OVER THE FOOTBALL BYE WEEKEND?

Dan Reynolds
Senior
Morrissey
"I just went and had fun."

Jeff Schaal
Senior, RA
Morrissey
"I was on duty and I busted that guy."

P.J. Duckworth
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OFFBEAT

Looking for missing giant cow

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — A full-size fiberglass cow was swept from a Chick-fil-A billboard overlooking an interstate in eastern Virginia.

"It’s kind of funny," said a spokesman for Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A Inc. "But it’s still a crime."

Tuesday, workers for Adams Outdoor Advertising noticed that one of two black-and-white cows had vanished from the 50-foot-high billboard along Interstate 64 in Chesapeake. It’s the first time Chick-fil-A has lost a local cow, though about a dozen have been stolen in other parts of the country. Authorities have been notified. The cows cost $3,000, which makes stealing them a felony.

Keith Krause of Adams says he can’t figure out how someone stole the $3,000-pound cow.

But Krause joked about a possible suspect, since the Chick-fil-A billboards often have cows painting a self-serving "Eat Chikin" message.

"Could this be a case of first love?" he asked.

Newlyweds met while facing hurricane

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Talk about a whirlwind romance.

Howard Cheenover and Julie Morgan met at a staging area for evacuees of Hurricane Katrina beside Interstate 10 after floodwaters forced them from their New Orleans homes. They got to know each other on a bus ride to a shelter in Houston.

They got married on Sept. 19 in Lake Charles, La., where a relative offered them a place to stay until Hurricane Rita closed in.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An Oktoberfest Run/Walk will be held at Saint Mary’s today to support breast cancer research. Registration begins at 4 p.m. in front of the Angela Athletic Facility. The race begins at 5 p.m. There is a minimum $5 donation to register for the race and shirts are also available for $10.

The Straight and Gay Alliance will sponsor a panel discussion focusing on "The Process of Coming Out" today at 5:30 p.m. in Dalloway’s. Lesbian and bisexual alumni and current students will discuss sexual identity and the campus environment as part of the "National Coming Out Day" festivities.

Welsh Family Hall will honor Hispanic Heritage Month today with a talk on "Immigration and Social Justice" by Associate Director of Latino Studies Allert Brown-Gort. The lecture is open to the public and will take place at 8 p.m. in Welsh Family Hall’s lounge.

Dr. Richard Jackson, professor of environmental health at UCB School of Public Health and former director of CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health and Health Officer for California, will give a lecture titled "Urban Sprawl and Public Well-Being." New Urban Planners and Architects are Health Leaders" today from 4:30 p.m. to 6. The event will be held in the School of Architecture Auditorium in 104 Bond Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
By ALICIA CONLEY  
News Writer

With the proposed rise in student activities fees, some students may wonder where their hard-earned cash will be going each year — but the Club Coordination Council (CCC) can account for that money.

The CCC controls University funding for clubs and regulates which clubs receive club status and which do not. Council president Beth O'Shaughnessy said the CCC's biggest responsibility is to distribute student activities fees to clubs.

"Once a year, in the spring, clubs apply for funding for the next year's operations," O'Shaughnessy said.

Student activities fees, which make up the funding the Council gives to clubs, "come from tuition, fundraisers and donations, but the biggest portion comes from The Shirt," O'Shaughnessy said.

Of the hundreds of thousands of dollars raised through the selling of The Shirt every year, the CCC gets a percentage. The rest of the proceeds are distributed to the Rector Fund, which helps students with unexpected expenses and activities fees to clubs.

Molosky handles the financial side of the CCC's activities — or as he put it, "making sure people's budgets are correct."

The busiest time of the year for the Council is during allocation season, during which clubs request the money they will need for their next year's activities. The allocation process is very time-consuming and demanding for Council representatives, and starts fairly early.

"In February clubs submit a budget and a list of officers so we know who to contact," O'Shaughnessy said. "They list what they spent through that academic year and what they want to spend in the next year." Division Chairs then meet with the club and then report back to the entire Council and say how much funding they want overall.

Molosky then attends a meeting of the Financial Management Board (FMB) with the other student organizations on campus and based on what the Division Chairs have told him they need requests a certain budget for the Council. The FMB, which allocates the money, tells Molosky how much it can afford to give to the Council.

O'Shaughnessy takes this number back to the Council, and the money is then divided up among the divisions, which split it among their own clubs.

Last year, for example, the Council asked the FMB for $349,000 and received $283,000. As president, O'Shaughnessy said she feels her biggest task is representing clubs to the Financial Management Board.

Clubs can also make appeals to the Council during the year for loans and money for unexpected expenses and activities they were not planning on doing during allocation season. For example, "the figure skating club appealed for funding to go to nationals," O'Shaughnessy said.

CCC representatives hold office hours so "club leaders can come with questions and the representatives can help them find answers," O'Shaughnessy said.

"There's lots of paperwork involved in holding an event, and it helps to have someone there to go and ask." In order to be a University-recognized club, a group has to meet certain requirements, Molosky said. Groups applying for club status are given a small amount of money and then put on probation for a year. After a year they are voted on by the Council, and if they are approved they receive club status.

Some clubs get more money than others. For example, Circle K and Habitat for Humanity get a larger share of the money because they are big groups and sponsor many activities, Molosky said.

O'Shaughnessy said some clubs do not receive any money from the University, but "maintain club status for access to resources that aren't necessarily financial." For example, club status enables a group to rent out space for activities that other organizations do not have access to.

"The allocators are the busiest time of the year for the Council," O'Shaughnessy said. "The busiest time of the year for the club is meeting certain requirements, and the biggest task is represented to the Financial Management Board."

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actor Justin Long, known for his roles in films such as "Juno," "Galaxy Quest" and "Dodgeball," Vaughn called two students from the crowd to take their best dodgeball shots at Long, who used his best efforts to avoid all attempts but one. The two actors then proceeded to take on scenes from Vaughn's breakout film, "Swingers," with Long playing Trent (Vaughn's character) and Vaughn playing Mike (Jon Favreau's character).

Ohio native John Caparulo and New Jersey Italian Brett Ernst rounded out the comedic lineup, putting unique spins everywhere from dogs to the bar scene to roller-skating.

Vaughn's final guest was Keir O'Donnell, a non-profit strategist for Todd Cleary, a homosexual patient advocate. At a special interest in Vaughn's character, Cleary was the 45 box office smash "The Wedding Crashers.

Vaughn coaxed O'Donnell into painting crowd-suggested images, which came as "Booty Call." Vaughn signed the final painting, entitled "Celebration," and gave it to a member of the audience after acting out the "Celebration" scene in which the "Celebration" painting plays a major role.

Vaughn brought the night to a close himself, leading the audience in a karaoke performance of "Sweet Caroline.

According to Student Union Board (SUB) Manager Jimmy Flaherty, there were about 1,900 people engaged in that sing-along -- judging by the number of songs in the event, a vast majority of which went to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

SUB and the Student Activity Council made the show possible. According to Flaherty, the show was essentially a rental to a promoter doing a tour. The Student Activities Office negotiated the rental fee to offset the costs of production. "It's a way to do events like this," Flaherty said, "because it takes the financial risk and they negotiate it." In other words, neither Student Activity nor SUB turned any profit from the event, as all ticket sales went to the promoter.

"It was structured as a break-even proposition from the University's standpoint as we provided a service to the student body by bringing in a large name performance," Flaherty said.

There isn't much doubt that Vince Vaughn is a big name after films like "Old School," "Dodgeball" and the year's top comedy, "Wedding Crashers." However, Vaughn has forgotten where his film career started. The echoes of "Rudy" chants are still alive and well at Notre Dame. Flaherty said, "We were all in a conundrum with that film was staying so popular. The reason why the show was possible at all is that just worked out to come here due to Vaughn's tie-in with Rudy, Flaherty said.

Notre Dame's location also helped make the show possible, as the stop before Notre Dame was Chicago and the stop after is Milwaukee.

The promoter establishes the schedule for the tour and obviously routes the tour appropriately so that they aren't zigzagging across the country," Flaherty said. "The date became non-negotiable from our end since the availability of a venue was limited and even still the logistics were tough with Relay for Life being the night before on the same campus. SUB volunteers were able to get in there early and... prove that Notre Dame is a great place to work. While it has been quite a while since a similar show with such a high profile has come to Notre Dame ("Hardball" with Chris Matthews filmed here in 2003), Flaherty says students have many more to anticipate.

"SUB is always looking for events like this," he said. "We have been successful in attracting students in the past and I'm confident the campus will have more fun soon.

"We have had enough work seems to have paid off, as the response from Student for Undergraduates (SUB) are very positive," Flaherty said.

"It was kind of expensive, but it took a while," he said. "It is more difficult in this field so in science and engineering.

At the same time, Nichols did stress that some students have been directly involved in faculty research. For example, a former student in associate professor of management Rob Jenkins' research in information management was active in professor learned in class about general business data to help out on a research project in the biostatistics department.

"Business students don't [initially] get to think about things like curing malaria," Easley said. "Skills they have learned locally, they are providing to other departments.

"One of the benefits of marketing Elizabeth Moore funded undergraduate summer to assist her with a project on the connection between marketing and child health. Two undergraduates are continuing her study," she said. "A former student and recent graduate Galan Bowman co-authored a paper with Academic Year's initiative." Easley said. "Skills they have learned locally, they are providing to other departments.

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undergraduate research.

"As a college we are thrilled to be part of [University President] Father John Jenkins speak about this," he said. "We have been pushing this since four years ago. He is experienced enough to know that these things do not happen automatically.

Business

William Nichols, associate dean in the College of Business, said opportunities for undergraduates to become involved in faculty research are less common in business than in other colleges.

"I agree that increasing undergraduate research is something that we would like to think about... but it is going to take a while," he said. "It is more difficult in this field so in science and engineering.

As a result of last year's SUB initiative meeting, Nichols said the College of Business has committed to faculty research, there is no formal funding agency such as there is in the College of Arts and Letters.

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"We will react to Father Jenkins'... important initiative," he said. "We will do everything possible to meet that initiative... we just have to brainstorm," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Poultry slaughter begins in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey — The slaughter of thousands of domestic fowl in Turkey, the first since a H5N1 strain of bird flu was first detected in the country last November, began Sunday as a precaution against the spread of bird flu after both countries confirmed their first cases of the disease over the weekend.

In response to the outbreak, military policy set up roadblocks at the entrance to a village near Balkesir. A two-mile radius was quarantined as veterinarians and other officials began destroying poultry at two turkey farms.

It was not clear how many animals would be destroyed, but the Anatolian news agency reported that authorities had slaughtered 600 out of 2,500 turkeys on one farm by noon Sunday.

Another farm — including pigeons — and stray dogs in the village would also be killed as a precaution, said Nihat Pakdil, under-secretary of Turkey's Agriculture Ministry.

U.S. death toll reaches 200 in war

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American soldier stepped on a land mine in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday amid an easing sense of concern.

The soldier, who later died, was among 84 soldiers killed at the large highway project in the state of emergency Sunday and called in 1-70 will be rebuilt beginning next year in a massive cargo helicopter project.

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The largest highway project in the United States is expected to kill tens of thousands of motorists and 200,000 people killed, and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz told CNN about 43,000 people were injured.

Pakistan's worst-ever earthquake wiped out entire villages, buried roads in rubble and knocked out electricity and water supplies. The death toll stood at 20,000 and was expected to rise.

In this devastated Himalayan city, covered by snowshoe in the street, and villagers used sledgehammers to break through the rubble of flattened schools and homes seeking survivors.

The quake on pounded city's哭了哈mad Public School. Soldiers with white cloth tied around their mouths and noses pulled a small girl's destroved body from the ruins, while the body of a boy remained pinned between heavy slabs of concrete.

The United Nations said more than 2.5 million people need shelter after the magnitude-7.6 earthquake along the Pakistan-India border. The office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Relief said it urgently needed 200,000 winterized tents.

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NEW YORK — A reported plot to bomb city subways with remote-controlled explosives has not been corroborated after days of investigation, low-enforcement officials said Sunday amid an easing sense of concern.

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Scholarship program fails to yield graduates

Three-fourths of participants drop out each year

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A state scholarship program that helps thousands of students go to college each year is losing three-fourths of them before they can graduate.

Seventy-five percent of the students who reach college under the 21st Century Scholars program do not finish with a degree despite having all tuition and fees paid for, the Indianapolis Star reported Tuesday.

Vermna Thornton, 24, of Gary was one of them. After a bright start at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, her grades slipped after she moved off campus to save money, ended a relationship with a man she had dated through college and struggled in advanced math.

"I didn't have any outlet or anybody to talk to," Thornton said.

Since 1995, 25,000 students have gone to college under the 21st Century Scholars, which offers financial assistance to lower-income students who pledge, among other things, to keep their grades up and remain drug-free. Indiana spends $19 million a year on the effort.

The scholarships more than triple the odds that a needy student will graduate from college. Without the scholarships, researchers estimate the graduation rate would be 7 percent, the Star reported.

"Four-year schools are beginning to realize it's not enough to get people successfully in the door," said Martha Lankin, president of the private Lumina Foundation, which focuses on education. "You also have to work with them in college to help them stay in college."

Educators are trying to find new ways to help students stay in school, including pairing incoming scholars with their older counterparts.

"No one is showing them which path to go," said Demetrees Hutchins, an IUPUI graduate student who works with scholarship students. Consequently, "you get a lot of scholars who drop out."

Former Gov. Evan Bayh proposed the 21st Century Scholars program in 1990, and state lawmakers passed it into law that same year.

"We do think whoever wants to get a paper early enough will be able to... And the academic value brought by the papers will be transmitted throughout the student body."

"As someone who doesn't read the paper, I'm not excited about paying more, but then again my parents are paying so I don't think I would notice much," junior Steven Kurtz said.

"I'd say the student activity fee increase is important," Kurz said. "It's good and [the program's goal]."
Mittal Steel picks Chicago over IN

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mittal Steel Co., the world’s largest steel producer, announced it selected Chicago for its U.S. headquarters and will open its office here by January, officials announced Friday.

The company said 212 employees will move into a high-rise now under construction in the downtown business district.

Los Schorsch, CEO of Mittal’s U.S. division, said the company chose the city in part because of its law and audit firms and its proximity to two airports — “Chicago is ideally located for a global company.”

Of course, the company also has to deal with the city’s unions, nationally-ranked business schools and proximity to airports that allow it to fly to emerging markets such as Asia.

The city also stands to benefit from the move, said Paul O’Connor, executive director of World Business Chicago, a not-for-profit economic development corporation.

“Chicago is ideally located for a global company like this,” said Daley, who pointed to the area’s well-educated workforce, nationally-ranked business schools and proximity to airports that allow travel non-stop to cities throughout the country and the world.”

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Dell files for bankruptcy

U.S. auto industry could face drastic changes; UAW asked to accept major pay cuts

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Delphi Corp.’s bankruptcy could reshape the face of the U.S. auto industry, ratchet­ ing up the pressure to reduce cheaper auto parts overseas and forcing more companies to cut wages and benefits, industry analysts and autoworkers said Sunday.

Delphi, the largest U.S. auto parts supplier, said Monday that it is seeking a Chapter 11 bankruptcy re­organization, a record 14th consecutive quarter with losses for the Detroit-based company. It is the fourth quarter that could cause con­cern among auto suppliers about whether they can remain profitable or survive in part because of the bankruptcy, expected in 2007, its Delphi’s labor union leaders later this week.

Delphi’s bankruptcy, which is expected to result in plants closing, will not be the first time Delphi has had to refile for bankruptcy. The company’s labor agreement with its Delphi’s bankruptcy, which is expected to result in plants closing, will not be the first time Delphi has had to refile for bankruptcy. The company’s labor agreement with its Delphi’s bankruptcy, which is expected to result in plants closing, will not be the first time Delphi has had to refile for bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy could change the face of the industry, said Mittal Steel Co. since 2002 and worked for auto supplier Guide Corp., the world’s largest American steel producer.

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Such a change is sorely needed, McFevis said.

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Dozens flee fast-ravaged Mayan towns in Guatemala

Five days after Hurricane Stan's landfall in Central America villagers end search for survivors, hundreds still missing

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY — Dozens of foreign tourists fled devastated lakeside Mayan towns on foot and by helicopter Sunday as Guatemalan officials said they would abandon community efforts to recover bodies buried by landslides and declare them mass graves.

Villagers who had swarmed over the vast mudslides with shovels and axes digging for hundreds of missing gave up the effort Sunday, five days after Hurricane Stan made landfall on the Gulf of Mexico coast, bringing torrential rains before weakening to a tropical depression.

More than 640 people died and hundreds more were missing across Central America and southern Mexico after a week of rains. In hardest-hit Guatemala, 519 bodies had been recovered and buried. Some 338 were listed as missing.

"There will no longer exist," said Mayor Diego Esquinas, referring to the Mayan lakeside hamlet in Guatemala covered by a half-mile-wide mudflow as much as 15 to 20 feet deep. "We are asking that mudflow as much as 15 to 20 feet be considered as a mass graveyard.

Many of the missing apparently will simply be declared dead, and the ground they rest in declared hallowed ground. About 160 bodies have been recovered in Panabaj and nearby towns, and most have been buried in mass graves.

Vice President Eduardo Stein said steps were being taken to give towns "legal permission to declare the buried areas" as hallowed ground.

Attention turned to aiding thousands of hungry or injured survivors as helicopters — including U.S. Blackhaws and Chinooks — fanned out across Guatemala to evacuate the thousands of villagers trapped in mudslides and mudflow.

On Sunday, as aid workers reached the most remote areas, they learned that a mudslide had buried a storm shelter in the town of Tacaná, about 12 miles from the Mexican border, where about 100 people had taken refuge from rains and mudflow.

Thirty-seven bodies have been dug from the shelter since the mudslide hit Wednesday, and 52 people were still missing, said Jorge Hernandez of the country's civil defense agency.

Thousands of hungry and injured survivors mobbed helicopters delivering the first food and aid to communities that have been cut off from the outside world for nearly a week. Some continued digging, along Guatemala's Pacific coast have been cut off for almost a week, and when aid helicopters finally arrived Sunday, hungry and desperate villagers grabbed wildly at bags of flour, rice and sugar.

As some foreign tourists worked shoulder to shoulder with Mayans in traditional cotton blouses and broad sashes to dig for missing victims, others hiked around mud-choked roads or boarded government helicopters in the second day of evacuations from the area around Lake Atitlán.

Helicopters went to the nearby town of San Andres Semetabaj to fly out an estimated 20 Scandinavians trapped since mudslides cut off the area several days ago. About 30 more tourists were hiking out of the lakeside town of Panajachel.

"We got about 400 (tourists) out last night, and were expecting more today," said Solomon Reyes of Guatemala's Tourism Ministry.

In some areas the arrival of the Guatemalan military overwhelmed authorities. Villagers in Panajachel refused to allow in the army because of memories of a 1991 massacre there during the country's 36-year civil war.

But U.S. military helicopters from Joint Task Force Bravo based at Joint Base Air Base in Honduras joined the rescue efforts with a half-dozen Blackhawk helicopters and one Chinook transport helicopter, running flights through dense clouds and heavy fog.

"We're still in search-and-rescue mode," said Army Maj. Bob Schmidt. "We're in the saving life and limb thought process.

The U.S. craft delivered some medical supplies and personnel and evacuated children needing medical care.

In El Salvador, authorities reported 71 deaths from the rains, after two people where swept away by flood waters in San Salvador on Saturday.

The rest of the dead were scattered throughout Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and southern Mexico.

Mexican President Vicente Fox visited devastated Chiapas state Sunday as floodwaters began to recede.

"That important thing is that the worst is over," Fox said. "Now comes the reconstruction.

Pope hails anti-Nazi bishop as courageous example

VATICAN CITY — A German bishop known as the "Lion of Munich" for his courageous anti-Nazi sermons during World War II took a step on the road to sainthood when he was beatified Sept. 12 and described as "heroic courage" of Clemens August von Galen.

The pope came to the basilica at the ceremony to give churchmen, public officials and pilgrims who came from Munich and elsewhere in Germany, "his personal consideration of von Galen and he praised the "heroic courage" of Clemens August von Galen and described the churchman, who condemned the Nazi regime, as an example of the "true witness to the faith in the Church of the century."

Von Galen, who joined the Church's list of the "blessed" through his beatification, dedicated himself to "defending the rights of God, of the Church, of man, which the national socialists (Nazi) regime violated in a grave and systematic way, in the name of an abhorrent, neo-pagan ideology."

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Funeral tradition continues
Procession returns to hurricane-ravaged streets of New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — This city’s historic jazz funeral procession returned to debris-lined streets Sunday to honor a famous chef who died last month in Atlanta, where he had evacuated after being rescued from Hurricane Katrina’s floodwaters.

More than two dozen people carrying black and white photos of a smiling Austin Leslie marched down the streets of the devastated Seventh Ward in New Orleans, celebrating the life of the native of whose Chez Helene soul food restaurant inspired the television show “Frank’s Place” in the 1980s.

Leslie, 71, was rescued from his home two days after Hurricane Katrina and went to Atlanta to be with relatives. He died Sept. 29 after falling ill. An autopsy report was pending.

A brass band started Sunday’s procession with a spiritual hymn, “A Closer Walk With Thee,” which was followed by dancing, singing and the waving and twirling of yellow umbrellas.

Ston “Pammy” Barrett, the owner of Pammy’s Creole Kitchen in New Orleans, the restaurant where Leslie had last worked and where the procession ended, said “going to march into New Orleans and dance him into heaven is a best way to honor his memory.”

The group made several stops, including the former location of Chez Helene, dancing past debris and garbage that remained along the streets six weeks after Katrina flooded the city.

It’s going to get back to normal eventually. We’re going to bring the life back.”

Dinerral Shavers
snares a drum player

As the procession made its way toward the Backstreet Cultural Museum on the outskirts of the French Quarter, the few residents who have returned home came out of their houses and joined in the jubilation by dancing, clapping and singing.

Mildred Matthews, 79, was swaying on her front porch waving a fly swatter in the air as they passed.

“You all come back to New Orleans,” she yelled.

Grahen Banks, a member of a local social club leading the procession, said the scaled-down funeral was a first step toward restoring New Orleans’ jazz heritage.

“This is how we do it. We aren’t closed. Tell your friends,” he said.

But Jason Berry, an author who has written a history of New Orleans music and is working on a book about the history of jazz funerals in the city, said the city’s musical establishment still has a way to go before returning to its pre-Katrina status.

“On a sentimental level, one can’t help but be delighted,” he said. “It certainly speaks about the endurance of the art form of jazz and the funeral traditions associated with it.”

“Until all the musicians are back, and until the brass bands as a community gather and begin to play funerals on a regular basis, I don’t think it’s fair to say that New Orleans has regained that cultural territory that was so rich and beautiful.”

A similar jazz funeral for Leslie was held Friday in Atlanta.

Holocaust Museum faces financial trouble

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The nationally acclaimed America’s Black Holocaust Museum is struggling financially, due to its inability to find an executive director and lagging attendance, officials say.

The nearly 20-year-old museum has gone from having a working capital of $1.1 million a few years ago to not having enough money to operate.

“We’re putting together a whole new board,” one of its key functions has been grant-writing.

Since her departure, the museum has been led by a string of interim directors working on month-to-month contracts.

“We are now working to re-establish relationships with donors,” said Marty Stein, museum board member.

One of the first of its kind in the country, the museum explores the struggles of blacks in America from slavery to the present time. It was founded in 1988 by James Cameron, who, in 1930, survived a lynching mob in his hometown of Marion, Ind.

Over the years, the museum has hosted a number of high-profile exhibitions, including the “A Slave Ship Speaks: the Wreck of the Henrietta Marie,” which brought in 75,000 visitors in 1999.

“It was wonderful and things were really bountiful,” said Marty Stein, a philanthropist who recently joined the board.

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A laughing matter

Modern-day Americans, on the other hand, perhaps still suffering from the same sick-to-the-butt that we inherited from our Puritan ancestors, have coined asinine phrases like "but a laughing matter" and "it would prevent people from joking their way through life's hardships." The woman on the Southwest Airlines flight, for instance, was only coping with the hardship of living in an imaginary democracy when a few self-important individuals had to take that coping mechanism away from her.

Simply put, America has become about as funny as a bad case of the clap. For starters, take a look at what we're watching on television. Of the 20 most popular shows this season, according to the latest Nielsen ratings, 14 are dramas that have something to do with crime, crime scenes, crime scene investigations, law, order and order, emergency rooms, deserted islands, or, most frightening of all, female presidents. The rest consists of reality shows, Monday Night Football and only two comedies. Americans are watching two comedies—one of which isn't even funny and only gets its laughs by catering to the latent sexual longings of repressed suburban housewives. No wonder a few airplane passengers couldn't handle a little old F-bomb! Their favorite TV shows have them so paranoid over dirty bombs, suicide bombs and car bombs that they simply could not rationalize the possibility of—God forbid—laughing at a bomb.

What happened to the classic situation comedies that Americans knew they "must see" on Thursday? So that their lives never becam e as humorless as an issue of the Irish Flower? Sure, being able to watch Seinfeld every week probably would not have helped people cope with losing their children in a war in Iraq or losing their possessions in a hurricane, but it might have at least allowed some Americans to open their eyes to the fact that the little things in life are most definitely a "laughing matter."

In my experience, the only time it becomes socially acceptable for people to laugh at life's tragedies is when they're drinking— and that's just unacceptable. If people are going to make Hurricane Katrina jokes or tsunami jokes or Sept. 11 jokes or Jesus jokes in the middle of a game of flip cup (we've all heard them), they should make these same jokes while they're sober. Maybe that's why so much of America, especially its college campuses, has a drinking problem— the only place where one can find true laughter and humor anywhere is hovering upside down over a keg of Keystone.

Consequently, from this day forth, I propose a lifting of the ban on laughter in America. Instead of constantly worrying about who will take offense to a joke, start wondering how many people's day you can make by cracking the joke. Instead of the conservative establishment calling upon our moral values to force us to constantly morn over any and all tragedies, start smiling a little and being thankful that the tragedies were not even more tragic and destrucive.

As the playwright George Bernard Shaw once said, "Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh.

In our short lives on this world, it can never be "too soon" to laugh.

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The show mustn’t go on

For many years, my favorite TV show has been "The Simpsons." I’m sure this is the case for many.

As someone who was raised in 1989 or 1987 if you count the shorts on "The Tracey Ullman Show," The Simpsons have been on the air for more than half my life.

The thought of The Simpsons - the show that once made me laugh at its very existence - has now turned into a memory. Without a doubt, the show has run its course. But the end of The Simpsons has me feeling a sense of loss for the show that once held a special place in my heart.

At a time when TV shows are typically cut off after 10 seasons, The Simpsons have managed to stay on the air for almost 30 years. However, with the show’s recent decline in quality, it’s become clear that it’s time to let the show go.

Over the years, The Simpsons has been praised for its creativity and for pushing the boundaries of what TV shows can do. However, in recent years, the show has struggled to maintain its quality, and its popularity has declined.

The show has been criticized for its writing, its characters, and its plotlines. The shows have been written by a team of writers who have been working on the show for decades, and it’s clear that they are running out of ideas for new stories.

Despite the show’s decline in quality, there have been some moments where the show has managed to deliver great episodes. However, these moments are few and far between, and they are not enough to keep the show going.

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‘Wings’ descends on audiences’ senses

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Under the direction of Mark Pilkinton, the Notre Dame Department of Film, Television, and Theatre’s presentation of Archibald Koop’s “Wings” is an assault on the visual and audible senses that, though often difficult to understand, strongly depicts the feelings and thoughts of its main character, Emily Stilson.

“Wings” allows the audience to look into the mind of someone suffering through a stroke and its aftereffects. After her stroke, the elderly Stilson suffers from aphasia, the partial or total inability to speak or understand speech as a result of brain damage. She also suffers from confusion over where she is. She is bombarded with questions after she has a stroke and begins to suffer from aphasia, a condition that impairs the ability to speak or understand words.

Stilson is left in a state of utter confusion as to where she is and what is happening, forgetting even her own name. Stilson returns to half-remembered parts of her past — times with a son whose name she cannot remember, her mother’s death, and most of all her life as a pilot and “wing-walker,” one of the men and women who would perform tricks on the wings of their bi-planes — in a desperate attempt to reclaim control over her reeling mind.

“Wings” opens with a very simple set consisting of no more than a recliner, table, clock and book. Throughout the play this simplicity is layered upon with light, sound and multiple sets to create a confusing storm of information that beautifully reflects Stilson’s own state of mind. Live dialogue is doubled with recordings, multiple sets of actors simultaneously depict the same characters in different places on stage and the stage is layered with curtains and red and white light. The play is divided into four parts, but it is hard to discern between them. The audience is denied an intermission, allowing the play to continue without break and envelop the watcher.

There is often so much going on that the audience has to work to understand what is happening. Though this complexity would be considered a negative aspect in most plays, it only serves to emphasize Stilson’s own struggles in “Wings.” “Wings” does occasionally allow the audience a release from its depressing subject matter. There are a few humorous moments, such as when upon realizing no one understands her for the first time Stilson declares, “I’ve been put in with the deaf!” More importantly, sometimes Stilson does remember her past and often delights in her days of freedom in the skies. From the beginning, she claims that though “she doesn’t know how,” things “could be far worse.” Stilson and the other patients make slow advancements, often losing as much ground as they regain, but every once in awhile they take joy in recapturing the ability to say the words that we take for granted.

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The sets used in “Wings” are simple and uncluttered, so a variety of lighting methods are used. The light reflects the inner anguish and confusion of Stilson.

Doctors and nurses attempt to help Stilson and other patients who suffer from the loss of language abilities. The patients achieve small but significant gains.

The audience constantly paying attention and trying to discern what is going on, the sequoial assault of “Wings” successfully allows the watcher to glimpse into the mind of someone stuck in a state of confusion and loss, producing within the audience sympathy and understanding for the play’s protagonist.

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"Wild West Comedy Tour" wildly funny

Actor Vince Vaughn takes his comedy ensemble on a 30-day tour from Hollywood to the Heartland and makes a stop at Notre Dame

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

Vince Vaughn, best known for comedies like "Old School" and "Dodgeball," proved his comedy skills on stage at Stepan Center on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Wild West Comedy Show

Starring: Vince Vaughn, Bret Ernst, John Caparulo, Ahmed Ahmed and Sebastian Maniscalco
Venue: Stepan Center
Date: Saturday, October 8

Vince Vaughn even brought out Peter Billingsley, who played Ralphie Parker in "A Christmas Story." Billingsley is currently producing "The Break Up," Vaughn's next film project, but the pair worked together many years ago in a low-budget after-school special. Vaughn entertained the crowd with a few hilarious clips from the special on steroid abuse.

While the opening acts and skits were impressive, most of the laughter for the night was generated by the four comics. Putting together diverse routines, Ernst, Maniscalco, Ahmed and Caparulo had little trouble keeping the audience engaged. Each comic received a warm introduction from Vaughn before proceeding with a 15 to 20-minute routine.

"I thought the show was well done and most of the comedians had great material," sophomore Joe Runde said. "[Vaughn] seemed pretty relaxed and I liked his material."

No topic was off limits, as everything from cell phones, iPods, techno music, ethnic stereotypes, airport security and world politics found their way into the comedians' routines. The comics dug into various topics, both commonplace and bizarre, in performances that showed why they were hand-picked by Vaughn to perform in front of sold out shows around the country.

"[Vaughn] seemed pretty relaxed and it seemed like he had good relationships with the other comedians," Runde said. "They worked well together."

While wrapping up the evening's events, Vaughn thanked the crowd for his enthusiastic reception, and promised that it wouldn't be the last time in Notre Dame for the now world-famous filmmaker.

And just to rile up the crowd one final time, Vaughn encouraged a win for the Irish against Southern California — words that would have fit right in to the small football film where Vaughn got his start.

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Belles play with confidence, split two conference matches with By RYAN KIEFER

A 1-1 record this weekend at the Olivet Invitational looks like two wins to Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek.

The Bellies lost a five game classic to Albion 30-22, 28-30, 30-27, 30-15, 15-13 before rebounding to defeat Olivet in four games, 31-29, 30-24, 29-31, 30-27.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team played a lot smarter in both games, showing vast improvement from last Wednesday's loss at the hands of Adrian.

"We competed very well out there today," Schroeder-Biek said. "Unlike last week, we jumped out to a lead and we kept it, especially in the fourth games of those matches. We didn't dig holes for ourselves."

Kristen Playko led the offense for the Bellies in the Albion match with 19 kills, while setter Amanda David had a match-high 47 assists.

Despite the loss, Schroeder-Biek thought her team played very well.

"We could have won that match," she said. "It was very close. We were in control in that fourth game, and it was close into the fifth. We had a couple controversial calls in there, as well, but they didn't decide the match. Overall, we played very well, and we know we can win that match.

The loss was just the second for the Bellies in six five-game matches this season.

The Olivet match marked the beginning of the second half of the conference season for the Bellies. Schroeder-Biek has emphasized the importance of the second half, especially her team's need to make adjustments to teams they have already faced. The Bellies lost to Olivet at home three games-to-two earlier this season, but a determined effort by Saint Mary's, especially in the fourth game, made sure this match's outcome would not mirror the first.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team's resilience showed in the Bellies' second match of the day.

"We didn't play our best [against Olivet], but the girls saw that they could pull it together and get back on track when things are not going well," she said.

The Bellies showed their ability to respond with their first four games. The 30-12 score was the largest margin of victory by the Bellies in conference game this season.

Michelle Turley led the Bellies against Olivet with 18 kills. David recorded another solid performance with 46 assists. She also hit at a 50 percent clip and recorded nine blocks.

The Bellies record stands at 9-12, 3-6 in the MIAA, Saint Mary's is in sixth place in the conference standings.

This year, the team returns to the court Tuesday for its final home match of the season against Adrian. The Bulldogs soundly defeated the Bellies in three games last week.

Despite the result, Schroeder-Biek feels good about her team's chances Tuesday and for the remainder of the season.

Kristen Playko, left, and Shelley Bender attempt a block in a Oct. 1 loss to Bethel College.

"They played nine games better than we did and they worked so hard," she said. "That's what we have to do in the second half. We need to work harder than we did the first half of the season."

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Chris Burke hits a homerun to beat the Braves in the 15th inning, advancing the Astros to the NL Championship series. The game lasted 5 hours and 50 minutes, setting the record for the longest postseason game in history.

Astros defeat Braves in 18 innings

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens and the Houston Astros gave a whole new meaning to the word "longevity." The 43-year-old Rocket came out of the bullpen to rescue the Astros and Chris Burke ended the longest postseason game in baseball history with a home run in the 18th inning, lifting Houston over the Atlanta Braves 7-6 Sunday and into the NL championship series. "I'm sure proud of the guys," Clemens said. "It's been a lot of work for us. How 'bout the kid?"

Standing next to Clemens, the 25-year-old Burke was beaming. "I'm just glad I could do my part," Burke said. "It was mentally draining." The Braves took a five-run lead in the eighth, and were poised to send this first-round series back to Atlanta for a decisive Game 5 Monday night. Instead, Lance Berkman hit a grand slam in the eighth and Brad Ausmus tied Game 4 with a two-out homer in the ninth barely beyond Gold Glove center fielder Andrew Jones' outstretched glove. Then, at 6-6, the Astros and Braves began the real endurance test that wound up lasting 5 hours, 50 minutes. The previous longest postseason game also occurred in Houston — the New York Mets clinched the 1986 NLCS with a 16-inning win at the Astrodome.

When Burke hit the homer, Clemens was in the dugout tunnel with Craig Biggio, the 39-year-old second baseman who has spent his entire career in Houston. "We were like two tired old men walking out of the tunnel, and then we were like two kids having a good time," Clemens said. "We were holding each other up."

With Clemens pitching three scoreless innings in his first relief appearance since 1984 — and this time aiming for a poor start in Game 2 — the Astros advanced to play the St. Louis Cardinals in the NLCS starting Wednesday night at Busch Stadium. "If he comes in a game like that, you know it has to be important to him," Jones said. "He was going to try not to make any mistakes, and he didn't. He pitched great." Clemens gave up one hit and struck out four, setting up the first NLCS rematch.

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In Brief

Martin rescues from crash, gets win at Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Mark Martin bounced back from a costly crash with a dominating victory Sunday at Kansas Speedway, keeping the veteran racer's slim championship hopes alive.

But to get the 35th victory of his career and stay in the hunt for the Nextel Cup, Martin had to hold off his teammates. A lot of them.

Martin and teammate Greg Biffle led Rough Racing's sweep of the top three spots, and Roush cars took four of the top five. It was the 46-year-old Martin's first since Dover in June 2004.

But the last laugh might belong to Tony Stewart, who finished fourth and extended his Chase lead from four points to 75. It was Stewart's 15th top 10 finish in the last 16 races. Biffle, another of the 10 drivers in the 10-race Chase, passed Stewart for second place 30 laps from the end.

Indiana Pacers struggle with injuries at training camp

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal sat out Sunday's practice with a right thigh bruise, but said it is not serious and expects to play against New Jersey in Tuesday's preseason opener.

O'Neal attended the Pacers' annual FanFam at Conseco Fieldhouse, although he didn't participate in the 20-minute scrimmage. Jeff Foster and David Harrison also sat out the scrimmage with nagging injuries.

"We just thought it would be a good idea to lay off of it today," he said. "It was the perfect situation for me to rest my leg and get right back at it tomorrow (Monday) at practice.

Harrison, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, has been bothered by a pain near his ribs on the right side of his body, and Foster is still recovering from arthroscopic hip surgery.

Woods beats Daly in playoff at American Express

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a photo­ nomenal display of power between golf's two biggest sluggers, Tiger Woods outlasted John Daly in the American Express Championship because of a 3-foot putt.

Woods made up two shots over the final three holes Sunday to force a playoff, then won on the second extra hole when Daly three-putted for bogey from 15 feet on the 18th, badly pulling his short par putt.

"I just played that second putt straight, and it went left," Daly said. "It wasn't meant to be."

It was a somber end to a riveting afternoon along the shores of Lake Merced, where some 20,000 fans crammed along the fairways and cypress trees were treated to 350-yard drives and drama rarely seen this side of a major.

Woods closed with a 3-under 67 and won the American Express.
Saint Mary's takes fourth place at Benedictine

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

History repeated itself Friday, as the Belles turned in another impressive finish at the Eagle Invitational in Lisle, Ill.

Becky Feauto led Saint Mary's to a fourth-place finish in the 25-team race hosted by Benedictine University.

Feauto's time of 20:16 was her second best five-kilometer time this season, placing her No. 16 individually in the race, her best finish of the year.

Junior Sara Otto was second for the Belles, just two spots and four seconds behind Feauto.

The Belles finished fifth in the tournament last year and fourth in 2007.

"Notoriously, we've done very good here," head coach Jackie Bauters said before the meet.

Otto said the course itself helps the Belles' times there.

"I just really like the course," she said. "It just seems to go by quicker.

Bauters herself led the Belles in 2003 with a 17th-place finish en route to the team's best finish that year.

"It was a very exciting," Otto said. "The team was really pleased with how things went."

Junior Katie White continued her solid running in the meet for a third straight season, finishing third for the Belles in the tournament. White finished fifth for the Belles as a freshman and fourth last season.

Her 20:58 five-kilometer time was her second-best time in the JK this season, and she finished No. 32 individually.

Two freshmen rounded out the top-5 for the Belles. Kelly Biedron continued her strong running in her first season, placing No. 37 in the individual field. Her time of 21:20 was five seconds faster than Caitlin Stevenson's 40th-place time.

"We're getting to midseason, so everyone is pushing themselves the best they can," Otto said.

The Belles entered the tournament hoping because of their past strong performances in the race, as well as results from the beginning of this season. Reigning Eagle Invitational champion Northern Illinois finished behind the Belles last week at the Sean Earle Lakefront Invitational. What's more, Bauters reorganized the team's racing groups before the meet to maximize the performance of some of her improving runners.

"We've been... trying to re-pack some girls because some of them have made some improvements and need to move up," Bauters said.

Though Northern Illinois defended its meet crown, Bauters' strategy worked well, as more than half a dozen Belles posted their best place finish of the year Friday.

The Feauto-Otto tandem have been finished No. 1-2 for the Belles in each of the team's five races this year.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team wins a pair of games this weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

It took the Irish 95 minutes to light up the scoreboard for the first time against Rutgers Friday, but they eventually broke through.

The weekend soccer season was enough to lead Notre Dame past Rutgers 1-0 in a thrilling Big East overtime match.

Five minutes into sudden death, junior Sara Otto led the back from the left flank to freshman Brittany Rock at the top of the box. Hanks received the one-time pass from Rock and blasted the game-winning shot into the right side of the goal.

The Irish dominated the game statistically but failed to capitalize on any of their 10 shots on goal during regulation. Notre Dame attempt 14 shots during overtime and committing 10 fouls compared to Rutgers' lone penalty.

Hanks led the Irish offense with three shots (all on goal), and the Irish defense stood strong, preventing Rutgers from mounting any serious offensive onslaught.

But the Irish defense made up for the offense. It posted its eighth shutout of the season in a 1-0 victory over the Scarlet Knights.

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Team controls Head of the Rock

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

On Sunday afternoon, the Notre Dame women's rowing team turned in a dominant display of team depth in the Head of the Rock Regatta in Rockford, Ill.

Against opponents including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Purdue and Iowa, the Notre Dame team had three boats finish in the top 10 of the open eight event.

The team entered only three varsity boats into the event, and each of those three posted a top 10 finish.

Notre Dame's first varsity boat took third place behind Wisconsin and Minnesota, with its second varsity boat placing sixth and its third varsity boat placing 10th.

Along with the three varsity boats, Notre Dame also entered two novice boats in the race, which saw 28 boats in total compete.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 10 Notre Dame chalks up wins over Connecticut, St. John's

By T O M D O R W A R T
Sports Writer

Their streak has reached seven. All weekend victories over St. John's, 3-0 in Connecticut and 9-8 in Big East, the Irish improved to 14-1 overall and 5-0 in the Big East. Notre Dame's hitting percentage skyrocketed in the Sunday overall and 5-0 in the Big East.

The Irish accumulated 240 points, 40 more than second place Marquette, who won all but three scored events.

The meet consisted entirely of relays, a format designed to ease teams into the season and make the transition to college competition easier for young athletes like Higgins.

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Riggins led Irish to victory in home Relays

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Representatives from the CIA's analytical arm, the Directorate of Intelligence, will be interviewing for analyst positions in Chicago during the week of November 14th. Analysts work on the forefront of protecting national security, quickly assessing how rapidly changing international events affect the nation's interests.

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For additional information, and to apply online, please visit www.cia.gov. Successful applicants who have submitted their resume by October 17th will be contacted to attend an information session and arrange a local area interview.

The Irish, along with No. 6 Louisville, are one of the two unbeaters in Big East play.

All six matches on the road, the Irish will be home this week for practice before traveling to DePaul this Saturday. Though the Irish have won seven consecutive matches, the Irish welcome the team's chance to improve their game even more.

"We really want to work on being more consistent," Brown said.

As the Irish have played fairly consistently on the road, she is patient and, at the same time, excited to finally play at home. "We'll get our chance to be at home," Brown said, referring to her team’s lack of recent home games.

"I don't think it's being on the road too big of a negative factor."

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Jackson era begins as Blue defeats Gold 3-2

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The game may have been labeled an intra-squad scrimmage, but the physical play and offensive flair produced an atmosphere more akin to a do-or-die battle with a league rival. In the annual Blue-Gold game for the Irish hockey team, an evenly-distributed Blue team topped Gold 3-2, in a body-contested affair decided by a shootout. Regulation time ended with a 2-2 deadlock and the split Irish squads played their way through a scoreless sudden death overtime before reaching the deciding shootout.

Each side chose five men to head one-on-one down the ice against not members Dave Brown and Mark Walsh, playing for Blue and Gold, respectively. Sophomore Brian Kickam won no time putting his Blue team up after converting on his squad's first opportunity. Rankin dipped left then right on Gold's Walsh and slid the puck along the ice to the right post, past a diving Walsh.

Blue's Brown then scored three consecutive Gold attackers with several stellar saves to preserve the lead. That left Blue's Matt Kudrna to put the shotout out of reach for the Gold team, with a goal on the fourth series. Amado took the puck at center ice and picked his corner on Gold's Walsh, putting the puck low on the left side for the 2-0 shootout victory, giving Blue the 3-2 victory.

"I thought the energy was good. I thought that we did some things really well," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of the overall game. "I know it's my stages for a team that's really going through an entire transition, as far as the style of play. I think that they picked up quite a bit."

The freshman provided the spark offensively for both teams to start the game. Gold freshman Garrett Reckten got his team on the board first with a little over three minutes left in the first of 25-25 minutes. Reckten buried the puck on a redirected in front of the net by Victor Oreshkovich. Senior goalie Tim Wallace covered behind the scenes on the goal after digging the puck out of the left-hand corner to feed Oreshkovich in front. Blue struck back with its own freshman with 30 seconds remaining in the period. Eric Condra roofed a rebound coming off goalie Jordan Pierce on a shot from fellow winger Mark Van Gulder.

The pair hooked up once again in the second period, only this time the roles were reversed. Condra worked the puck along the boards off of a Gold defender and sent a quick pass to an awaiting Van Gulder high in the slot. Van Gulder ripped a beauty of a one-timer past goalie nabber Walsh to put Blue up 2-1.

"We have some fun out there," Condra said of playing with Van Gulder. "We read each other, it just seemed like we clicked." Gold tied the game halfway through the second frame on the only power play converted for a goal in the game. Senior Tony Gill one-timed a pass from Christian Hanson into the top right corner of the net, while situated just inside the crease along the right post. The two teams failed to convert for another goal in the remaining twelve minutes nor during the five-minute overtime that ensued.

Coach Jackson viewed the game from the press box and left the coaching to assistants Paul Penley, Blue squad, and Jim Montgomery, Gold squad.

"These guys are so new to me. The only time I've really seen them on the ice to practice this week," he said. "You see so much more systems stuff. We practiced some this week, and I wanted to see which guys grasped it, and which guys retained it. You also see their hockey intelligence, what decisions they make with the puck. You don't always see that at ice-level."

Both squads played the body with full force; teammates or not. The physical play led to 15.5 minutes for both teams in the penalty box, a total of 14 individual penalties. This allowed Coach Jackson to take a close look at his team's skill on the penalty kill and power play. Jackson feels that he may consider several freshman for the crucial special teams lineage, an event he didn't consider prior to the game.

"We were told to go hard, and it was like a real game," Condra said. "We're playing for spots still, so we're going all out, hit, show what we can do." The Blue team out-shot Gold 31-22 in the two regulation periods and overtime. Walsh (22 saves) faced a majority of the Blue team's onslaught, while Brown stopped seven shots and made four consecutive shootout saves. Pierce suited up for both squads and made a total of 20 saves.

Van Gulder was named MVP of the game by Coach Jackson for notching his second period goal and contributing on Condra's tally.

"This coming week we are going to spend more time on the offensive side of the puck. I was pretty pleased based on working on defense," Jackson said. "I know this team needs to work on scoring goals, but on a positive note we didn't give up an odd-man rush. There was a partial breakaway early in the game, but really there was no odd man rushes other than that. For the most part, I think a lot of things were real positive."

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SMC SOCCER
Belles suffer repeat loss to tough Flying Dutch

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It was déjà vu for the Bellas soccer team, but it was not the warm recollection for which they had hoped. Saint Mary's dropped a tough one to late-surgering Hope College 2-0 at home Saturday. It was the second time this season the Bellas were knocked off by the Flying Dutch with the teams playing the closing two to four games.

In 2004, the Belles upset Hope with the reoccurring 2-0 margin at home en route to a season split for the year's series with the Flying Dutch. The staunch Hope defense proved too tough for a nut of the powerful Saint Mary's offense to crack as the Bellas managed only four shots on Flying Dutch keeper Heidi Westie. This was Hope's eighth shutout of the year as it moved to 9-1 in the MIAA, good enough for second place behind undefeated Calvin College.

Hope has held opponents to slightly over a goal per game in average and has only put up five goals in 12 regular season games. "We were able to pass around them well, we came out with a lot of intensity," junior midfielder Colleen Courtney said. "We were able to break them down. We had shots, but we just couldn't get it in the back of the net."

The game remained scoreless for well over two-thirds of regulation time, while both defenses smoothed the opposition's attack. Hope struggled to sneak eight shots past the resilient Saint Mary's defense and could not convert until the 72nd minute.

Hope senior Negeen Masghati forced the ball past Bellas' goaliekeeper Laura Beline off a pass from Erin Barpko to put Hope up 1-0 with a little under 18 minutes left to play.

The Belles forced their hand but could not come up with the equalizer as Hope notched the back-breaker in the 83rd minute. Sophomore Ellie Tressler put the game at 2-0 when she found the net on a questionable goal.

Neither team knew the ball had crossed the line as they continued to play, only the referee's flag signaled that it was, indeed, a score.

With the loss, the Bellas fall into a tie for third place with Kalamazoo College. The Bellas currently lead the Belles, 1-0, last game, the start of the Bellas' current two-game losing streak. Both teams currently have 15 points on five games as no one team in the MIAA has only three losses to date. "I think it was an extremely well-played game," Courtney said. "We fought well, we gave them good competition. We just came up unlucky in the end."

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Irish miss opportunities, fall to No. 9 Huskies

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Great performances are not always recorded in the win-loss column.

Notre Dame lost to Connecticut.

Irish midfielder Joe Lapira slides toward the ball in a Sept. 1 win over Saint Louis. Notre Dame lost to Connecticut.

Irish dominated play for the majority of the afternoon, but failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities.

"Soccer can be a cruel game," head coach Bobby Clark said. "I thought the team played superbly well — possibly as well as we’ve played all season."

UConn’s Julius James opened the scoring in the 21st minute by recording his second goal of the season. James headed a Ryan Cordeiro cross past Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill to put the Huskies up 1-0.

Following the goal, Notre Dame took control of the game. At halftime, Notre Dame had recorded five shots, and UConn had mustered just two. The Irish took eight corner kicks in the first half, while the Huskies only took one.

Five minutes into the second half, Notre Dame almost evened the score. Sophomore midfielder Alex Yoshinaga fired a laser from 25 yards away, but the shot hit the left post.

Minutes later, UConn extended its lead. Cordeiro collected a ball that ricocheted off a UConn attacker and a Notre Dame defender and found the back of the net. The goal, coupled with his assist on James’ score, brought Cordeiro's season point total to 13.

The Irish responded quickly, as senior defender Ben Crouse put Notre Dame on the board four minutes after Cordeiro scored. Crouse headed in a pass from junior defender Ryan Miller to cut the UConn lead to 2-1. The assist was Miller’s third on the year, tying him with forward Joe Lapira and midfielder John Stephens for the team lead.

“I was hoping to get us back on track,” Crouse said. “But it just wasn’t enough.”

Clark was thrilled for Crouse. The goal was the first of the defender's career.

“It was great for Benny, because Brenny’s been working very hard all season and playing very well all year,” Clark said.

After Crouse’s goal, the Irish continued to pressure the Huskies. Notre Dame consistently kept the ball on UConn’s half of the field for the remainder of the game and had several chances to score.

With 23 minutes remaining, junior midfielder Nate Norman beat two defenders to get a clear shot from just inside the box. Norman’s shot sailed just high, though, and the Irish still trailed.

Notre Dame’s final scoring opportunity came with just 15 seconds left in the game. But midfielder Ian Etherington, who had a game-high five shots, also missed high.

“We had several that were just very close, but you know we didn’t finish. We didn’t execute,” Clark said.

Notre Dame finished the game with a 15-7 shot advantage. The Irish also took 11 corner kicks in the game compared to just five for UConn.

“To be fair, they gave us a lesson in that,” Clark said. “It’s not how many shots you have. It’s not how much you have the ball. It’s what you do with your chances.”

Notre Dame once again played without one of its three captains, as center back Dale Bellas sat the game out with an injury. Greg Dalby moved back from his usual center midfield position to take Bellas’ place.

Notre Dame travels to East Lansing Tuesday for an out-of-conference matchup with Michigan State. Clark hopes the team’s outstanding play from Saturday will carry over.

“It was as good a performance as I’ve had ever from any team,” the 28-year coaching veteran said. “Now the test is to get back and get it going again.”

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Coach Mike Brey is maintaining his two round of golf, St. Mary's stroke ahead of Hope, which ended the weekend in second round conference event, beating the Irish. Saint Mary's golfers were awarded individual honors from the MIAA at the conclusion of the season.

Mattia was named the Most Valuable Golfer in the MIAA for 2005, and finished the season with the lowest scoring average, 80.6, in the conference.

Mattia was also named to the All-MIAA First Team for the third year. Teammates Nicole Brillo, Kirsten Fantom and Katie O'Brien were also awarded conference honors this year, each earning a place on the All-Conference Second Team.

The conclusion of MIAA play also marks the conclusion of the fall season for the Belles. Head coach Mark Hamilton said the team felt mixed emotions on seeing the season end.

"It seemed like (the season) went quickly," Hamilton said. "The girls were ready for a little bit of a break ... but they'll be sad to see it end."

The Belles will reconvene play in the spring, although the 2006 schedule is still pending.

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By PAT LEONARD

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By PAT LEONARD

Spun Writer

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game, the Irish seemed destined to cruise to victory. A tough Bulldogs squad rebounded, rallying to earn the break. A hold in the next game tied the match at six.

The Fresno State team, which defeated the No. 1 team in the nation (Caroline Basu and Shadiqah Robinson of Georgia in the semifinals), would win two of the next three games. They had a chance to serve out the match at 8-7. The Bulldogs had one match-point to win, but clutch returns by the trio thwarted Fresno State's chance at victory. Notre Dame won the game on a 7-5 score, a must-win for the deciding team tiebreaker.

The tiebreaker was a microcosm of the entire match with momentum swings throughout. No team had a lead bigger than three until Saine's return gave the Irish the victory.

The Thompsons had high expectations this weekend as they entered the tournament ranked No. 2 in the nation in doubles. They finished runner-up in the tournament last year.

Dasso said an attitude change prior to the weekend helped.

"In the past, they would get upset with each other when things weren't going well," she said. "This weekend, they were calm. They got fired up for each other and totally supported each other. Last year, they would have let each other get down in a match like that (the title match), but they just rolled with it this year. The attitude difference is like a day and a night.

The Irish advanced to the final by virtue of three victories over upset-seed opponents in the second weekend.

The Thompsons blanked No. 7 Gabrielle Duch and Neyaessa Elitane of Southern Florida 8-0 in the round of 16 before defeating No. 6 Stanford's Alice Barones and Jane Vesely in the quarterfinals, 9-7. A 8-1 win over New Mexico's Iva Gersic and Maja Kovacek clinched a berth in the championship round.

Head coach Jay Louderback did not travel with the sisters to California, but was extremely proud of his star doubles team after hearing the result.

"We are excited to have the Thompsons come through in the final of a national tournament," Louderback told und.com following the match. "They have been so close over the past year. I think this is a big step for them to play so well in such a big tournament. They played really well and deserve to play really good teams. This experience shouldn't be really big for them in the future."

Dasso also commented that in addition to the doubles success, she was also proud of the sisters' singles play at the 50-Americans. Christian Thompson knocked off five ranked opponents in the pre­quarters and semi-finals, capping off the round of the singles tournament, while Catrina Thompson fought off cramping to post a 2-1 record in singles.

"This week showed them that they can compete against anyone in singles and doubles," Dasso said.

Catrina and Christian Thompson will join their team mates this week to prepare for a match at home against Southern California Friday afternoon.

Coach Dasso emphasized that the twins cannot rest on their laurels, especially with a talented Trojan squad on the horizon. "We've got a good USC team coming in here this weekend, and we need to get back and focus on them," Dasso said. "Everyone will be after [the Thompsons] now. Everyone will play their best match against them. They need to be focused for every match." Dasso said while the sisters need to be prepared for every weekend, they are extremely confident following this weekend's results.

"They know there's no one they can't beat," she said.

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pushed Falls further out to create separation between the sharpshooter and his teammates. At 24 years old, Collins' coaching days may be over for now, anyway. Collins slipped from broadcasting back into coaching in 2001, when he took over what the former-Notre Dame coach saw as a 40-year-old Jack Breslin.

But on Notre Dame's Joyce Center Chow at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Collins explained his philosophies and roots in the game of basketball, telling stories and running drills to illustrate points.

Collins came at the request of Notre Dame coach Mike Brey, who pleaded guilty to taking full responsibility for Collins' actions. Since then, both men have remained close friends since their first meeting, when Brey was an assistant at Duke University recruiting Collins' son, Chris.

"As important as you like to have high school coaches on your campus and close to your program, I looked at a [Saturday] as a day of having Doug plugged into my team and my program, and he was using him as a consultant and eyes," Brey said.

Brey and Collins have been close friends since their first meeting, when Brey was an assistant at Duke University recruiting Collins' son, Chris. Since then, both men have been busy with their respective programs or, in Collins' case, broadcasting roles. But Brey said Collins has always been an outstanding friend and fellow coach.

"When I was [the head coach] at the match we needed [Collins] for my banquet," Brey said. "He was the perfect guy for the job. They practically just fired up our team. They needed him and he was able to be great shape. They felt it was the time to step out of the job and to put their team forward."

Following his speech and on-court demonstrations, Collins spoke about issues concerning his career, the NCAA and the game of basketball.

On Collins' path to remain close to the game of basketball, "When I was playing basketball at Glenbrook North High School," Collins said, "I attended Collins' basketball camp and I attended Collins when he moved to Columbus, Ohio. Collins recommended Dublin-Coffman coach Tony Borrini, who Quinn would eventually play.

Collins has coached the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Wizards during his professional coaching career. He has worked for CBS, Turner Broadcasting and NBC, and he's not coming to look for TNT.

As for his hands-on work with Notre Dame's squad Saturday? "They're fast learners," Collins said. "Obviously, Chris Quinn and Collins Falls can really about the ball. Their big men have a chance to be good on the inside. So this could be a situation that is good for Notre Dame."

The Irish might have had a big loss with Chris Thomas [leaving], but I think this team may be coming up with its own part of it as we did at times this week.

The Irish are looking to continue their recent success and go out in style.

But Brey said with the best there area, and then I've worked with the best there is, knowing he's going to play for my banquet, and he was [came] back at the age of 40 to coach, knowing he's going to play a significant role, from a national to a regional to a big-time role, and that means as much to me as the games he won for me.

On the NBA's allowing zone defense

"I don't really think it's bad that much effect. You don't see that much zone. You'll see it occasionally on [endline out-of-bounds plays, sideline out-of-bounds plays when teams are coming out of the dynamic, where Michael Jordan was president of the board] or [came back at the age of 40 to play]; knowing he's going to play a significant role, from a national to a regional to a big-time role, and that means as much to me as the games he won for me.

On the NBA's allowing zone defense, "I think the reason the ratings are down is because there are so many bad teams and [TEAM'S] Thursday night game, which is an exclusive game with every game that's elsewhere's probably eight or nine this week."

And it goes in cycles. But I think the NBA is on a very positive upswing.

On NBA teams' draft habits

"It's totally different [from the past]. Now, if you stay in college with some great years you can't play anymore. But I went to college for four years, and I still got better when I got in the NBA.

Now, I'm a team's philosophy is 'Let's get them as young as we can.' And if that's the case, unless the player is unique like a LeBron James or a Carmelo Anthony, it's going to take him two or three years [to develop].

And usually the first coach who coaches him is going to get fired, too; so I think somebody else can coach him.

Very seldom will you be able to develop a young player and be there long enough for him to be a star before he can coach him, because you're going to take all the losses."

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Seeing double

Thompson twins win ITA All-American Championship doubles

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Catrina and Christian Thompson won the ITA All-American Championships doubles title Sunday in Pacific Palisades, Calif., making history by becoming the first Notre Dame women’s tennis players to capture a collegiate tennis grand slam tournament.

The twin sisters won the title match 9-8 (9-7) over Fresno State’s Luisa Sainz and Kathrina Micles title won last Sunday in Pacific Palisades. The Thompson twins are the first Notre Dame women’s tennis players to win a collegiate tennis grand slam tournament.

The title match was a back and forth affair. The Irish jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Fresno State was able to hold serve and break the Irish to tie the match at two games all. The score was tied 4-4 before a hold and a crucial Irish break gave Notre Dame a 5-4 lead.

With Christian Thompson serving up 30-0 in the following game, the Irish were able to hold serve and break the Belles to tie the match at two games all. The score was tied 4-4 before a hold and a crucial Irish break gave Notre Dame a 6-4 lead.

The Belles title was the first for the Thompson twins, who were both named All-Americans for the season.

The Belles finished the season with a record of 20-7, including a 5-1 victory over Michigan in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

The Belles, who are coached by Michelle Daso, have had a successful season, winning 17 of their 20 matches.

Men’s Basketball

Collecting Collins’ wisdom

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

One of Doug Collins’ first drills at the Notre Dame Basketball Coaches Clinic on Saturday began with an entry pass to the wing.

When Notre Dame guard Colin Falls caught Chris Quinn’s pass with his foot on the 3-point line, the coach in Collins showed itself — or at least proved it would never go away entirely.

“Colin, they’d guard you in the parking lot,” Collins said, and he

FOOTBALL

Ianello, Irish receivers bearing fruits of labor

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame entered the season with one of its deepest receiving groups in quite some time, as Irish McKnight, Maurice Stovall, Matt Shelton and Jeff Samardzija all had talent and experience.

But that didn’t matter to Bob Ianello.

“We just started from ground zero,” the first-year Irish receivers coach and recruiting coordinator said. “I told them all when we started spring practice I was coaching them all like they were freshmen. Because in this offense and (with) their experience, they were freshmen. These “freshmen” have come along pretty fast.

Despite the loss of Rhema McKnight during the 17-10 Notre Dame win over Michigan Sept. 10, the Irish receivers have made huge strides this season.

Stovall, Samardzija and Shelton are each averaging more than 11 yards per reception. Samardzija has drawn national attention with... see ANELLO/14 page 17

SMC GOLF

Belles win their 4th straight title

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

A new piece of history was made for Saint Mary’s this weekend when the golf team traveled to the MiA Championsh chip and brought home its fourth conference title in four years.

The two-day, 36-hole tournament was the last leg of the race for the 2005 MiA title, which is determined by total team score after four conference events.

After three jamborees, the Belles went into this weekend’s tournament already with a 22-stroke lead in the standings. On Friday, their lead was cut down somewhat by rival Olivet College, which finished 10 strokes under the Belles after the first round of play.

Saint Mary’s finished on Friday with a team score of 352. In third place was Hope College, four strokes behind the Belles.

But on Saturday, Saint Mary’s was able to significantly lower its team score, and finished the second round with a 336. Hope College was the runner-up on the second day of the tournament, finishing... see CHAMPS/page 21