Above, students rally at ND. At right, SMC panel members share personal stories.

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Lead-ND granted official Lead Agency designation

By LISA SCHULTZ
NeW wRiter

Notre Dame's Lead-ND program has earned the position of Michigan's official Lead Agency, a designation from Youth Service America (YSA) given to only 50 U.S. Lead Agencies. YSA is the parent organization that runs National Youth Service America (YSA) given to approximately define the group's work.

Lead-ND, co-founder Meg Towle said. "We are the only student organization in the country in leadership development simulations, group sessions and off-site fieldtrips focused on applied learning, the Lead-ND Web site said.

Program participants are what Lead-ND terms "non traditional" leaders. Towle said students are typically recognized by the school principal for their leadership development program to three South Bend Intermediate Centers: Navarre, Brown and Jefferson. There are nearly one hundred seventh and eighth graders currently involved.

This year's Volunteer Corps consists of 18 Notre Dame students, six per site, who Towle said were selected through an application process last spring and early fall. There are representatives from all classes, and the Corps is half female, half male.

Another ten Notre Dame students compose a programming and outreach team directed by Towle and junior Steve Cartwright, a co-founder and program director.

Lead-ND's new curriculum, which Towle said was designed by Cartwright, is broken into three main units, each emphasizing a collection of leadership concepts, social action methods and additional cultural connections.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leito promotes Peer Advocacy

By KAREN LANGLEY
NeW wRiter

Thanks to the Peer Advocacy Program, students have something to turn if they receive a summons from the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Representatives with development in the program designed to provide students with advice from trained peers prior to their conferences or hearings and support during hearings — at Monday night's meeting.

Leito, Trippi and Judicial Council director of Peer Advocacy Gina Dolan met with Associate Director of Residence Life and Housing Lori Maurer on Sept. 28 to better orient themselves with the process and devote what was needed, Trippi said.

"We are technically up and running," he said. "We have been taking a few cases, but not many people know about the service."

Using figures from the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the program determined that ten Peer Advocates were needed.
INSIDE COLUMN

Apparently we're poor

I know coming to college that many of the other students would be wealthy. I belong to a middle-class family, so I was never without clothes, food or shelter, but I do know that there were many people who could not afford to live as comfortably as I did. I have never felt like I was deprived as a result of my middle-class upbringing, as I never had to go without shelter, clothing or food. However, my idea of middle-class normalcy was squashed after my arrival at Saint Mary's.

Did you know that people wear Tiffany's on a daily basis? I certainly did. But it doesn't every town have a Rent-A-Center? I was amazed. Doesn't every town have a Rent-A-Center? I was amazed. It was expected, I guess.

In my mind, there is no reason to pay more money for something than you have to. After all, being from a middle-class family, had no problem with this. I understood that some people have never realized that some people have never realized that they are the lucky ones.

I am not complaining by any stretch. I am grateful for the privileges that I have had in my life. I just hope others can realize how fortunate they are. I think it is important to understand that it is fine to shop at the dollar store, there is nothing wrong with living in a trailer park, and most importantly the neighborhood that you drive through on the way to the airport is not a ghetto. It may not be nice, but it can be and is much worse in other places. For all of the other middle and lower class students, you are not alone, see you at Big Lots.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite movie and why?

Baker Jones
Sophomore
Saint Mary's

"Top Gun. It's the best."

Caitlin White
Junior
Badin

"Jerry Maguire, because Tom had me at hello."

Chloe Bekavac
Junior
Badin

"Weddings Crashers, because girls in hats are proper."

Tara Makowski
Junior
Badin

"Anastasia, because every girl wants to be a princess."

Paul Cordes
Freshman

"Cruel Intentions, because school girls are scrumtrulescent."

OFFBEAT

Prize pumpkin weighs in at 1,229 pounds

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. - A retired Washington firefighter won the annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Monday, presenting a gigantic pumpkin that weighed 1,229 pounds.

Joel Holland said the pumpkin could make roughly 600 pumpkin pies but instead will be displayed in a parade in Half Moon Bay this coming weekend, then carved into a jack-o'-lantern for Halloween.

"Maybe we'll set a record for the size of a pumpkin pie next," said Holland, who has won the competition five years in a row. He won last year with a pumpkin that weighed exactly the same amount.

Holland's pumpkin had to be removed from the back of a pickup truck with a crane.

Burmeese python eats Siamese cat

MEAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Maybe this Burmese python learned a lesson from the one that tried to eat an alligator but exploded because its prey was so big. This snake apparently took on a Siamese cat.

"Poor boy. He was my favorite cat. I know Siamese [cats] are supposed to be distant, but he slept in my bed and everything," said a distraught Flidia Rodriguez, the cat's owner.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Shawn Bushway, class of 1989, will give the lecture "Criminology as an Interdisciplinary, Policy-Relevant Social Science: How a Dummer became a Professor of Criminology" today at 7:30 p.m. in 220 Malloy Hall. The event is sponsored by the economics and policy studies departments.

Teresa Ghilarducci, professor of Economics and Policy Studies, will give the lecture "Law & Potential and Pitfalls of Social Security Reform" Wednesday at 4:20 p.m. in Room 120 of the Law School. The commentator will be Matthew Barrett of the Law School.

Lyndall Gordon, senior research fellow at St. Hilda's College at Oxford University, will give the lecture "Mary Wallis' Family's America" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 210-214 McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the Political Science Department. The lecture will be followed by a book-signing.

Freshmen and sophomores seeking opportunities to intern or conduct research in Latin America during the summer are invited to attend "Experiencing Latin America Fellowships," an informational meeting at 7 p.m. in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. Summer 2005 recipients of the fellowship will talk about their experiences and tell undergraduates how they may apply for summer 2006.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Over $100,000 raised at Relay

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame's third annual Relay for Life was held this past weekend at Stepan Center. The 16-hour event that began Friday night at 6 p.m. and continued until 10 a.m. Saturday morning honored cancer survivors, paid tribute to those lost to the disease and raised funds to benefit research.

The American Cancer Society Club of Notre Dame sponsored the event, which Relay co-chair Kay Stewart said drew an estimated 1,500 participants and 68 teams.

Stewart and co-chair Dee Stering said this year's Relay co-chair Kay Stewart and co-chair Dee Stering said this year's Relay for Life, which took place from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning.

Among those present was University President Father John Jenkins, who spoke at the event. "I really liked the ceremony and speakers," said Pangborn sophomore Daniel Pangborn. "It was very touching."

The fundraising efforts of Stamford and Farley Halls ranked as the top two among dorm teams, the Notre Dame Relay for Life Web site said. Chris Rabes of the Stamford team, which raised an estimated $1,700, said he was grateful for the support from family and friends.

Freshman and Farley team captain Jennifer Melillo said she wished more students had participated. "It was an awesome night for a good cause, but the turnout was a little disappointing," Melillo said. "Given that the University has 8,000 students, it was a big turnout, but it could have been bigger."

Melillo said the team of 25 Farley girls raised a total of $2,160 in online donations and close to $300 in cash or checks.

Welsh Family sophomore Kate Corcoran praised event coordinators for the atmosphere they created. "There was music playing on loudspeakers, pumpkins in paint,商圈 and friends."

While Corcoran was there to support the "fabulous cancer," she met one student who walked out of necessity. "I talked to someone who said he was going to be there all night long, in a frantic attempt to get his ResLife quota filled before Fall Break," Corcoran said.

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SMC hosts Oktoberfest breast cancer fundraiser

By KATHLEEN QUINLAN
News Writer

The Oktoberfest run and walk, a breast cancer research fundraiser hosted by Saint Mary's, drew over 200 participants Monday afternoon.

Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students, as well as faculty and members of the South Bend community, either walked three kilometers or ran five kilometers on Saint Mary's campus.

One noticeable group was the Student Nurses Association. Sporting creative shirts, the 27 nursing students raised $137.

"As nurses, we deal with patients with cancer, and we want to do whatever we can to make things better," senior member Meredith Casey said.

Many Saint Mary's athletic teams participated in the run, including the basketball, softball and soccer teams.

"It's an easy way to raise money for a good cause," first year softball player Cali Davison said.

Committee member Alleen Miller was excited about the turnout. "The music and the atmosphere made people want to just come and check it out," Miller said.

Since the first race eight years ago, Oktoberfest has been successful, especially within the last five years. In 2004, the event raised $3,000, doubling the previous year's total.

Lead organizer and varsity softball coach Erin Sullivan contributes the success to the planning committee. "The students on the committee have given countless hours to promoting the event," Sullivan said.

"We've advertised for it on U93 [a local radio station], local news stations, ND's campus, ECDC and the local churches," Sullivan said.

Sullivan credited local breast cancer survivor Kim Zobrosky for helping with the advertising. "Kim is our inspiration at every meeting, and when the students see what an amazing person she is and what she has overcome, I think it motivates them to help make this our best Oktoberfest ever," Sullivan said.

The top 20 runners and walkers each received a free T-shirt. However, prices were not only bestowed on the winners.

After the race, a raffle was conducted to raise even more money for the charity. Pizza from Marco's, sunglasses from Gogi's Jewelry were all raffled off.

Each participant was asked to donate at least $5 to the charity. All money raised will then be given to the research foundation, as well as to breast cancer survivor organizations.

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okay to be gay at a Catholic college," he said. "Even at a place like Notre Dame, the gay and gay Catholic don't conflict. Events like these are open to everyone and are not an issue clouded with ignorance."

Vierig said he experienced ignorance both as a student from a conservative faculty member when his dorm neighbors discovered his sexual orientation and chastised him. Vierig said the students wrote "Get home, faggot. This is not a criterion of personal photography."

"Actions like that are formed out of ignorance," he said. Vierig said the importance of events addressing issues of gender and sexuality, even within the context of the Catholic church, don't conflict. Events were okay to be gay at a Catholic college, even if they sometimes had a tendency to "preach to the choir of progressive or attract students who already agree with the specified calls to action."

"These events are important for everyone," he said. "People have the courage to say that it's also not okay with them ... Language changes, culture changes and people should be aware of this."

Bederman gave a more historical perspective. He said, "It's wonderful people in Campus Ministry work to see homosexuality discussed in our college atmosphere is not the only place where discrimination is on the rise."

Sandahl said discrimination at Saint Mary's was unacceptable. "Sixteen years ago when I came to Saint Mary's, I was not fully supportive of an alternative lifestyle have questions that are taking baby steps equal[s] a big change."

"Change happens slow, but we are taking baby steps ... and a lot of baby steps equal[s] a big change." - Chris Vierig, junior

Director of the Gender Relations Center Heather Rakoczy spoke about the explicit and implicit discomfort of college. "I really pray to that image. Rakoczy said hate speech, which includes such commonplace phrases as "that's so gay," leads to intolerance.

"Listen for opportunities to challenge the dominant behavior," she said. "If you stop and say, 'That's not okay with me,' it gives others permission to courage to say that it's not okay with me."

"Many people are against SAGA and our mission feel this way because they believe the Church is about love and acceptance. I wish I could see more people embrace that aspect of their faith." - Marisa Sandahl, associate director of the Saint Mary's College Campus Ministry. He added, "I came to Saint Mary's because I felt good, accepted and happy when I was on campus. But when I saw how conservative some people are, I questioned my decision." Nielsen said, "I have found wonderful students and professors who are fully supportive of the Princeton Review ranking wrong," he said. "I'm glad to see SAGA on our campus celebrating National Coming Out Day, but this is only one day of celebration. Why not celebrate 264 more?"

"I have been so fortunate to find the support of so many wonderful people in Campus Ministry," she said. "If anyone asks that acceptance is lacking on this campus, they should go there and meet some of those people."

"I came to Saint Mary's because I felt good, accepted and happy when I was on campus. But when I saw how conservative some people are, I questioned my decision." - Nielsen said she would like to see homosexuality discussed from an accepting Catholic perspective during freshman orientation.

Panel members said they felt many members of the College support their mission, but that some students are not educated all students and faculty about their lifestyles and increase the number of homosexual students at Saint Mary's as a part of the push to increase campus diversity.

"I did not come out until the second semester of my senior year (at Saint Mary's)," Verduzco said. "I did not know who to talk to about this, and I was scared to tell others one person at a time."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Soldier killed in bombing in Afghanistan — A U.S. soldier was killed and two others were wounded in a Taliban militant detonated explosives strapped to his body on Saturday, according to U.S. officials. The attack occurred near the border with Pakistan.

Game theorists win Nobel Prize in Economics — A pair of game theorists who defined chess-like strategies in political and military contexts was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences on Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Police beating under investigation — A Dallas police officer who was repeatedly punched in the head by a police in an incident caught on video tape said Monday he was not drunk, put up no resistance and was baffled by what happened.

LOCAL NEWS

Daniels plans aggressive agenda — Indiana Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels has made it quite clear that he will push hard for his legislative agenda. He said in a speech to a state legislative session that he wants lawmakers to be very productive in the two-and-a-half months of work from January to mid-March.

Severe flooding affects Eastern U.S.

"I've seen pictures of earthquakes that don't look as bad as this road," said New Hampshire resident Sue Frink. "We had a business trip to Europe on Sunday to take charge of relief efforts in New Hampshire. We declared a state of emergency and called in 500 National Guardsmen.

Pakistani volunteers in history. But they went home two says it could be the most productive short ers to be very productive over its two-and-a-half months of work from January to March.

A woman of a British rescue team, center, carries a two-year-old boy who was rescued Monday after being trapped under the debris of a collapsed building in Islamabad.

Pakistan South Asia suffers from earthquake

Pakistan experiences its worst-ever earthquake and now seeks international aid

Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD — For two days, the young tailor lay trapped under concrete slabs and wood beams, dead bodies blanking him, in what has become a nightmare story building. On Monday, British rescuers pulled the thinly, white-eyed man into the sunlight.

"I haven't eaten in three days, but I'm not hungry," said the 20-year-old man, who identified himself only as Tariq. He begged instead for water.

The eight Britons used a body-detected dog, drills, chain saws and crowbars to extricate Tariq from the ruins 54 hours after Pakistan's worst-ever earthquake. He suffered a leg injury and was carried away on a door.

Tariq's rescue from the rubble was one of many reported in the mountainous areas following a major earthquake in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. Two girls were plucked from a collapsed school in Balakot, and a woman and child were pulled from an apartment building in Islamabad — notes of hope amid a massive humanitarian cri sis.

International aid started pouring in Monday. Aircraft loaded with supplies came from the United States, Britain, Japan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. Rival India, Russia, China and Germany also offered assistance.

Eight U.S. helicopters — five Chinook transport choppers and three Black Hawks for heavy lifting — were diverted from the war in neighboring Afghanistan. They carried supplies, tarpaulins and equipment, including highdefinition cameras for finding buried survivors.

Pakistan is one of our closest allies in the war on terror and we want to help them in this time of crisis," said military spokesman Capt. Marina Evans said in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Washington pledged up to $50 million in relief and reconstruction aid, U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said.

"We have under way the beginning of a very major relief effort," he said. Desperate Pakistanis struggled against the cold and some locked food stores because aid still had not reached remote areas of mountainous Kashmir, where Saturday's magnitude-7.6 earthquake flattened villages, cut off power and water, and killed tens of thousands.

Officials predict the death toll, now estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000, will climb because of exposure and disease. With winter just six weeks away, the United Nations said 2.5 million people near the Pakistani-Afghan border need shelter.

Injured people were airlifted from remote areas, and Pakistan's army distributed rice to starving survivors.

President Gen. Perez Musharraf said his government was doing its best to respond. He had appealed for international help, particularly cargo helicopters to reach remote areas cut off by landslides.

"We are doing whatever is humanity possible," Musharraf said. "There should not be any blame game. We are trying to reach all those areas where people need our help." Pakistan said it would accept aid from longtime rival India, which promised tents, food, medicine and other aid.

The nations have fought two wars over Kashmir, which both claim as theirs. Pakistan suffered the worst of the damage and casualties, and India reported 865 deaths in its portion of the Himalayan province.

Associated Press

ALSTEAD, N.H. — Residents assessed the damage wrought by the weeklong deluge that threatened the Northeast, but the swollen rivers barely had a chance to recede as more rain was forecast.

At least 10 people died in the heavy downpours and about a half-dozen people remained unaccounted for, including a couple whose house was washed away by a fast-moving river over Warren Lake dam in Alstead.

Floods tore up highways, caused weeks of work from January to mid-March.
Members grant financial request

By ALLISON RIDER
News Writer

Members of the Sophomore Board came to the Saint Mary's Board of Government (BOG) meeting Monday night with financial requests to purchase t-shirts for the second annual upcoming Big Sis-Little Sis event.

"We are trying to make the event even more successful than last year," sophomore Christine Darche said. "Big Sis-Little Sis is about uniting two classes and supporting Saint Mary's spirit... it's going to be very fun."

The Sophomore Board requested and received an allowance of $700 to purchase t-shirts for the Nov. 30 event. Sophomore Board members expect 500 students to attend. The first 100 girls to arrive will receive the t-shirt. Of the 280 participants, 200 are freshman and 80 are sophomores, numbers the Board members called a great improvement since the program is only in its second year. Jaclyn Zins, a 2004 Saint Mary's alumna, attended the meeting to recruit for Teach for America, a program in which college graduates teach in urban areas to "close the achievement gap between lower and upper income classes," Zins said.

In other BOG news:

Student body president Kellye Mitros had a special announcement. "Congratulations to Board members Meghan Cahill, Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis for their recent campus activity successes, including the "Sundaes on Sunday," the Student Bonfire, and "Fall Day," all of which took place in the last week," she said. Mitros said she received positive feedback from the events.

Shropshire, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) president, told Board members that SDB would work on getting "Diversity Matters" bracelets similar to the ones spotted at Notre-Dame.

Residence Hall Association commissioner Jackie Wright said the Saint Mary's tunnels will be re-opened for one night on Oct. 27 for the "Haunted Tunnels." The event will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance for $2 or can be purchased at the door for $3.

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Look for an Opportunity to Make a Difference?

CIA's Directorate of Intelligence will be interviewing candidates for Analyst Positions.

Representatives from CIA's analytical arms, 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 developments will impact US interests at home and abroad. They use information from classified and unclassified sources from around the world to develop and provide the reliable intelligence that is essential for US policymakers to make informed decisions. The CIA is hiring for the following positions:

- Analytic Methodologists: Economics, Political Leadership, Security Policy, Psychological/Psychiatric
- Collectors Analysts
- Counterintelligence
- Science, Technology and Industry Analysts
- Threat Analysts
- Weapons Analysts

Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Language skills, previous foreign area residence or travel, and relevant work experience are pluses. Candidates must successfully complete a medical examination, polygraph interview, and an extensive background investigation. All positions require US citizenship and relocation to the Washington, DC area.

The CIA is America's premier intelligence agency and we are committed to building and maintaining a workforce as diverse as the nation we serve. For additional information, and to apply online, please visit www.cia.gov. Successful applicants who have submitted their resumes by October 17th will be contacted to attend an information session and arrange a local area interview.

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In Brief

Lincoln National acquiring Jefferson-Pilot
CHARLOTTE, N. C. — Lincoln National Corp. said Monday it will acquire rival Jefferson-Pilot Corp. for about $7.5 billion in cash and stock, as the two century-old companies create one of the largest publicly traded life insurance companies.

The buyer, which will retain the Lincoln National and Lincoln Financial Group names, will be the nation's largest seller of universal life insurance products and a leader in group disability insurance and retirement plan assets, the companies said.

The all-cash offer is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2006 after shareholder and regulatory approval.

Executives predicted annual cost savings of about $180 million after the two companies are combined. Lincoln National, which was founded in Fort Wayne, Ind., and headquartered there until 1998, has annual sales of about $18 billion a year. Jefferson-Pilot has annual sales of $4.1 billion.

"It makes perfect sense and it's just what the doctor ordered," analyst Tamara Kravec, who follows both companies for Bank of America Securities LLC, wrote to investors after the announcement.

Military company suffers from hurricanes
LOS ANGELES — Northrop Grumman Corp. slashed its 2005 profit forecast Monday after estimating that damages and work delays caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita will eat about $5.4 billion a share from full-year earnings.

The Los Angeles-based military contractor estimated damage to its shipbuilding unit caused by the storms at $3 billion and said it expects to take a charge of 8 cents a share in the fourth quarter to cover work delays.

Northrop said it expects to book another charge of 30 cents to 35 cents a share to cover increased costs associated with existing ship contracts caused by the work delays and higher charges.

The hurricanes damaged Northrop's Ship Systems shipyards in New Orleans, Pascagoula, Miss., and Gulfport, Miss., although the company said damage from Rita was minor.

Delphi Bankruptcy could affect GM, UAW

Auto supplier's bankruptcy throws companies' negotiations into jeopardy

Though General Motors has been negotiating with the United Auto Workers to reform health care costs, the proceedings may be halted by the Delphi Corp.'s recent file for bankruptcy.

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Newswire

The U.S. government bond market was closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. At the close of trading in the Dow Jones industrial average lost 53.53, or 0.22 percent, to 26,737.76, its lowest close since mid-May.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 8.57, or 0.72 percent, to 1,187.33, while the Nasdaq composite index sank 11.43, or 0.52 percent, to 2,078.92.

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GM and the UAW have been talking since early spring about ways to cut GM's annual health low-cost bill, which will grow to $5.6 billion this year. GM has suggested, among other measures, that hourly workers should pay more as much for their health care as salaried workers do.

The UAW has said it will consider some ways to help GM but won't reopen its contract with the automaker, which is scheduled to expire in September 2007.

"Some industry analysts said the UAW may be less willing to make concessions to GM now because the automaker didn't prevent Delphi from declaring bankruptcy, putting the supplier's $24,000 UAW-represented hourly workers at risk of massive pay cuts. GM spun off Delphi in 1999 but left it with high labor costs, and the supplier is expected to seek cuts in wages and health care during its restructurings.

A recent letter to union members said Delphi wants to cut its $27 hourly wage by as much as 60 percent. Any contract changes must now be approved by the bankruptcy court.

"GM's apparent decision to let Delphi fail may signal a new hard line labor strategy at the company," Merrill Lynch analyst John Casesa said in a note to investors, "The company—purposely or inadvertently—has put the union on notice."

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GM spokesman Jerry Dubrowski said Delphi could have told UAW how much it wants and GM would figure out how to pay. "It's not that it's a do or die, but it's a huge blow to the UAW," he said.

"We're not explicitly looking at another bankruptcy, but it is a huge blow to the UAW and we don't want to see it happen," Dubrowski said.

"It's good news for the UAW, because it now has an opportunity to make its case to GM.

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The University of Notre Dame is a beautiful place to be, but it is nonetheless inserted in an artificial world that does not need to be explained, as much ink has already been spilt upon this subject. It is important to note that while we do live in a bubble, so does the vast majority of the modern world. In a world of stressors, pressures and general nonsense, it is imperative to escape for some roundy, organic fun. There is a great necessity for people to get back to basics and enjoy pleasures that are as simple and real as they are sublime. Enter Americana music, and especially Bluegrass.

Realizing this unquenchable lust for Bluegrass, four dear friends and I made the trip to the Second Annual American Folk Festival in Nashville, Tenn. Armed with two handfuls of whiskey and a carton of cigarettes, we roared down to Tennessee at 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning blaring Bob Dylan’s “Nashville Skyline” album, unaware of exactly how incredible the experience would indeed be.

Bluegrass is particularly well suited for one looking to get back in touch with the simpler things of life, and ultimately the things that really matter. An eclectic amalgamation of country, blues, Irish and Scottish folk and even jazz, Bluegrass is able to produce a sound that can stretch across the ranges of human emotions going from crooning depression to frenzied ecstasy. Few can help from dancing and stomping along when a bluegrass band transcends into a raging flurry of banjo notes picked at a pace quicker than thought. At the same time, Bluegrass is able to produce slow songs of sorrow and heartbreak.

The human experience is made up of experiences both good and bad. While it is important to celebrate the better points of life and not dwell upon the negative aspects of our existence, it is crucial to recognize that both exist and to give each their respective due. As an unflagging optimist, this was a great revelation to me. I realized that I was hearing the entire course of the human life wrapped up and packaged into one astonishing festival. It dawned upon me how beautiful this existence is, even the negative aspects have a certain tragic beauty that can be appreciated for what they are when given their due.

The festival atmosphere itself, even aside from the music, was most conducive for returning to the essentials. There was a great communal aspect that so far removed from the profit driven nature of the world in which we live. The festival, was most certainly not vast enough for the large number of performers to make much of a profit, if many of the bands even got paid at all. Love of the music brought so many of the great bluegrass artists to Nashville. The arts and crafts tents were also removed from the complication of the profit motive. The artists were small-scale local artisans selling the wares for generally modest prices that they obviously made out of love for what their chosen craft. It was refreshing to see the genuineness of their attitude, and it encouraged me to think that there is so much more to live than the size of one’s bank account. The communal nature of the festival was best embodied by the people who attended. There was a great sense of being a part of something greater than the self that truly liberated one. This is a feeling that is precious and often hard to encounter in a culture that places so much emphasis on the self and its wants and desires. The greatest sense of joy came from the camaraderie that I did share with my four fellow road trip partners. As great as any experience is, it is truly the people that one shares it with that makes the moment most great.

There are moments, however, where people are entrapped in a timeless state where nothing matters but the now and the bond of friendship of those who experience it. Bonds and moments like these make life truly worth living. They are the good times that we celebrate in Bluegrass, and indeed help us get over the sad times that we recognize in the same genre. Nothing could be more real and sincere in a world and society that too often rewards those who are ruthless, insincere and double-faced.

The American Folk Festival epitomized an organic spirit where things were not forced. A true love of a genre that is not the most commercially profitable brought together a great number of fans, craftsmen, and hands. As opposed to commerciality, there was a vibe of simple relaxation where worries and cares had no place. People could truly be at peace with themselves and see beauty stripped of the artificial.

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Keeping up with technology

Since I am the proud owner of triste­
tee one and a half inches of unripped hair, it's sort of like I that I gadgets.

Phones, videos, games, computers, stereos — whatever. I even bought my based on its sweet cup­holders. I don't who I am.

It's like a technology odyssey. Too bad no one is to blame, but it couldn't have helped; I've always been a gadget nerd.

Then it happened. It was Saturday, therefore I was in my customary position in the front of the television, captivated by a good college football game and ICD.

Slipped among the beer-commercials chick-filts that generally keep men entertained with an obnoxious song and dance in the stereo — whatever. This is no longer a problem that I take for granted.

Then they came out with the iPod mini, which then evolved into the Nano. Now mine is like six revisions old, and I'm afraid to wear it to fear that some guy with a new, sexy little iPod Nano is going to push me over and ridicule me with a Nelson

Express is simultaneously talking to his mother, text­messaging in gold letters with a full keyboard, checking his e­mail and downloading unreleased episodes of "Family Guy" on his cellphone. Mine rings its little beeping ver­sion of the "Fraggle Rock" theme song, and I'm left out, too.

Enter the buckethed.

"Ask the customer if you'd like to order a pizza," he says, "and take your garbage out. As soon as you hit the next button, the system will confirm your order and the bucket will appear." The machine disagrees, and begins to malfunction due to the universal desire to rid your home inventory, like letting you know you're out of milk.

The scenario can be made possible by an increasingly popular technology called Radio Frequency Identification. According to RFIDjournal.com, RFID is a technology that uses radio waves to automatically identify people or objects.

Companies ranging from Sysco to Home Depot use RFID to track their assets. - money.

In the future, RFID tags commonly cost $25 to 50 cents each, estimated by the privacy group Caspian, is at the fore­front of the attack on RFID. She has been in numerous articles and made countless radio and television appearances warning the dangers of RFID.

Albrecht worries retail companies will combine the data RFID tags with others to track your purchasing habits, reminding you to buy potato chips with bongos, buying a pizza every night at 3 a.m., every day of the week, giving track of your home inventory, like letting you know you're out of milk.

with all bright futures, there comes a dark cloud. The RFID industry, however, as with all bright futures, there comes a dark cloud.

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Kevin Smith’s film delivers wit on romance

By MARY SQUILLACE

We all know how the story usually goes. Boy meets girl, or girl meets boy. Their relationship falls into jeopardy throughout twists and tribulations of some shape or form. Then, yadda, yadda, right at the end, probably with some Van Morrison’s “Somebody to Love,” playing in the background, the two finally find a way to overcome and live happily ever after.

This standard is safe, but frankly boring after hundreds of retellings of the same fairytale contemporary romances. “Chasing Amy” (1997) on the other hand, is anything but safe or boring with its portrayal of romance. Instead, not even the simple boy-meets-girl label can be applied to this film.

Where typical romantic comedies rely on convention and paradigmatic plotlines, Kevin Smith’s ("Mallrats," "Dogma") film introduces compelling questions about sexuality with a romantic plot that defies the ordinary.

In this less-than-simplistic romance, comic book artist Holden (Ben Affleck) falls for Alyssa (Alyssa Milano), whom he soon learns is a lesbian. Aside from the obvious complications in getting their relationship off the ground, the biggest problem is the approval of Holden’s best friend, Banky (Jason Lee), Alyssa’s past, as well as Holden’s present insecurities.

Consequently, the hurdles within Holden and Alyssa’s relationship drive a constant stream of slanting dialogue between the verbose characters, drawing attention to a wide range of issues regarding sex and sexuality.

Smith delivers deliriously and broaches difficult topics with boldness that he delivers with enough wits and personality to prevent his film from becoming didactic or one sided in the opinions it expresses. He provides the questions, but lets his viewers come up with all of the answers.

All of this considered, the film is still punctuated with Smith’s idiosyncrasies as a filmmaker, including his irreverent and raunchy sense of humor. However, “Chasing Amy” surpasses Smith’s other films, such as "Mallrats" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" in the way that the comedy lends itself to making points that hold up as more than mere punchlines.

From Lee’s cynical, whiny Banky to Dwight Ewell’s Hooper X, a militant black man and cherished homosexual who disguises his sexuality under his fierce, exaggerated exhibitions of allegiance to the Black Panther Party, the film features a memorable cast of characters.

Joey Lauren Adams ("Big Daddy.") is also endearing as the film’s unredeemable leading lady, conveying both an attractive quirkiness as well as her emotional sincerity. Although he has a tendency to be flat and unremarkable in most of his films, Affleck delivers with his role as Holden. His role as the hapless suitor and hopeless romantic appears genuine, as well as his onscreen chemistry with Adams.

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DVD REVIEW

Cronenberg’s ‘The Fly’ fills Halloween horror niche

By MARK REMENDERFER

This proves to be a very poor decision on his part. Since one of the final tests required before the machine’s completion was the teleportation of a live human being, Brundle places himself in the machine. Unfortunately, a tiny fly escapes his notice and makes its way to Brundle’s genes.

This leads to Brundle’s transformation into a human-fly hybrid, and the film has a tendency to be flat and unremarkable in most of its films, Affleck delivers with his role as Holden. His role as the hapless suitor and hopeless romantic appears genuine, as well as his onscreen chemistry with Adams.

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With the release of "A History of Violence," director David Cronenberg is quickly becoming a well-known director to people aren’t familiar with his previous work, however.

That is a shame too, as it is filled with almost 40 years of excellent movies.

Fortunately, in preparation for the Halloween season, one of Cronenberg’s earlier masterpieces has made its way back onto DVD. The remake of "The Fly" (1986) that he helmed is perfect Halloween fun.

"The Fly" follows the age-old parable of science gone wrong. The plot is fairly well known, but for the uninitiated it follows the plight of scientist Seth Brundle (Jeff Goldblum). Brundle is close to discovering the secrets of teleportation, so he enlists the aid of reporter Veronica Quaife (Geena Davis) to record his exploits. They quickly fall in love, but as her ex-boyfriend (John Getz) enters into the film, Brundle is pushed to finish his experiment.

"Chasing Amy" Brew and View

Venue: Legends
Time: Thursdays, following nightly performance
Stars: Jason Lee, Ben Affleck, Joey Lauren Adams

"The Fly" Collector’s Edition
Fox Home Entertainment

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The special effects are superb. They are some of the best, most realistic examples of the use of technology for horror capabilies in special effects creation. Brundle’s transformation is convincing, as it is a subtle evolution that takes place over time, becoming nightmarish.

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David Cronenberg has been directing films for almost 40 years. Until recently however, his films have been more niche than mainstream. One should learn more about him this Halloween by checking out this DVD re-release.

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Season Three Preview

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

Assistant Scene Editor

"Arrested Development," a critical darling that spent its first two years as a show one step away from cancellation, has made it to its third season. While its precarious renewal status still remains, the quality of the show has not diminished. Continuingly proving itself as one of the funniest and best-written shows on television, the show's third season looks to potentially be one of its best.

The show follows the adventures of the Bluth family, a self-indulgent, wealthy family whose fortunes take a downward turn after their company is busted for questionable accounting practices. Michael (Jason Bateman) is the only responsible family member who not only must pick up the shattered pieces of the business, but also has to hold together the eccentric who make up his family. These include his spoiled sister Lindsay (Portia de Rossi), his incompetent brother Gob (Will Arnett), his sheltered brother Buster (Tony Hale), his frigid mother Lucille (Jessica Walter) and his imprisoned father George Sr. (Jeffrey Tambor), all while raising his clueless son George Michael (Michael Cera.).

The third season looks to be highly entertaining, if its first three episodes are any indication. The first episode of the season, "The Cabin Show," finds Michael Bluth back in charge of the Bluth company.

Things seem to be going smoothly, which is usually just a set up for more insane events on "Arrested Development." He gets news that the company's stock has been upgraded from "Sell Sell Sell" to "Don't Buy" by financial advisor Jim Cramer. He attempts to take his son to the family cabin and somehow ends up in Reno. Nez. George Michael and Marnie, who are cousins, are reunited with him. Their interactions lead to such things as giving Rita a "forget-me-not," a pill that magician use when someone learns how a trick is done, which is also known as a "roofer." Lindsay works as a nun for the attorney on whom she has a crush, and George Sr. tries to escape from prison.

If the platitudes introduced in these three shows continue, and if the show continues what was started in the first two seasons, this season should prove to be just as wacky and well-written as anything else on TV.

The show can seem complicated because it references past episodes and switches between characters quickly, but after a few episodes it makes perfect sense, regardless of the irrational behavior of the characters.

"Arrested Development" can be seen on Fox every Monday at 8 p.m.

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Celebrity cameos play huge role in sitcom

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

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If celebrity cameos were the true mark of "Arrested Development," then "Arrested Development" would be the prom queen of television. Celebrities almost appear to be waiting in line to appear on the show. Fortunately the show uses them with such discriminating taste that the celebrity guest actually add to the program rather than overshadow it. The first season included some celebrity cameos, but nowhere near the levels that would eventually come in the second season. Liza Minnelli does some fine work as "Lucille Two," a neighbor of Lucille Bluth and a rival for Buster's affections. Minnelli does some hilarious work as the feisty, vertigo-plagued character.

Henry Winkler also shows up as Barry, the incompetent attorney whom the Bluth family hires to get George Sr. out of prison. Winkler takes inepitude to hilarious new heights, and there is a continual in-joke because Ron Howard, who was on "Happy Days" with Winkler, is the producer and narrator for the show.

Heather Graham also appears as George Michael's ethereal teacher, who has a crush on Saddam Hussein and whom Michael ends up dating.

Michael has a one-night stand with a blind attorney, played by Julia Louis-Dreyfus of "Seinfeld" fame, who ends up not being entirely honest (or even blind, for that matter). The scene when she must pretend to be blind while Tobias is sneak- ing around her house looking for evidence makes one wonder why she hadn't had her own successful television show.

The show's second season emerged even more loaded with celebrity appearances than the first. Along with the return of Minnelli, Winkler and Louis-Dreyfus, there were a host of other cameos.

Christine Taylor ("Dodgeball") appears as Michael's long-lost love from childhood, and her real-life husband, Ben Stiller, appears as one of Gob's rival magicians.

Carl Weathers ("Predator") plays himself as a starring actor in a series of episodes. He takes Tobias under his wing — for a price — and ends up teaching him about getting free food than about perfecting his "craft."

Martin Short makes an appearance as a crazy, wealthy gym owner who has lost the use of his legs. The episode itself is ridiculous, as is the character Short plays, but his music energy is riveting in an odd, frantic way.

Amy Poehler ("SNL," "Wet Hot American Summer") turns up as a woman who, after an escalating series of bails, ends up daring Gob to marry her.

Other celebrities who appear in the second season include James Lipton ("Inside the Actor's Studio"), Zach Braff ("Scrubs," "Garden State"), Dan Castellaneta ("The Simpsons"), Dave Attell ("Onosmoic with Dave Attell") and Andy Richter (formerly of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien").

The current third season of the show looks to continue this trend of attracting hoards of celebrities. Oscar-winner Charlize Theron is set to appear on the next episode of the show, and Ricky Gervais, known best for his work on the British version of the comedy "The Office," is slated to appear on the show. The actors on "Arrested Development" wanted him to appear so much they actually paid for his ticket when Fox balked at shellfing out the money.

While the core actors, not the cameo, truly make "Arrested Development" great, the added celebrity appearances add some variety and humor to the show. The producers seem to be particular enough about who appears and the roles they play that the show avoids the tripe pitfalls into which most shows fall. It seems that it will only be a matter of time before appearing on "Arrested Development" is a celebrity rite of passage on par with hosting "Saturday Night Live."

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The stars of "Arrested Development" pose for a publicity shoot. The sitcom is now entering its third season.
Carroll outscores Knott; Siegfried, Sorvin win

By CATHERINE KANE, JAMES FEGAN and CHRIS HINE
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Even without two starters and the coach, Carroll was able to overcome a major personnel advantage Sunday, securing their spot in the playoffs. Knott put up an

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play with a high level of knowledge and toughness.

Although the Trojans are on pace to break a number of offensive college football records, heading into Saturday's showdown, they have struggled on special teams.

The Irish hold a distinct advantage in a majority of special teams categories, including both kickoff and punt coverage. Through five games, the Trojans have allowed an average of 17 yards per punt return and 26.6 yards per kickoff. The Irish, on the other hand, have been solid in coverage this season, yielding only 3.4 yards per punt return and 19.9 yards per kickoff.

Notre Dame also has been more effective returning kicks than Southern Cal. With safety Tommy Zbikowski handling the punt return duties, the Irish have picked up 95 punt return yards on seven returns (13.6 yards per return), while Bush has had trouble returning his explosiveness in the backfield to the return game, gaining only 40 yards on seven returns.

On kickoff returns, three different Notre Dame players — receiver David Grimes, running back Justin Hoskins and defensive back Brandon Harris — have scored touchdowns, with Grimes' 92 return yards and 31.0 yards per return leading the Irish. While Bush has once again struggled to make an impact returning kicks — he's posted just a 17.5 yard average on eight returns — running back Desmond Bedard has been particularly effective, racking up 163 yards on only four returns (40.8 yards per return).

Should the Irish continue their comparative dominance in both returns and coverage Saturday, special teams play could be a factor in an Irish upset.

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NHL

Louisville head coach Mike Martz talks to quarterback Mark Bulger during the Rams' 44-24 loss to the New York Giants on Oct. 2. Martz will miss the rest of the season and assistant coach Joe Vitt will take over.

IN BRIEF

Ricky Williams returns to Miami's potent backfield.

DAVE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins made a substantial offensive upgrade Monday, adding a certified yoga instructor and student of holistic medicine notorious for his shyness and mercurial behavior.

Yes, Ricky Williams is back. Returning from a four-week suspension that followed a one-year retirement, Williams took part in the team's brief walkthrough session. He'll rejoin practice Wednesday and likely play Sunday at Tampa Bay — his first game since December 2003.

The Dolphins (2-2) won't burden Williams with the heavy workload that helped send him to Australia and India for an extended vacation. Instead, he'll share time with Ronnie Brown, the No. 2 overall pick in the April draft.

At times they'll line up in the backfield together.
Belles prepare for final home match

Saint Mary's will play host to Adrian at the Angela Athletic Center

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes — or so the Saint Mary's volleyball team hopes.

The Belles (9-12, 3-6) take to the Angela Athletic Center floor tonight to face Adrian College, a team to which they lost last Wednesday in three one-sided games.

The game marks the Saint Mary's final home match of the regular season. Tonight's match will be followed by six MIAA road contests to conclude the year.

Despite the 30-15, 30-21, 30-18 loss last week, Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek feels confident entering tonight's contest.

"They are a very good team, but they are beatable," Schroeder-Biek said. "We saw some things last week we think we can take advantage of."

Schroeder-Biek said that Adrian's blocking was lax at times. She also thought that the Belles could win some easy points if they made the Bulldogs move and shift their defense more.

Adrian's strength is a powerful attack game led by two-time MIAA player of the week Lindsey Eshelman. While the Belles were able to hold the outside hitter to a .256 hitting percentage in last week's meeting, other Bulldogs stepped up. Adrian had five players tally hitting percentages over .500, as they recorded 66 kills to the Belles 29.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team played adequate defense, despite the numbers. She felt her offense, though, was sluggish at times. She attributed the lackluster performance to a lack of intensity.

"We didn't all compete [last week]. It wasn't everybody, but some of the girls looked intimidated out there," she said.

The Belles should be confident entering tonight's match, coming off a 1-1 weekend that saw the team play with heart and desire. The Belles rebounded from a tough five-game loss to Albion with a convincing four-game win over Bluffton, avenging an earlier loss to the Comets.

Schroeder-Biek thought that mimicking this weekend's focus and intensity would bring the Belles success tonight.

"We need to compete like we did out there on Saturday. Each individual needs to bring a sound mental game," she said.

Adrian (14-4, 6-3) enters the game in fourth place in the MIAA, two places ahead of the Belles. They split two matches this weekend, losing to second-place Alma before sweeping Trine.

Saint Mary's will be honoring its two seniors tonight in their final home game. Talla Matarya-Vucaro will finish her second year with the team. The middle hitter played her freshman year, but study abroad and injury prevented her from playing the past two seasons.

She rejoined the team this year and has proved a valuable asset for the Belles off the bench this season.

Shelly Bender will finish her fourth season with the Belles. She has shown a great deal of improvement over four years and has anchored the Saint Mary's defense all year at the starting middle hitter position.

She leads the Belles with 19 blocks in conference play this season.

Schroeder-Biek acknowledged that Senior Night has provided an added motivation for her team.

"We have two great seniors. Playing the last home game is something special for them, and their teammates recognize that. They want to play well for the seniors."

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Welsh Family on the board, but wide receiver Maureen Springs caught a pass from Sands to put in the first half and converting on a pass from Davies to an early lead in the game, scoring on the play.

"We played really well on defense," said Welsh Family freshman Kristy Szczepanek. "Our offense just couldn't seem to make those turnovers count for scores."

The one point from the tie gives Pasquerilla West a one-point lead in fourth place over rival Pasquerilla East, enough to put them in the playoffs.

McGlinn 7, Breen-Phillips 0
All was a battle of the defenses Sunday on West Quad field, as Gold League-leader McGlinn attempted to hold off challengers Breen-Phillips.

A few penalties on Breen-Phillips helped the Shamrocks of McGlinn advance the ball early into Breen's territory, and quarterback Becky Brown was later converter to give the Shamrocks a lead that their defense would hold for the rest of the game.

Although the McGlinn defense recorded their forth shutout of the year, the defense of Breen-Phillips also looked especially strong after the lappe on the first drive.

"We made some key adjustments on defense," said Breen-Phillips captain Shannon Swanigan. "They read us up, but we just couldn't capitalize on our opportunities."

McGlinn's Nelly Head had a punt return for a touchdown that was called back on a flag-guarding call.

Brown Becky also had a strong performance, running well and keeping the Breen-Phillips offense on their toes.

"Looking into the week ahead, McGlinn has an almost-certain Phillips offense on their toes."

"That was two games in a row that we've played a lackluster second half. That can't happen in the playoffs."

The Phoxes and their 4-1 record are assured of a playoff berth. Last year, the Phoxes lost a heartbreaker to Cavanaugh in the semifinal round, just one touchdown away from a berth in the playoffs this year.

"My freshman year, we lost every game by the mercy rule," she said. "Then sophomore year we won our first game ... and right last year against Cavanaugh, we were so close."

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outs by Badin, the Chicks tied the game with a 39-yard touchdown pass to Khune.

Before Interhall's loss, a 39-yard touchdown pass to Khune.

Baldwin and Gustafson traded interceptions on their next possessions, but another three-and-out stand by the Chicks forced the Ballfrogs to punt, giving Lewis solid field position. The Chicks quickly capitalized and took the lead 18-12 with a touchdown to Jodyn Moya.

Due to Tuesday's heartbreaking loss, the Ballfrogs came out with a chip on their shoulder, showing more aggression and focus in the early minutes. The Ballfrogs opened up with a 15-yard touchdown toss from Katie Rose Hackney to Courtney Rains to make it 6-0.

Lewis managed to march down the field and threaten, but key defensive plays by Badin kept the Chicks scoring.

"It's not that our offense wasn't clicking in the first half, it's just that we couldn't get it into the redzone," said Burke.

The game looked like it might be in hand when Badin captain Meghan Charlesbois picked off an errant pass by Walsh and returned it nearly 60 yards to put the Ballfrogs up 12-0.

"We just had some unlucky breaks," Charlesbois said. "Some critical plays killed us and our quarterback is pretty strong, so it's always tough to face her."

Walsh 19, Lyons 0

Walsh shooed no mercy Sunday night under the lights, shutting out a Lyons team fighting to make the playoffs. A two-touchdown effort by cornerback Julie Campbell highlighted play for the Wild Women at Riehle West.

From the start, Walsh set their no-nonsense tone, forcing the Lyons to go three-and-out, and returning the punt to the Lyons 15-yard line. After a successful option, quarterback Mary Sullivan threw for 20 yards, and the Wild Women were within ten yards of the goal line.

Lyons held them for three downs, but on fourth, Sullivan ran outside and scored Walsh's first touchdown. Their second score came after. Four plays into a Lyons drive, Campbell intercepted the ball and ran it back almost 50 yards for a touchdown. Walsh converted the extra point and gave the Lyons another try to get their offense started.

This time, Campbell let the Lions get five plays, five plays into their drive before picking it off again and running 40 yards to the house. Then came three consecutive turnovers on downs, all without a first, and halftime was called with Walsh in scoring position.

"It was great to end the regular season on a high note," said Walsh captain Mary Botta. "We are happy with how we did this season, though we would have loved to go undefeated, and we're just really excited for the postseason."

The Wild Women started with ball but had to punt, as did Lyons on the next possession. When Walsh got the ball back, the team marched down the field, gaining big on a 25-yard pass that got a boost from a penalty on Lyons for unnecessary roughness. But the Lyons defense held them in the red zone and got their offense the ball.

The Lyons put together their most successful drive of the game with time winding down, completing four consecutive passes and running for a first, but Walsh buckled down and forced a turnover on downs. The Wild Women then let the clock wind down on the Lyons win.

Editor's note: Howard forfeited through the house. Then came three out by Badin, the Chicks tied the score at 6-0.

Our Dame will travel to La Quinta, Calif. on Oct. 17-18 to play in The Prestige on the Greg Norman Course at PGA West.

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stood up to the challenge well. But we're not making the run that all good teams go on when they win those kinds of tournaments.

No. 5 Duke won the event with a 10-under 54, besting second-place Coastal Carolina by one stroke.

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Jim Kubinski
Irish coach
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FOOTBALL

A special advantage

Special teams is key difference with Irish

By MATT PUGLISI  Associate Sports Editor

In a game that loves its strong-armed quarterbacks, crushing linebackers and fleet-footed receivers, the impact of special teams tends to fade into the gridiron woodwork. But for an extra little attention as this aspect of the game typically receives — outside of game-winning field goals or 100-yard kick-off returns — the hidden yardage that always finds its way onto the stat sheet can make all the difference.

With Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Matt Leinart and a pair of gifted running backs in Reggie Bush and LenDale White coming to town, talk has centered on a couple of main points: how Notre Dame's offensive leaders — specifically, quarterback Brady Quinn and running back Darius Walker — match up to their Trojan counterparts, and how the Notre Dame defense, a unit that has been bending all season, will weather the hailstorm of the Southern Cal offense.

As important as these key players will be in determining whether the Irish can snap USC's 27-game winning streak, special teams also figure to play a prominent role, a fact not lost on Irish cornerback and frequent special teams contributor Terrail Lambert.

"I like playing a lot of special teams," Lambert said. "I think a lot of people tend to overlook it, because many games are won and lost on special teams alone, and most people don't see this.

"And I think that's why they call special teams 'special teams.'"

For players used to lining up at "island" positions — spots where most any incredible play or costly mistake is magnified — making the switch to the relative anonymity of special teams can be difficult.

With the Irish coaching staff stressing the significance of solid special teams play from day one, players like Lambert are hoping into the philosophy.

"I think coming in I'm starting to realize the importance of that facet of the game because the coaching staff really puts an emphasis on that facet of the game, so I feel pretty good about being on special teams knowing that I'm contributing to the team," Lambert said. "That was one of my biggest concerns — what can I do for the team."

Irish coach Charlie Weis said the ability of frontline players on both sides of the ball to come to special teams is key for the Notre Dame defense.

"This wasn't our best performance, but I'd call it slightly above average," Lambert said prior to the USC game. "I think we showed a lot of character on Saturday," head coach Bobby Clark said. "We've done it in other games, but I think Saturday we were very strong. I don't think this team

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MEN'S SOCCER

Spartans host inconsistent Irish

After 2-1 loss, team hopes to rebound

By KATE GALES  Sports Writer

After a rocky season, the Irish have six games remaining to make their case for the NCAA Tournament. That final stretch begins today as the Irish face off against Michigan State at 3 p.m. in East Lansing, Mich.

After a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Connecticut on Saturday, when the Irish controlled play but couldn't cement the win, there were still positives to come from the play.

"I think we showed a lot of character on Saturday," head coach Bobby Clark said. "We've done it in other games, but I think Saturday we were very strong. I don't think this team...

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Bullfrogs fall 18-12 to Lewis

By JACK THORNTON and BEN VINCENT  Sports Writers

The Lewis Chickens came back from a 1-2 point deficit Sunday night to beat the Radio Bullfrogs for the second time in one week at Westfield West.

After being dominated for most of the first half, the Chickens took the ball down 12-0 and executed the two-minute drill, setting the team ready for the playoffs. Displaying efficiency, Lewis quarterback Elisa Valdez completed 6-of-9 passes on a critical 70-yard scoring drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Katie Klue.

"The biggest turning point was when the team relaxed after we got the first touchdown," Lewis captain Julia Burke said. "After that, we started playing with a lot more confidence."

In the second half, the Lewis defense put their team in the position to win by holding the Radios offense inside its own 20. After two consecutive three-and...

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MEN'S GOLF

Seniors pair up to lead team on links

Gustafson, Baldwin help Notre Dame to a sixth-place finish

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  Associate Sports Editor

Cole Isham has been carrying much of the weight for the Irish all season, but this weekend at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic, a different pair of Notre Dame golfers led the team to a sixth-place finish.

Senior Mark Baldwin led the Irish with a three-day 210 (70-72-68), and senior Scott Gustafson finished just one stroke further behind Baldwin, with 211 strokes (70-69-72). Baldwin's final-day 68 tied the Notre Dame 24-hole record en route to a sixth-place overall finish.

It was Baldwin's sixth career top-10 finish in his collegiate career. Gustafson finished in eighth place at five-under for the tournament.

Notre Dame's 1-over 865 (291-286-288) was the lowest three-round score of the season and the school's third lowest score ever.

The sixth place finish was impressive considering the field that competed in Durham, N.C.

The teams Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said prior would tough played well.

"This wasn't our best performance, but I'd call it slightly above average," Kubinski told UND.com. "This was the third tournament in a row where we faced a really strong field and we...

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