Notre Dame assists as New Orleans tries to rebuild

Alumni network reaches out to graduates affected by Katrina

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

In the days following Hurricane Katrina, Notre Dame alum Paul Christmann, Class of 1989, was plagued by the concerns of any New Orleans resident — specifically his inability to contact any friends from the devastated city. While Christmann and his family had found housing with relatives in Florida, the hasty evacuation of New Orleans left most residents without any way to locate their neighbors and coworkers.

But Christmann, a software developer and president of the Notre Dame club of New Orleans, was able to unite his profession and his passion to come up with a solution — he developed an online alumni bulletin board at www.ndkatrina.com.

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By JOE PIARRULLI
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Domino’s and Sbarro beware. Thanks to sophomore business major Patrick Leimkuehler, the residents of Alumni Hall no longer need to call local restaurants for a slice of pizza.

Leimkuehler, an Alumni resident, is giving local pizza chains the proverbial run for their money after creating a pizza place in the basement of Alumni, aptly named Dawg Pizza after the dorm’s mascot.

Along with two roommates — fellow business major Dan Ott and architecture major Kevin Kelly — Leimkuehler started the business Oct. 8. The three are currently the only employees and are all equal partners.

“I wanted to start it last year, and I went to talk to the guy running food sales last year and he just wasn’t really enthusiastic about it,” Leimkuehler said.

But the idea didn’t die. This year, the plan resurfaced through Leimkuehler’s connection with the Alumni Hall Council, when someone broached food sales as an option for students.

“I said I’d do it because my older brother, who graduated last year, used to work in the Keough kitchen and ... they kind of did the same thing, so that’s where I got the idea,” Leimkuehler said.

The basement pizza business set up in Alumni parallels those established by many other men’s dorms such as Keenan, Dillon, Kegough, Zahn, Morrissey, Knot and Siegfried. Carroll, Stanford, Sorin, St. Edward’s and Fisher are among those that do not have pizza sales.

Dawg Pizza does not have to pay rent since it also sells dorm merchandise, which helps the business thrive.

But luck played a role, as well.

“We were looking at ovens and saw there were all these chains going out of business,” Leimkuehler said.

The Notre Dame community has worked to respond to the fallout from Hurricane Katrina.

Students offered safe shuttles by security

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Students at Saint Mary’s cross the street to Notre Dame to study, socialize, attend meetings, exercise and eat on a daily basis. And they often rely on the Saint Mary’s Security Department to get them home safe and sound.

With days getting shorter and weather getting colder, the 15-minute walk or five-minute bike ride to Notre Dame has become less and less appealing to many students.

Saint Mary’s students. Instead they are choosing more often to use the various modes of free transportation offered.

Dave Chapman, director of security at Saint Mary’s, said there are three escort services offered to students: the trolley, the escort van and security escorts in squad cars.

“There are always safety issues,” Chapman said. “That is why we provide these services. It is a proactive way to prevent something bad from happening.

Students to send packages to Iraq

By ALICIA CONLEY
News Writer

Beginning next week, the Notre Dame Accounting Association will be shipping packages filled with Notre Dame memorabilia and other items — including hot chocolate, Gatorade, snacks, magazines and music — to Notre Dame graduates currently serving in the armed forces overseas.

The Accounting Association has been collecting names and addresses of graduates serving overseas since late last week, said junior Rena Zarah, one of the directors of the project.

The association will be sending packages to any address it receives, she said.

“The Accounting Association sent out an e-mail to the Notre Dame community saying if you know anyone serving, give us their address and we’ll send them a package,” Zarah said.

Last year, the association only had 40 requests for packages, but in just five days since announcing the program, 110 names have been submitted, Zarah said.

Many of the addresses the Association has received have come from “brothers or sisters or nieces of people serving, so it’s just as if it were from a family member,” Zarah said.
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The new accounts — called Roth 401(k) options — differ from the traditional 401(k) accounts by taxing workers' money as they earn it instead of after they withdraw it. Notre Dame assistant professor of economics Jim Sullivan said.

“The Roth 401(k) account allows workers to later invest and save their money without taxation. The taxes are charged later, when workers go to withdraw money from their account.”

Sullivan said the new option is some­thing to make workers think about net worth and the future, Sullivan said. “While people should be able to believe the govern­ment will tax workers’ money as they earn it, allowing them to work more without the tax break later.”

The law will go into effect Jan. 1, and most companies will provide the option sometime after then.

The new option will not be best for everyone, specifically taxpayers who are eligible for tax breaks that are based on taxable income. Sullivan said. “The Roth 401(k) is most likely to be an attractive option for those who expect to be paying a higher tax rate in retirement than they do today,” Sullivan said.

This usually refers to younger workers who believe they will have a higher income later than they do now, or those who believe the government will raise income tax rates in the future.

Collette Sgambati, program assistant for research and policy at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said the new option is some­thing she would consider.

“It’s good for me, because hopefully I will be making more money in the future,” Sgambati said. “I like having it taxed on the way in, then there are no surprises when you withdraw.”

Sgambati said she currently contributes to a traditional 401(k) account and a Roth IRA, so she would consider switching to the Roth 401(k) account when it is made available. But she does have reservations.

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Kamaria Porter, lead organiz­er of Notre Dame’s campus labor action project, stressed the importance of putting the new option in context.

“As a worker told me the other day, benefits don’t put food on the table.” Porter said. “While people should be able to plan for tomorrow, the needs of today must be addressed with a living wage and justice at work.”

The campus labor action proj­ect has been working to improve employee benefits.

“I think it’s important that employees at Notre Dame main­tain and improve their benefits, including retirement plans, but we need to focus on ensuring a higher wage and the dignity of the worker,” said Katie-Rose Hoover, a member of the campus labor action project.

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State officials said nearly 600 homes were destroyed or sustained major damage. Residents likely would not be allowed to return to the area until Wednesday or Thursday.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, who visited damaged areas of Evansville and Newburgh for the second time since the tornado, said allow­ing residents to gather what remains of their belongings would be the first step in a gradual recover­y.

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International News

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RASHDAD, Iraq — Three mask-wearing men in a speeding Opel assassinated a second lawyer in the Saddam Hussein trial Tuesday, raising new doubts about the security of the maçı held in the former dictator's last resort. The killings were the latest in a string of attempted assassinations by Saddam's loyalists.

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National News

Board's rulings question evolution

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Congress investigates secret prisons

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert circulated a letter Tuesday calling for a congressional investigation into the disclosure of alleged secret U.S. interrogation centers abroad.

Local News

Counties request time zone change

INDIANAPOLIS — The federal government announced the dates and times for public hearings it will conduct to gather public input on the issue of whether Kansas is ready to move to Central Time.

France

Riots show effect of discrimination

PARIS — France declared a state of emergency Tuesday to quell the country's worst unrest since the student uprisings of 1968 that toppled a government, and the prime minister said he faced a "moment of truth" over its failure to integrate Arab and African immigrants and their children.

Social Security plans delayed

Lawmakers believe system will not be overhauled until Bush's term ends

WASHINGTON — It will be 2009, after the next presidential election, before lawmakers seriously consider overhauling Social Security, the chairman of the Senate panel overseeing the program said Tuesday.

President Bush named social security as an area he planned to reform when he spoke to the Economic Club in Washington on Oct. 26.
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online, and we got keys to the food sales room in the basement of our dorm," Ott said. "We went down there, and we actually found a pizza oven over which nobody told us about. I don't think they knew about it either.

The three are still trying to cover the start­ing costs, which they've made more than $1,000 in sales, not all of which is profit, after only two weeks of work, Leimkuehler and Ott said. "Supplies cost a lot," Leimkuehler said. "Last week we over­ ordered, and we actually had some crusts that just went bad.

Despite such initial difficul­ ties, sales have continuously improved.

Leimkuehler said being a busboy or a major helped smooth some bumps in the road.

"Temporarily there wasn't any­ thing specifically I used from class, but as we started doing stuff we made spread sheet from our Management class that we use," he said. "As we started the busness up, more and more stuff that we learned in class was making sense."

"It's really fun... I hang out with my friends and we deliver to people in our dorm, so it's really kind of social, too," Leimkuehler said.

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"We made sure all the drinks are at least 50 cents cheaper than the vending machines," Leimkuehler said.

Word of mouth has already taken Dawg Pizza a long way, with the help of Mass amends and advertising.

"We've put flyers throughout the dorm and sometime this week we're going to slide fly­ ers under everyone's door," Leimkuehler said.

Dawg Pizza is open Monday through Thursday from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and stops at Main Circle and Library Circle. The Sweep runs from 7 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. at the same locations Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

But the trolley does not run on Sundays, one of the most common complaints among students who use the shuttle service.

Saint Mary's freshman Jameson Loubsky said often­ times she spends most of the day on Sunday at Notre Dame studying and meeting with friends. The trolley is slow and usu­ ally has no way of getting back to Saint Mary's without waiting or riding a bike back at night.

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"All donations are going to be collected next week," Zarah said.

"The next Monday we're putting together all the boxes, and then that Tuesday, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, they'll be shipped out," she said.

Zarah said there will have been appreciative of the packages in the past.

"Last year we did get a thank-you note from a soldier that was the most wonderful thing to receive a package, especially from the Notre Dame community. They're very grateful."

The Association will be collecting donations in the lobby of the Mendota College of Business next week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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In Brief

Greenspan warns of economic crisis
WASHINGTON — With just three months left before he leaves office, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised a warning to Congress: The country could face "serious economic disruptions" if bloated budget deficits are not curbed.

The Fed chief's strong comments, made during an appearance Thursday before Congress' Joint Economic Committee, come after the government produced a $219 billion deficit this year, an improvement from the record amount of red ink registered in 2004 but still the third-highest deficit on record.

In the short term, costs relating to rebuilding after the trio of devastating hurricanes will make it harder to improve the nation's balance sheets, he acknowledged. In the long term, the huge wave of retiring baby boomers will put massive strains on government resources, he said.

"There are no easy choices. Easy choices are long gone," said Greenspan, whose 18-plus year run at the Fed comes to an end on Jan. 31.

Casino sale to boost Gary economy

Gary, Ind. — Donald Trump's casino company said Friday it had agreed to sell its Lake Michigan casino and hotel to the owner of its dock-sharing competitor in a $253 million deal.

The sale of the casino comes as Trump Entertainment Resorts Corp. emerges from a reorganization after filing for bankruptcy protection last year and before its long-awaited casino at Gary, Ind., was forced to drop its plans to open next month.

"This agreement represents a win-win situation for all parties involved," said Laura E. Jones, executive director of the American Apparel and Footwear Association for hardworking U.S. textile workers," she said. Jim Genshaft, chairman of the National Council of Textile Organizations, said the deal reassured Americans that China wouldn't be able to flood the U.S. market in the next three years.

"This agreement is a victory for hardworking U.S. textile workers," he said. Auggie Tantillo, executive director of the American Trade Action Coalition, another industry group representing textile and clothing manufacturers, said, "U.S. textile and apparel manufacturing workers and their communities are big winners today. This bilateral agreement represents a necessary and welcome step toward addressing China's unfair trade practices and highly disruptive levels of trade."

But representatives of American retailers expressed disappointment with what they saw as overly restrictive limits on future imports.

"Instead of terms that ensure that there is a true transition to unrestricted trade after 2008, the agreement imposes tight quotas on the products of greatest importance to American families: shirts, pants and underwear," said Laura E. Jones, executive director of the U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel.

Bo said the agreement was concluded after "prac­tical and equal negotia­tions" and provided a "pred­icable and stable environment" for the textile indus­tries in both China and the United States. However, he also said the agreement would have a much greater impact on China's 20 million textile workers than the several hundred thousand workers in the United States.

Government aids prisoner re-entry

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department is awarding nearly $20 million in grants to religious and commu­nity groups to help people released from prison find jobs and smoothly make their way back into society.

The department hopes to help some 6,250 released prisoners through the grants, Chao said. "When ex-offenders return to the community they need help," Chao said. "Faith-based organizations in urban centers — because they are so much part of the community — can be of tremendous assistance in reintegrating these offenders back into the community. What we hope will happen is that there will be a holistic approach in helping these ex-offend­ers."

The grants are being offered through President Bush's prisoner re­entry initiative, which emerged from the president's 2004 State of the Union address. The initiative aims not only to aid ex-prisoners find employment when they return to their com­munities but also to help urban areas that have large numbers of returning ex-prisoners deal with these chal­lenges.

Approximately 549 applications were submitted for the department's slice of the grants, which total $19.8 million. Most grants were in the range of around $660,000 a piece.

Recipients include: Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry in San Diego, Calif., $662,935; Odyssey House Louisiana, $684,250; and Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, $663,045.
Chavez claims 'knockout'— American proposal of Free Trade Area of Americas rejected at summit

Associated Press

ARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez proclaimed a "knockout" victory in a summertime of Latin America after helping to kill the Free Trade Area of the Americas, a regional bloc opposed to the trade pact and which has the continent's richest natural resources.

"I wouldn't say Chavez emerges as a triumphant leader. You don't have a situation where Latin America is united around Chavez. Latin America is very much divided now," Steve Ellner, Venezuelan East University political science professor.

But while Chavez rattled some with his sharp comments about U.S. policies, it was Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva who quietly gained Bush's ear. In a friendly post-summit meeting, Bush said he agreed with Silva that the U.S. should aid the new regime in Bolivia that has the world's largest known natural gas reserves.

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Democrats lead in governor races

Associated Press

Democrat Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine clung to a steady lead over Republican Jerry Kilgore Tuesday in the race for Virginia governor, while early returns in New Jersey's gubernatorial race showed Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine ahead of Republican Doug Forrester.

Kaine had 680,125 votes, or 51.7 percent, to Kilgore's 515,067 votes, or 40.4 percent. Kilgore led with 144,271 votes, or 51.7 percent, to Kaine's 133,995 votes, or 44.2 percent.

Both gubernatorial races saw record-breaking, mean-spirited campaigns, and were closely watched by political analysts for signs of the public's mood ahead of next year's midterm elections. Elsewhere, New York and a few other major cities selected mayors. Nationwide ballot referendums on gay rights before the voters in Maine and Texas, while several government-overhaul measures on the ballot in California were seen as referendums on GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who campaigned hard for them.

Both New Jersey and Virginia saw races for governor marked by nasty personal attacks. One ad in Virginia charged that one candidate would not have supported the death penalty for Adolf Hitler; another in New Jersey quoted a candidate's ex-wife as saying he would betray the state.

In New Jersey, Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine and Republican businessman Doug Forrester spent upward of $70 million on the governor's race. Acting Gov. Richard Codey assumed the office last year when Gov. Jim McGreevey, a Democrat, resigned over a homosexual affair, but Codey decided not to run.

In Virginia, at least $42 million was spent in the contest between Kaine and Kilgore, the former state attorney general. Democratic Gov. Mark Warner, who campaigned hard for them, operated together, said the business partner, Ed Dinyes. In the tape, the suspect is seen taking the girl away by the arm.

"That is Joe? What is he doing there?" said Dinyes, recounting his reaction after seeing the images in February 2004. "I couldn't believe that this is the guy I know."

Smith, a 39-year-old former auto mechanic and father of three daughters, is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and capital sexual battery in the death of Carlie Bruca. He pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he may face the death penalty.

Besides the videotape, prosecutors have said they have DNA evidence linking Smith to the crime and clothing fibers belonging to Carlie that were found in a car used by Smith. The defense says the evidence is inconclusive and other suspects weren't properly investigated.

Dinyes said his wife was the first to recognize Smith in the images broadcast just a few days after Carlie disappeared from the parking lot of a car wash. She woke her husband and told him to watch the television and urged him to call authorities.

After his wife left for work, Dinyes repeated his suspicions to a police hot line recording, but then called 9-1-1 because he felt "it was vital that I get a hold of someone," he said.

Baskell Clemens, who managed a tire shop where Smith worked, and Jeff Pincus, Smith's roommate, also testified that they recognized Smith from his posture and walk.

Clemens and the Dinyes told jurors that Smith had gained weight and changed haircuts since the images were taken.

Pincus said he loaned Smith his station wagon the afternoon of Carlie's disappearance, believing it would be returned in a few minutes. But Smith didn't return until the next morning and had added more than 300 miles to the odometer. Smith left wearing a mechanic's uniform and returned in a green sweat shirt, Pincus added.

Brown Cross, the defense attorney, said Pincus acknowledged that in a deposition he had confused the days when he loaned Smith the station wagon.

Detective Toby Davis testified that he interviewed Smith at his home, searched his bedroom and found mechanic's uniforms. Davis showed Smith a still photo taken from the security camera images, and Smith said, "That looks like me, but it's not me," he said.

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This is a column about torture, and in particular the torture that has been practiced by all branches of the U.S. military and by the CIA for the past several years, and which is only now (long after it first came to light) getting the media attention it deserves. There is a vast amount of documentary evidence on the subject, thousands of pages in lurid detail, and most of it can be read on the Web.

Typically I devote a great deal of time to carefully developing rhetorical arguments. For this piece I have abandoned that style, because in the face of the evidence and the nature of the crimes, each of us knows that torture is wrong, even those who support its use against our enemies. What the proponents of torture believe is that it is necessary to defend our freedom. What I propose to you, and what I feel the selections below indicate, is that the existence of torture in a free society, for any reason, is inherently inconsistent, and indeed a far greater threat to everything we believe in than all the terrors in the world put together.

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Letters to the Editor

The crack in the case

Joey Falco's Nov. 7 article "Beating (around the) Bush" is in a case in point of why the American Left continues to slip away from the mainstream. His article is simply a restatement of the Democrat's talking points toward Katrina, and though he paints a beautiful picture of what the liberal democrats and the media wish, hope and dream will be true, it contains very few actual facts.

Falco's first supposed crack in Bush's "glass case of composer" was hurricane Katrina. New Orleans, a Democrat-controlled city, failed to evacuate its people and failed to accept federal aid prior to the storm. Mayor Ray "school bus" Nagin failed to mobilize hundreds of school buses that were at his disposal to help evacuate his city. Democratic governor Kathleen Blanco, prior to Katrina, turned down the help of the federal government when Bush offered it. It was estimated that there were millions of dollars of that had been given to New Orleans to improve the known problems with the levees and were diverted to other projects. The media ignored reports about the Superdome and described the city as a "Toxic Soup" that would never be rebuilt, none of which was accurate. It was all part of a liberal vision of what they hoped to be true. It's absurd to think that the president of the United States would order hurricanes in order to bolster his brother's reputation. The much missed leaders wished for a disaster so that they could blame it all on Bush.

Another tilt toward a Democratic theme is the articled by Tom DeLay. Falco fails to mention that the prosecutor, Ronnie Earle, who indicted DeLay, had to go to three different grand juries before he found the one that would indict (one which had been sworn in just hours earlier). And what are they indicting DeLay for, you might ask? Ronnie Earle, who at this very moment is making a movie about his life as a prosecutor, is accusing DeLay of conspiracy to break a law that wasn't even on the books, and wouldn't be for another two years. Ronnie Earle knew his indictment would hurl DeLay to step down in the House, and would also serve as a great ending for his political smut film.

As for the Scooter Libby "crack," he was indicted for making a false statement, not for outing a covert CIA agent. Falco dismisses the fact that Valerie Plame had not been under cover for over five years as well as the fact that she sent her husband, Joe Wilson, to Niger to investigate WMDs. He also fails to mention that Wilson never filed an official report on his findings in Niger or that Wilson himself helped in the "outing" of himself and his wife by approaching the news media.

Bush was criticized for not preparing well enough for Katrina, and with the Bird Flies whacking havoc throughout the world, Falco now criticizes Bush for preparing too soon. The left and people like Joey Falco read the news and feel that there is some sort of conservative crackup occurring. They see the hope for their struggling democratic party to finally regain the control that had been "stolen" from them by the corrupt Bush administration. What they don't see is that all of Falco's "cracks" have actually revitalized the resolve of the Republican Party. Time will show us this will be the beginning of a conservative crackdown. It is obvious that the dreams of the left, the media, and Falco will not be coming true, and they will soon wake only to find themselves looking at their reflections through the shards of their own cracked case.

Chris Reijnes
off-campus
Nov. 7

Estimate of deaths low

Ryan Crane unfortunately misrepresents statistics in his Nov. 7 letter to the editor (ironically) entitled "Misleading Statistics." Crane insists that The Lancet article, which estimates that between March 2003 and September 2004 the U.S. lead Coalition caused 98,000 excess Iraqi deaths, is "easily debunked" due to "a confidence interval so large as to be almost statistically meaningless." In fact, The Lancet estimate is probably quite low because it excluded data from hot spots like Fallujah (not to mention the number of deaths since September 2004).

Crane misleads the reader about how a "confidence interval" (CI) works in statistics. Crane makes the false presumption that a 95 percent CI of 8000-194,000 means that the number of deaths are just as likely be any number between 8000 and 194,000. If this false presumption about CI were true, then The Lancet estimate would indeed be meaningless (as well as some of Crane's other stats about Kurds killed by Saddam, not to mention the deaths from the Dec. 2004 tsunami, etc.).

However, the numbers in the middle of the CI are statistically more likely to be more accurate than the numbers closer to either extreme. The stats are something like this:

(i) There is a 2.5 percent chance that the number is lower than 65,000, and a 10 percent chance it's higher than 167,000 (thus a 80 percent chance the number is between 65,000 and 167,000).
(ii) There is a 2.5 percent chance that the number is lower than 8000, and a 2.5 percent chance it's higher than 194,000 (2.5 percent + 2.5 percent = 5 percent, thus the 95 percent chance the number is between 8000 and 194,000).
(iii) There is a 10 percent chance that the number is lower than 45,000, and a 10 percent chance it's higher than 167,000 (thus a 80 percent chance the number is between 45,000 and 167,000).

The Lancet estimate is probably quite low because it excluded data from hot spots like Fallujah (not to mention the number of deaths since September 2004).

Sean Walsh
graduate student
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Nov. 7

Contest of content in questionable

I am amazed that, given the prominence of The Observer recently, people haven't noticed the comics offered on the last page. Recently, I have found that the comic strip Jockular is particularly offensive to both myself and those with whom I work. Kimberly Baker submitted a letter (Nov. 11) about its position on women. Not only have I taken offense at those comics, I have also taken offense at Monday's comic about the white crosses.

Alex White, a junior, and Erik Powers, a senior, were both students last year during the outrage that ensued following the description of the crosses. I fail to see how a comic depicting the burning of the crosses (misinterpreted as "Tutsi and the tasteless remark "I think the Kenyan lives have joined the Klans") can be funny.

Abortion, as is evident, is a very sensitive issue, and race relations, as is also evident, is not much "safe" for the content of a comic strip. As a Catholic, I was offended by the lack of respect given to the cross, and as a human being I was offended by the lack of respect for a differing view on an issue so serious as abortion. Furthermore, I am amazed that a newspaper serving a Catholic community would publish a comic such as Jockular, especially as humor, because of its morally questionable content. I am also surprised that the artists, despite outcry by members of the community, have continued to produce baseless comics that are, at best, ill-suited for print media, and at times completely offensive. Never before have I seen faith taken so lightly. Maybe it is a lesson that the authors need to learn before taking another entertainment position.

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Nov. 6
DVD REVIEW

‘Land of the Dead’ better suited for fans of its predecessors and genre aficionados than most general audiences.

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

"Land of the Dead" establishes its unique identity by building off of a cinematic heritage that spans nearly half a century. While it is a splendid palate for a very select crowd, watching it with no prior knowledge of its predecessors leaves the average viewer in the dark. This is problematic for most viewers, which is why "Land of the Dead" is better suited for fans of its predecessors and genre aficionados than most general audiences.

In the original, due to unknown reasons, the bodies of the recently deceased began to rise up to attack and spark the living. The military and society at-large proved incapable of dealing with the situation. To make matters worse, the animation of the dead proved to get smarter as the living civilization declined.

This leads into the fourth of George Romero's "Dead" series, "Land of the Dead." Civilization at large has fallen, leaving only isolated pockets of humanity. The city of Fiddler's Green is one such pocket and is depicted as possibly the final remaining US city populated by the living. Lacking the means to support itself, the city's corrupt government — led by the slimy Kaufman (Dennis Hopper) — sends out raiding parties to collect supplies from neighboring areas. But depredations from the city for supplies is not a pleasant job, and certain members of the crew yearn for a better life.

The corrupt raider Cholo (John Leguizamo) dreams of joining the rest of the social elite in Fiddler's Green tower. Another Raider, Riley (Simon Baker) has different aspirations. He wishes to leave the corrupt society and make his own way through the "wild." Both characters are well developed and play wonderfully into various forms of interpretation.

Running counter to the aspirations of these two individuals is the smart zombie Big Daddy (Eugene Clark). After witnessing a raid on his town, he chases after the crew with an ever-increasing zombie horde, which leads to a climactic showdown with the corrupt, the innocent and the dead.

"Land" is a worthy addition to the series, as it continues everything that made the previous ones memorable. The satirical take on consumerism from "Dawn of the Dead" is back, as well as several other themes that a Romero fan would notice immediately.

Mercenaries Slack (Asia Argento), left, and Riley (Simon Baker) try to protect their wall-off city in George A. Romero's latest horror film, "Land of the Dead."

The emphasis on the corrupt having power and critical looks on society at large would appear to be more appropriate in a non-horror movie. But Romero pulls it off admirably, pulling "Land" out of the standard mire of Hollywood horror. Horror junkies will find plenty to like in the movie. The gore is abundant, as heads, headshots and explosions run rampant. The unrated version is one of the gorier films to in recent memory, though an R-rated version is also available.

The special features are great for long-time fans and newcomers alike. The DVD goes into great detail how the special effects were done, some of which are quite visually impressive. There are also some fan service features, as it shows where the zombie-parody "Shaun of the Dead" actors made cameos. As good as "Land of the Dead" is, it is not for everyone. It's aimed at a niche audience, and those within the niche will love the movie. And while it's recommended that those not in the audience learn more about this particular niche, this movie is not the best place to start.

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MENDES’ ‘JARHEAD’ ONLY A HALF-FULL GULF WAR DRAMA

By SEAN SWANEY
Scene Critic

"You will train. You will hydrate. And you will maintain a constant state of suspicious alertness."

Do it all, Sam Mendes fans.

While these words are directed at Marines in the Gulf War movie "Jarhead," they equally apply to audiences eagerly anticipating this recent directing effort of the Academy Award-winner. "Jarhead" ("American Beauty," "Road to Perdition") is a film about the Gulf War.

Essentially, this is a film about boredom. The Marines spend their time in the desert with nothing to do, and prepare for an enemy just over the horizon. When the men actually engage in war, there is no enemy or battle, just a lot of walking. When the war ends and he returns home, Swiftord narrates his war lasted four days, four hours and one minute, and he did not fire a single bullet in that time.

While "Jarhead" may be termed a war movie, it is really a character drama set in a war. The movie does not broach the prose or cons of the Gulf War, or the situation in Iraq.

One scene features a character railing about the politics of the situation until he is cut off by another soldier who tells him that nothing matters except the fact that they are there.

"Jarhead" is a film recounting the memoirs of Corporal Anthony Swifflord (Jake Gyllenhaal), a 20-year-old who enlisted in the Marines rather than flunk out of college. Swifflord was a soldier filled with questions and anger about his role in Operation Desert Shield. He heads into Operation Desert Storm, his partner Troy (Peter Sarsgaard, "Flightplan") and other stock characters. And when the Marines are shipped off to Iraq and placed under the watchful eye of Lt. Col. Kazinski (Chris Cooper, "American Beauty"), the action seems ready to start.

But the only problem is that there is no action.

The Marines spend their time in the desert talking, drinking water, thinking about wives and girlfriends back home, soaking at sand dunes, playing footy and preparing for an enemy just over the horizon. When the men actually engage in the war, there is no enemy or battle, just a lot of walking. When the war ends and he returns home, Swiftord narrates his war lasted four days, four hours and one minute, and he did not fire a single bullet in that time.

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NBA Live 2006

Chris: With headlining acts such as FIFA 2006, NHL 2006 and NCAA Football 2006, EA Sports has effectively built the gold standard for sports-related video games. And in the world of basketball arcade entertainment, NBA Live 2006 is a slam dunk.

The game's numerous new features (see the new Playmaker control complement nicely the improved with the graphics and controllability of the players. Although perhaps removed from reality a bit (i.e. Caron Butler and Eddy Curry routinely dropping 60 points in a game), the ability to personalize your playing style is a huge step up.

The previous version of the game had several features that could turn a nasty bally into a weepy bawler. In the old version, certain moves in the game were more impossible to execute.

Gone are the days of the inability to perform even a simple "pro-hug," which prompted the removing of the button that produced such a move to the "turn over button" among many avid NBA Live players. Updated in a new era of behind-the-back passes and tomahawk jams. With the new take, video gamers are given a virtual arsenal of effective drive, dunk, dish and dodge abilities that will have even the most experienced of players salivating.

Aside from regressive gameplay, there are numerous extra features that enhance the overall experience of the game. The first of these is the All-Star Weekend, which includes the 3-point competition, the Dunk contest and the All-Star Game.

Need help working on your outside stroke? Well, the 3-point competition is back and better than ever. Don't like the view you're getting from your shooter? Feel free to change the camera angle without leaving the game. The 3-point competition will let even the most un-athletic of coach potatoes "make it rain" alongside the likes of Kyle Korver and Michael Jordan.

The dunk competition makes the game enter a new realm of fantasy rivaled only by the bullet-time bonanza found in "The Matrix." There is such a thing as hang-time, but the LeBron James hang-time in the air makes the gamer start looking for wires attached to his back. Despite this stunning visual aspect, the competition takes on a near-ludicrous level when King James tosses the ball off the shot-clock, dunks the ball with his arm covering his head, and then dunks the ball with his arm covering his eyes.

Stupid? Yes. Entertaining? Definitely. The dunk competition's perverse use of fake abilities makes the most unrealistic facet of the game one of the most fun.

Want to prove that Charlie Weis isn't the only guy out there who can put the "nasty" back in "dynasty?" Look no further than NBA Live's Dynasty Mode.

Are you a fan of the championship-thirsty Clippers or the toothless Toronto Raptors? Well, fear no longer. You don't have to wait until next year's draft to watch your team rebuild, as you can trade and sign players en-route to the championship faster than you can say "Greg Popovich."

Don't feel like playing an entire season just to pull a "Denver Nuggets" and run into a brick wall in the first round of the playoffs? That's fine, too. Just use the simulation feature and you can skip more games than Ron Artest, and you don't even have to punch anyone to do it.

Overall, the game is a worthy, enjoyable and entertaining take on professional basketball and is an enticing time to the Marcus Camby in all of us.

Tae: The evolution of a perennial sports title is a continually changing process. Game creators use fan input to determine what facets of a game work and which aspects aren't working. Then they seek to modify and improve upon deficiencies in the overall gaming experience.

The latest reincarnation of Live is definitely a step up from last year's title, but it fails to be an entirely successful refinement since some areas still require improvement.

Last year's version of the game placed more of an emphasis on the use of power forwards and centers to dominate the interior underneath the hoop. But this was met with a negative reaction from Live players sick of driving to the basket in search of a jammer, only to find they had mistakenly been invited to a block party.

In other words, it was too easy for shot-blocking big men to mercilessly swat would-be drives to the rim. Fear not, fellow Livers, for this year's game is much more guarded-intensive.

An effective mid-range jumper game combines with a new relative ease in finishing around the basket to make the 2006 version the Year of the Guard, as opposed to 2005, which was definitely the Year of the Forward.

By far the best aspect of this year's game is its new Freestyle feature. The 2006 version of Live offers a new twist: hold L1 and then hit any of the four buttons on the right side of the controller. In turn, this will enable the player to, in the words of rapper Bun B, "go hard through the paint like Carmelo." Different options are available for different kinds of Freestyling. Also, the ability to "have it your way" through a variety of customization options that even Burger King cannot match.

For example, using the Playmaker Freestyle feature with a flashy point guard will allow the player to sort through a never-ending parade of dishes than one can find while scrunching plates on the slab of North Dining Hall. Freestyling with a scor­er such as the Spurs' Manu Ginobili provides you with a variety of creative finishes at the basket, allowing you to make like breaded chicken and shake and bake your way to the rack.

Similarly, using Freestyle with a high-flyer such as Dwight Howard will enable the player to defy the law of gravity en route to a series of high-flying aerial slam dunks. With more no-look passes and ankle-breaking dribbles moves, the new and improved Freestyle feature is no doubt the most fun new part of the game.

But what makes the 2006 version so much fun — increased creativity in scoring — is also the game's biggest flaw. The influx of myriad new offensive weapons makes scoring in Live '06 too easy. It's fairly easy to rack up two-point totals of 40 or 50 points with a single play­er.

The game overall suffers from a lack of realism. The experience overall definitely smacks more of the arcade than of the hardwood.

EA Sports' tagline is, "If it's in the game, it's in the game," as a testament to the realistic nature of its games. NBA Live 2006's mantra should be, "If it happens on SportsCenter's top 10, it happens in the game."

Also, by performing breathtaking moves ad nauseum with but the slightest effort, they lose some of their excitement.

But despite its flaws, NBA Live 2006 is a fun way to get your hoop on and settle some of that pseudo trash talking you've had with your roommate by going Manu y Manu on the Playstation 2.

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George Lucas’ “THX 1138” will be shown at the DPAC on Thursday. A sci-fi vision of a totalitarian future, it helped launch a new generation of filmmakers.

Browning to screen Kubrick’s 1968 sci-fi masterpiece

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

If told today that a renowned director was attempting a 140-minute, nearly-silent science fiction film that featured no stars, critics and audiences might be skeptical (and rightfully so). Yet Stanley Kubrick managed to pare his high-risk venture into one of the most enduring and compelling films of the 1960s.

The year 2001 has come and gone, but Kubrick’s masterpiece and a revolutionary film that stretched the boundaries of what a mainstream motion picture could be.

Arriving at a time when the rules of Hollywood were changing, “2001: A Space Odyssey” has since become renowned as Kubrick’s masterpiece and a visionary film that stretched the trappings of most mainstream cinema.

Kubrick’s epiphanic grandiosity comes full circle in fulfillment of the director’s magisterial vision. It is only in that final shot that the audience is given a chance to understand the film in a way that transcends the trappings of most mainstream cinema.

“The DPAC’s Browning Cinema will host a screening of Stanley Kubrick’s master-piece “2001: A Space Odyssey” (1968) as part of the PAC Classic 100 series.

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George Lucas’ “THX 1138” was light-years beyond the film’s future that would go on to shape the film industry.

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Critic

When released in 1971, George Lucas’ “THX 1138” was light-years ahead of any American film at the time. It came during a period when the old studio system of Hollywood was failing and the new generation of young, adventurous filmmakers was taking over.

Names like Scorsese, Coppola, Spielberg and Lucas were just beginning to be passed around in film circles, and it was a film the first to come out of Francis Ford Coppola’s production company American Zoetrope — that put these new filmmakers on the map.

Directed by Lucas and produced by Coppola, “THX 1138” follows a man living in a future that has outlawed emotion, sex and even love. Robert Duvall plays the character named THX 1138, a factory worker who makes the robotic parts that oversee the film’s futuristic society. His likable partner, LU 3417 (Maggie McOmie), alters his drug regimen and THX 1138 begins to feel emotion.

Eventually he and LU 3417, who fall in love, plot an escape. They suffer hardships as they fight the “Big Brother,” which is present everywhere in the guise of the mechanical policemen and cameras that patrol all levels of society. THX 1138 becomes increasingly resolved in his plan to cut himself free throughout the film, especially when he meets society’s outcasts in a permanent hold for the people who choose not to conform to Big Brother’s standards.

The story of this film is constructed well — the script was co-written by Lucas and sound designer Walter Murch. But the visuals make the film stand out.

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Bryant scores 37, Lakers win 103-97 in Atlanta

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives past the Atlanta Hawks' Josh Childress Tuesday night. Bryant scored 37 points.

Mark Davis showed T.J. Ford and the Bucks the biggest improvement for the Magic won for the first time in four games.

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MLB

Angels' Colon awarded AL Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bartolo Colon always had the blazing fastball, the snap­ py sinker, the natural look of a No. 1 starter.

Still, something was missing: consistency.

So he learned to pull back a bit, focus on throwing strikes and get­ ting grounders. Now, he's the dominant ace every­ one envisioned, and he has an American League Cy Young Award to prove it.

Colon won a surprising­ one-sided vote Tuesday, beating out reliever Mariano Rivera and becoming the first Angels pitcher in 41 years to take home the honor.

"If I can get an out with one or two pitches and use my sinker or my cutter, I'm better off," Colon said through a translator.

"I stopped being a village boy, thinking that I can throw any stone, any rock, any baseball, throwing my sinker, the natural look of a No. 1 starter, focus on the ball and not to depend on throwing hard."

Colon, who led the league with 21 wins, was listed first on 17 ballots and second on the other 11 for 118 points in vot­ ing by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He was the only pitcher named on every ballot, easily topping Rivera, who received 68 points.

The New York Yankees' closer got eight first-place votes for the highest fin­ ish of his career, while 2004 winner Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins received three and came in third.

"After the season, yeah, I've been thinking about it a lot," Colon said during a conference call from the Dominican Republic. "And one of the prevailing thoughts was the fact that maybe I won't get it. Maybe it was going to go to somebody else. A lot of crazy things came into my head."

Though Colon (21-8) was the league's only 20­ game winner, this year's Cy Young race was thought to be close. His 3.48 ERA and 157 strike­ outs ranked eighth, while Rivera racked up 43 saves and a career-best 1.28 ERA. Santana went 16-7 with a 2.87 ERA and led the majors with 238 strikeouts.

In Brief

Bowden and Beattie apply for Red Sox GM job

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Washington Nationals general manag­ er Jim Bowden and former Baltimore Orioles boss Jim Beattie will interview with the Boston Red Sox to replace departed GM Theo Epstein.

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino and chairman Tom Werner will inter­ view Bowden on Wednesday in Palm Springs, team spokesman Glenn Geffier said Tuesday night. Beattie will interview Friday in Boston.

Other candidates might be inter­ viewed Wednesday and Thursday in California, but their names won't be announced until the meetings are scheduled, Geffier said.

The Red Sox have received permis­ sion to interview two officials of unidentified teams.


Congress introduces new, eased steroid plan

WASHINGTON — Aiming for a Senate vote on steroid legislation this week, lawmakers eased the proposed penalties Tuesday, calling for a half­ season suspension the first time an athlete tests positive for performance­ enhancing drugs.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., and John McCain, R-Ariz., contains a one­season ban for a second steroid offense and a lifetime ban for a third. It would apply to Major League Baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL, and baseball's minor leagues.

Several bills that would standardize steroid rules across U.S. professional sports have been proposed in the House and Senate in recent months. Most — including the original version of the Senate measure — were based on the Olympic model: a two­year sus­ pension for a first drug offense, a life­ time ban for a second.

"I think, seriously, that they are under the opinion that we will not act," said Bunning, a former pitcher elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

"We tried to explain to them that we are going to act because of their fail­ ure to do so, and I don't think it's sunk in."

Auriemma leads spring inductee list

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma leads the list of those to be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame this spring.

The other inductees are former Texas All-American Clarissa Davis­ Wrightsill, Louisiana Tech star Janice Lawrence Braxton, former Georgia All-American Katrina McClain Johnson, Bentley College coach Barbara Stevens and Brazilian Olympian Maria Paula Goncalves da Silva, a person with firsthand knowl­edge of the induction process told The Associated Press on the condi­tion of anonymity.

The class will be officially announced on Saturday during the women's basketball Tipoff Classic at Texas Tech.
PGA

Augusta National to add more yards

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — For more than 40 years, the yardage on the scorecard at Augusta National Golf Club stayed about the same — 6,925 yards for the Masters, which fooled no one.

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The difference between this season and past seasons is that the Colts no longer must rely on the strength of Manning's right arm to win games.
Urbina jailed in Venezuela

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Ugueth Urbina was arrested and held Tuesday pending a formal charge of attempted murder.

Last month, Urbina and a group of men allegedly attacked five workers with machetes and poured gasoline on them in an attempt to set them on fire. All five were injured, some of them with cuts and one with burns on the back and right arm, police said.

Urbina, who was detained late Monday, has insisted he had nothing to do with the violence at his family's ranch Oct. 16. "Everything will be cleared up soon and people will know the truth," Urbina said from his cell at a police station. "Right now we aren't going to do anything to deny things that aren't true."

The authorities said Urbina would be formally charged once the hearing could be held Tuesday. Urbina's lawyer, Jose Luis Tamayo said. Urbina was with his mother and other relatives late Monday at another of Urbina's homes on the outskirts of Caracas when the police came with an arrest warrant, Tamayo said. He called the arrest "inexplicable." "Aside from whether a person is guilty of a crime or not, if there is no danger of flight or obstruction of justice, that person has a right to be tried while free," Tamayo said.

The lawyer said Urbina has cooperated with the authorities all along, noting he has come to the police voluntarily to provide testimony.

New Phillies general manager Pat Gillick, speaking at the GM meetings in Indian Wells, Calif., said he had heard about the arrest but had no reaction because Urbina was no longer part of Philadelphia's organization.

The violence broke out at the ranch house where Urbina's mother, Maura Villareal, lives about 25 miles south of Caracas. Police initially said the violence broke out in a dispute over a handicap.

The 31-year-old Urbina has a 44-49 record with 237 saves and a 3.45 ERA in 11 seasons. The reliever became a free agent after the season ended. "This, of course, can in some way hurt his career as a professional ballplayer, and all will depend on the way in which he is brought before justice," defense lawyer Jose Luis Tamayo said.

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Detroit to Philadelphia in the middle of last season. The accused Urbina of being among the victim, Argenis Farias, has a right to be tried while free," Tamayo said. "This is very painful for me to be in this position," he said. "I know in my heart that I can help the team win the Super Bowl and not be a dominant player, but also be a team player. I can bring that." His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said Urbina made a public apology in hopes of returning to the Eagles immediately. "We hope he plays against the Philadelphia Eagles," Rosenhaus said. "We hope he plays against the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night." Team spokesman Derek Boyko said the Eagles had no comment.

A day earlier, Owens was told by the team not to return this season because of "a large number of situations that accumulated over a long period of time," Reid said. He said Owens had been "warned repeatedly about the consequences of his actions." The All-Pro wide receiver didn't play in Sunday night's 17-10 loss at Washington, and will remain suspended for three more games without pay. After that, the Eagles plan to deactivate him for the rest of the season.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday that the players' union has filed a grievance on behalf of Owens seeking to overturn the suspension. It will be heard Nov. 18 before arbitrator Richard Bloch.

Owens was suspended Saturday, two days after he said the Eagles showed "a lack of class" for not publicly recognizing his 100th career touchdown catch in a game on Oct. 23. In the same interview with ESPN.com, Owens said the Eagles would be better off with Green Bay's Brett Favre at quarterback instead of McNabb.

Owens apologized to the organization for making those comments, but didn't address McNabb, even though the statement he read from included a direct apology to the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

This time, Owens said he wasn't sorry only to Reid and McNabb, but also to his future teammates, the Banner and owner Jeffrey Lurie. "I would like to reiterate my respect for Donovan McNabb as a quarterback and as a teammate," Owens said. "I apologize to him for any comments that may have been negative."

The Eagles are 4-4 this season and last in the NFC East. Last year, they were the top team in the conference, going 13-3 on the way to the Super Bowl.

"It really hurts me not to be part of the team anymore," Owens said. "I came here to help the Eagles get to the Super Bowl and win the big game."

While Rosenhaus spoke to reporters and refused to answer several questions, Owens stood stoically alongside a burly bodyguard.

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INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Mike Piazza could end up on a new team next year — Italy.

The All-Star catcher could be eligible to play for the Italian national team in the inaugural World Baseball Classic under eligibility rules being discussed by the commissioner’s office and the players' association.

Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., will be used with Rickenbacker Stadium as a second-round site for the tournament, to be played from March 3-20, the commissioner’s office announced Tuesday. The semifinals and final will be at San Diego’s Petco Park.

The union said in September, "Eligibility rules are still being discussed. It will be similar to IBAF rules." said Piazza's agent, Dan Lazano. He was unsure of the specific reason why Piazza, who was born in Norristown, Pa., was eligible.

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While rules have not been finalized, among the ways players could be eligible for a team would be if they hold a passport, were born in the country, have a parent who was born in that country or they had residency in that country.

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from Las Vegas until Thursday, which means the team was only on campus for one day before flying to Georgia on Saturday.

"King said while the hectic week may have affected some individuals, she didn't think it had an adverse effect on the team as a whole.

"It's hard to say," she said.

"We've been the best," she said. "We've been the best team as a whole.

"The tournament was Notre Dame's last of the fall season. The Irish will not compete again until Feb. 19 in the Central District Classic in Parish, Fla.

"We're ready for the break," King said. "It's been a long semester with a lot of travel. We're ready to start strength and conditioning and work on the mental part of the game.

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Carroll is quick to credit her new coaching staff, especially head coach Carrie Nixon, for

Carroll's early success this season should come as no surprise, given her strong finish to the 2004 campaign. She was named the Most Outstanding Swimmer of the East Central Conference and earned a spot on the NCAA championships. Carroll finished ninth in the 200 individual medley, a 13-spot improvement from her freshman year, and 14th in the 400 individual medley, a 21-spot improvement from her freshman year.

"The NCAA's really gave me a confidence boost last year," she said. "I was able to compete with swimmers across the nation at that high a level.

"Carroll said she'd like to do with the season what she accomplished in her freshman year.

Carroll's head coach, she said, is doing things her own way, and what she's doing will really benefit both myself and the whole team.

"Carroll, who posted a pair of top-30 results in the 2004 Olympic trials, also isn't ruling out the possibility of an Olympic appearance.

"I want to help the team win the Big East this year, but I think we have goals beyond that," Carroll said. "I think we'll have a lot of girls on the brink of qualifying for the NCAA's this year, and with the training we've had so far I think we can get them to the NCAA's. I think we can get them to the NCAA's.

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"We're winning this competition. We're going to step up in those situations and not let them repeat themselves.

"I think they have the ability to patiently handle the individual responsibility of taking charge so last season's mistakes do not repeat themselves.

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Francis averaged 9.3 points and 7.8 rebounds in 26.4 minutes per game last season, down from the 14.2 points and 8.8 rebounds he averaged during his sophomore season. He scored 25 points and grabbed 10 boards as a freshman against Arizona in the Sweet 16.

Following the end of his junior season, Francis declared himself eligible for the NBA draft. He went to Chicago and participated in pre-draft workouts.

"I just realized that I wanted to come back to school," Francis said. "I didn't really accomplish anything last year. We lost [in the] first round in the NIT and I didn't want to go out like that.

"Francis is back and is ready to lead the Irish. He said he is prepared to handle the individual responsibility of taking charge so last season's mistakes do not repeat themselves.

"I need to learn that I have to step up in those situations when we're up by four with a minute to go," Francis said. "I have to step up and say we're not losing this game. We're winning this game. That's the difference between losing and being successful.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Midshipmen bring a strong running game in quest for bowl bid**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Every year, it's the same line—this Notre Dame team doesn't want to be the one that loses to Navy for the first time since Navy Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach was under center in 1963. And this year it's no different.

as No. 7 Notre Dame (6-2) tries to extend its 41-game winning streak against Navy, a matchup that has been played every year since 1927.

"They better think that way," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said of his team's mentality. "I think that's how it is, so hopefully we're thinking the right way. But, you know, I'm not looking at what happened the previous 41 games. I'm only looking at this game. That's all I'm looking at. I don't look in the past." This year both teams have a lot at stake. Notre Dame must win its next three games to become bowl-eligible. Weis wants to be considered for a BCS championship for the third consecutive year.

**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

Irish have disappointing loss at Lady Jaguar Invitational

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame shot three straight rounds under 300 at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown last week, Irish coach Debby King was hopeful for a win against a much softer field in the Lady Jaguar Invitational at the Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia Monday and Tuesday.

"We want to sandwich the fall season," King said Sunday prior to the tournament. "We won at the beginning [in the Notre Dame Invitational], and we want to win at the end." Unfortunately for King and the Irish, they couldn't accomplish their goal. Notre Dame posted two subpar rounds of 310 and 307 to finish second in the Lady Jaguar, 16 strokes behind tournament host Augusta State.

King attributed the drop in performance to inconsistent putting. "The greens were tough," King said. "There were a lot of mounds in them and a lot of breaks." Freshman Lisa Maunu was one of the few bright spots for the Irish, posting a 73 on the second day for the lowest round of her career.

"That's pretty awesome," King said. "She had a 72 in the home tournament [in September], but this is her best score all semester." Junior Noriko Nakasaki continued to lead the Irish with her consistent play. She shot a 147 (74-73) for the two-day tournament and finished second overall, only one stroke behind Augusta State's Lauren Smith. Senior Katie Brophy, sophomore Jane Lee and senior Lauren Gebauer rounded out the lineup for the Irish. Brophy shot a 157 (76-81), Lee shot a 159 (78-81) and Gebauer shot a 163 (80-83). Notre Dame was delayed in coming back to South Bend until Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

**ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Carroll is off to strong start in junior season

By GREG ARBOGAST
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After its dual meet victory over Pittsburgh last weekend, the women's swimming and diving team boasts many reasons to feel confident about its prospects for the rest of the season. And one of the Irish's biggest sources of confidence is the performance of junior swimmer Katie Carroll.

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Team hits its highest rank ever

By DAN MURPHY
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With last weekend's dramatic come-from-behind victory against Pittsburgh, the men's swimming team moved to No. 18 in the nation, the highest ranking in the program's history.

The Irish pulled ahead by winning 15 of a possible 17 points in the final relay of the meet. The win raised their record to 2-1 in dual meets this year.

"The meet was the definition of a team win," junior Tim Kegel said. "It really helped see NAVY/page 21

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Francis familiar with role

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Tori Francis knows a lot can change in a year. Last season, Francis, Chris Thomas, Chris Quinn and Jordan Cornette were ready to lead the Irish to the NCAA tournament. When Notre Dame was left out on selection Sunday and then lost in a first-round home game against Holy Cross in the Selection Committee Tournament (NIT), those hopes quickly faded.

Francis' team now looks very different.

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