Unique challenges confront transfer students

Patience required during class registration, housing search

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

When college students open their transfer acceptance letters from Notre Dame, they may assume the hardest part is behind them. But even though transfer orientation smooths the start to their careers at Notre Dame, housing and class registration have proved challenging for some this year.

Anne Martell, a sophomore transfer this fall, had been told she would not get on-campus housing her first semester. Instead, she found an apartment at Turtle Creek with three other female transfer students who had met on a message board set up by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The group had addressed all of the paperwork required to rent the apartment but had not yet signed the lease, a delay that proved fortunate when Martell was contacted five days before she arrived on campus and informed that she could live in a dorm. Her roommates were also given on-campus housing.

"The difference between living on campus and off campus is like day and night," Martell said. "I'm so glad - I can't even imagine not living on campus."

Ryan Brennan, a senior who transferred in the fall of his sophomore year, lived in a one-person studio apartment at Turtle Creek while waiting to receive on-campus housing. He got a place in Knott Hall in October of that year.

"That's when I met my friends," he said. "The first month a half was a little weird because there aren't a lot of ways to meet people. You go to class and then there's nowhere to go back to but your place."

Brennan had met people in class and through pick-up sports, but he became more involved in the community after moving into Knott. He served as the hall's senator his junior year and is currently a resident assistant.

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Patience required during class registration

Book buyers look to new options for deals

By LUISA CABRERA
News Writer

While many returning students parked the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore with seemingly endless lines during the past week, some opted to buy their books elsewhere. After semesters of purchasing costly books while receiving minimal money back for the used copy after finals, students say they are exploring less expensive ways of buying books as well as buy back programs with better incentives — despite a new Bookstore rewards program.

Senior Mary Catherine Cimino used Amazon.com for her textbooks this semester. In December 2005, two weeks before she received her textbooks, she was able to sell back to the bookstore in the same new and used books, which offer competitive prices on the same new and used books sold at the bookstore.

"The tradeoff is that it takes a couple of days to receive the books, but it is worth it for the amount of money saved," she said. "I also sold many textbooks online that I had not been able to sell back to the bookstore. In the past two days, I have made $200 just on selling books."

Students are using Web sites such as Betterworldbook.com, Amazon.com, eBay.com and Half.com (owned by eBay), which offer competitive prices on the same new and used books bought at the bookstore.

"Expect life to be different," reads a sentence in the London Program's orientation handbook given to students before their semester abroad. For many Notre Dame students, cultural and linguistic differences can make re-entry into the United States — and especially into the Notre Dame community — difficult after spending a summer, semester or year abroad.

The exchange between presidential hopeful and current student body vice president Susan McDuff and running mate Maggie Seifert and opposing candidates Amanda Shropshire and Anne Davis was largely congenial as the tickets outlined intended changes and highlighted personal attributes.

McDuff emphasized her role as president of the Student Academic Council while saying one of her main goals if elected would be to improve students' selection of and enrollment in courses by making all course requirements available to students prior to registration.

McDuff also hopes to examine adding and dropping classes, a
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**INSIDE COLUMN**

I have an iPod dream

There is nothing as blissfully anti-intellectual as the late night cartoon comedy block (because the anime it contains is to be avoided) on Cartoon Network as (adult swim). The most well-known show, and also my personal favorite, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," features a genius box of French fries, a trouble-making milkshake and a lovable mentally handicapped wad of raw meat, all living under one roof in Jersey, next to the outstandingly irritable and libidinous Carl, clothed in a wife-beater and blue sweatpants.

This is basically the format of (adult swim) cartoons. There is some crazy situation with eccentric characters from which hilarity (usually) ensues. There is rarely a conventional plotline or message. The best way to describe these shows, in all truthfulness, is "dumb." This, however, is not really the case with a show new to both (adult swim) and television itself. "The Boondocks," adapted from the politically- and socially-charged comic strip by Aaron McGruder that is syndicated in about 330 American newspapers.

Over break, I was fortunate to catch the Martin Luther King Day episode, entitled "Return of the King." The premise of the episode is this: when MLK was shot, he slipped into a coma, but failed to die. He comes in the present day, and moves to Chicago, where the main characters, Huey and Riley Freeman and their grandfather Robert, live. It turns out that Robert and MLK were brothers in the civil rights movement (Robert was sitting next to Rosa Parks, but she got all the attention). Through their relationship, Riley, a politically aware "urban youth," meets and immediately accepts Dr. King as a comrade-in-arms, asking him to head up America's first black political party. MLK, however, has been branded by the media as anti-American for believing his country should turn the other hand to Al-Qaeda. In addition, he has basically been forgotten by those he dearly gave up his life for.

The most memorable line of the show, in my opinion, is MLK saying, "I've been waiting my whole life for this."

This is a much truth revealed about our society in that simple line. There are so many social injustices left in the world for our generation to face, yet how often do we find ourselves more concerned with the type of IPod or video game system we should buy? Even MLK's famous dream hasn't been fully realized, and not enough people seem to realize that. It is ironic that the progress we have made in the past 40 years has blinded us from the problems we have in front of us. We are all guilty, to some extent, of not picking up where Dr. King left off.

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Saint Mary’s transfers face minor difficulties

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER

Transfers

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The Observer is currently accepting applications for the 2006-07 Editor-in-Chief

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Saint Mary’s elections 2006: Meet the Belles who could rule the school

Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis

Who are they?
Shropshire is a junior sociology major and English writing minor who currently serves as president of Student Diversity Board (SDB). Davis is a sophomore English literature and writing major with minors in secondary education and philosophy. Davis, who serves as president of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA), also coordinates with the Office of Admissions to attract applicants to Saint Mary’s as the Admissions Commissioner.

Fun Facts
Shropshire admitted to being obsessed with Xena the Warrior Princess. Davis said she gets most excited when she receives a piece of mail in her mailbox.

Notable Quote
“The time you are in student government doesn’t make a difference if you aren’t really getting down and dirty.” — Amanda Shropshire

Top Priority
Attending to the small details on campus — such as laundry facilities, parking tickets and dorm furniture — that are sometimes overlooked as insignificant.

First Priority
Restructuring student government into a tighter framework and restoring excitement and respect for student leadership on campus.

In Our Words
The gritty approach of Shropshire and Davis has proven the running mates to be well in touch with Saint Mary’s students’ concerns. While their campaign lacks the larger specific goals presented by McIllduff and Seifert, their focus on the little aspects of campus life offers a down-to-earth attitude past administrations have lacked.

More importantly, as president of SDB and Admissions Commissioner, Shropshire and Davis present quite a powerful team. In their leadership roles during the last year, the two women have taken the helm for Saint Mary’s students on the two most critical current issues at the College, enrollment numbers and diversity. Their experience as president of SDB and Admissions Commissioner could prove invaluable to student government if the two are elected.

Susan McIllduff and Maggie Seifert

Who are they?
A junior business administration and mass communications studies double major, McIllduff currently serves as student body vice president and president of the Student Academic Council. As a sophomore, she was Student Government Association Chief of Staff under then-president Sarah Catherine White. She is also a member of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA). Maggie Seifert is co-chair of the Student Activities Board Entertainment Committee and is the sophomore class representative for the art department. An art major, Seifert served as the 2008 class president last year.

Fun Facts
This past summer McIllduff taught politics to junior high students in Washington, D.C. Seifert has a scar on her eye, the result of a slap in the face from her older sister when she was in the second grade.

Notable Quote
“I feel that we are a strong team because she is the current vice president of the student body and she know what it takes, she knows the ropes. And she is running with me and I bring a new perspective.” — Maggie Seifert

Top Priority
To enable students to better select classes each semester by making course requirements available prior to registration.

First Priority
Guaranteeing a strong student voice in the selection of two new College administrators — Vice President and Dean of Faculty and Vice President and Dean of Students — by ensuring student representation on the search committees.

In Our Words
McIllduff and Seifert head into election day with an impressive resume of student government experience between them. Having served on the Board of Governance the past two years, McIllduff is not only well-known among students but has also developed working relationship with the College administration as a member of the New Building Committee.

The McIllduff/Seifert campaign platform is very specific and offers concrete goals — such as reducing the number of daily campus-wide e-mails sent out by campus clubs — the pair intends to strive for.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Slovak plane crash kills at least 16 INDIANAPOLIS — A military plane crashed into a residential neighborhood in northeastern Indiana on Thursday, killing at least 16 of the more than 40 people on board, officials said. At least one survivor was found at the site of the crash near the Slovak border, said Tibor Dobson, a spokesman for Hungary’s national disaster agency. Interior Ministry spokesman Sandor Orosz said the plane was carrying Slovak soldiers, but he did not elaborate.

Baghdad bombings kill over a dozen BAGHDAD — Two near-simultaneous bombings near the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and a crowded downtown Baghdad coffee shop and a nearby restaurant Thursday, killing more than a dozen people and wounding hundreds. The announcement, which could come Friday, sets the stage for talks on a new national unity government. U.S. officials hope to use the success to strengthen and enable the United States to begin withdrawing its 140,000 troops.

NATIONAL NEWS

Unmanned spacecraft sent to Pluto OMAHA — An unmanned NASA spacecraft hurtled toward Pluto on Thursday, on a billion-mile journey to the solar system’s last unexplored planet — a voyage so long that some of the scientists who will be celebrating its arrival are just taking their first physics classes.

The New Horizons spacecraft blasted off aboard an Atlas V rocket in a spectacular start aboard an Atlas V rocket in a spectacular start to the spacecraft’s 10-year odyssey. Though it is the fastest spacecraft ever launched, capable of reaching 9.5 miles per second, it will take 9.5 years for the New Horizons to reach Pluto and the frozen, sunless reaches of its Kuiper Belt.

"God has laid out the solar system in a way that requires a certain amount of patience on the part of those who choose to explore it," NASA administrator Michael Griffin said.

College students lack literacy skills WASHINGTON — Nearing a diploma, many college students cannot handle many complex but common tasks, from understanding credit card offers to comparing the cost per ounce of food. Those are the sobering findings of a study of literacy on college campuses, the first to target the skills of students as they approach the start of their careers.

More than 26 percent of students at four-year schools and more than 75 percent at two-year colleges lacked the skills to perform complex literacy tasks.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy’s air ranks among the worst INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis had the eighth-highest amount of air pollution among the nation’s largest metropolitan areas in 2004 — higher than even the Chicago and New York areas — according to a report released today by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The report, based on Environmental Protection Agency data, showed that Indianapolis continued to exceed the annual federal standard for microscopic particles due years of improving air quality.

WASHINGTON — Two Democrats who supported Chief Justice John Roberts Wednesday said they would oppose Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito in next week’s Senate vote.

The two senators — the first Alito opponents — are the first to signal that their party’s Senate judiciary committee will recommend Alito’s confirmation to the full Senate.

Lawmakers who oppose Alito, however, have no confidence that Judge Alito would provide that check and balance.

"If this is the Alito he wants to put on the Court, there is absolutely no way I could support him," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat. "I think the American people would be duped if they thought this was a man who could stand up to the Bush administration and say no.

Sen. med. Larry Craig, a Idaho Republican, also has indicated he will oppose Alito. Sen. Russ Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat, the first to express opposition to Alito, said he was "not impressed" by Alito.

"I think he’s a sad choice for the Court," Feingold said. "He has not impressed me. He has been a conservative in the Senate, and I think he is going to be a conservative on the Court.

"He’s not going to do anything to protect the rights of the American people.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Democrats who supported Chief Justice John Roberts Wednesday said they would oppose Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito next week’s Senate vote.

The senators, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, said they were concerned about Alito’s record on issues such as abortion and affirmative action.

Leahy is one of the most vocal critics of the Roberts court, which has swung to the right on such issues.

Kennedy said Alito’s record on such issues "is not acceptable.

"I have no confidence that Judge Alito will provide the checks and balances that are necessary for the Court to work effectively," Kennedy said. "I think the American people would be duped if they thought this was a man who could stand up to the Bush administration and say no.

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Grad students receive $100,000
Council of Graduate Schools grants Notre Dame research money

By EMMA DRISCOLL
New Writer

Beginning this year, Notre Dame graduate students have been taking a little time from research of their own to assist in a study of doctoral students’ habits.

In 2004, Notre Dame Graduate School received a $100,000 grant from the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) to conduct a research project to examine the socialization of graduate doctoral students.

The CGS gave 15 grants to various graduate schools that designed a project to research and develop ways to improve the doctoral experience for students in areas such as mentoring, financial support and program environment.

Notre Dame’s study, led by Dr. Peter Diffley, associate dean of the Graduate School and principal investigator for the project, involves offering surveys to first-year Ph.D. students at Notre Dame and Purdue in hopes of tracking their entire doctoral experiences.

The study commenced when an initial survey was given to students at the start of the fall 2005 semester and continued with another survey during that semester. A third survey will be given at the beginning of the spring 2006 semester, a fourth during that semester and a fifth at the academic year’s end. Funding for the project will continue during the next two years, with three surveys issued each year.

Approximately 300 students from 14 departments at Notre Dame and 14 departments at Purdue participated last semester. The first survey met a 41 percent response rate, and the response grew to 56 percent for the second survey.

Surveys asked about demographic information, the challenges and the successes that students anticipate and topics such as the role of students’ families in their doctoral experiences. Later surveys follow up these questions. The study as a whole seeks to observe changes in students’ expectations as they encounter real experiences.

A lottery is held as an incentive for students to take part in the survey. Participants’ names are entered into the lottery, and one winner is chosen to win $1,000. The first winner of the lottery was Joseph Herzog, an electrical engineering student.

Herzog said the research project will enrich his own doctoral experience. He encouraged students to participate because “they can help other people with their research so that they can have more data.”

Data gathered from the surveys will be used “to get a sense of what experience students have here, as well as at Purdue, so that the Graduate School can enhance its programming for Ph.D. students,” said Cecilia Lucero, Ph.D., assistant to the dean.

A peer mentoring program has already been launched as a result of the data, as well as a “Careers for Masters Program.” This program will help graduate students who are considering careers outside of academia. The Graduate School also seeks feedback on services, such as campus visitations, to see how they impact prospective graduate students and how they can be improved.

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Notre Dame then-sophomores launched NDfly.com, an online textbook-trading Web site designed to help Notre Dame students save money while purchasing books. Student body president Dave Baron said student government purchased NDfly.com in April 2002 from its creators in an attempt to alleviate high book prices. The site was placed under the care of the Student Business Board, but it encountered significant technical problems and had to be taken down.

“We are continuing to pursue the issue by working with OIT and the new InsideND portal to provide the book exchange, in a format similar to the new online Rider Board that has achieved quick success,” Baron said.

Freshman Meredith Rowland agreed that using other sources would help her save money, yet she acknowledged that the bookstore’s location is to its advantage.

“I feel that in the long run, I can save money on buying books from other sources,” Rowland said. “What you can’t beat is the efficiency of being able to walk across campus and have all your books.”

Sophomore Steven Diaz said he prefers to spend more money at the bookstore than have to deal with the hassle of buying books online.

“My motivation for buying books from the bookstore is the relative ease compared to what I feel I would have to do if I bought them online,” Diaz said. “I guess I use more money than patience in the process.”

On Jan. 1 the bookstore launched a new rewards program called Bookstore Boomerang Rewards. The program offers one point for every dollar spent on the store and two points for every dollar received for selling books back. Special bonus points are added upon signing up for an account, as well as for purchasing select items throughout the year. Once a student has reached a total of 2,000 points, he or she is awarded a $25 gift certificate to the bookstore or a $20 gift certificate to stores and restaurants such as The Gap, Blockbuster, and Domino’s Pizza.

Bookstore director Sally Wiatrowski said the program was started in order to maintain a loyalty incentive for the customers. The program will help in maintaining the bookstore’s aim to keep the market share on campus and cut the competition as much as possible.

As more inexpensive and satisfactory options become available to students in buying and selling their books, sophomore Mike Hazloebck doubted the rewards program would have much effect on students.

“This program is obviously just another ploy by the bookstore to expand their monopoly over milking students out of more money,” Hazloebck said. "Yes, eventually you might get a couple free pizzas, but in reality you could have saved hundreds of dollars by simply talking a couple hours online or talking to people. The Boomerang program is just another attempt to force people into paying higher prices.”

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Google Inc. clashes with feds

A popular search engine rebuffs the White House’s demands to view request information from Google.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. is rebuffing the Bush administration’s demand for a peek at what millions of people have been looking up on the Web. The company’s leading search engine — a request that undercuts the potential for online databases to become tools of the government.

A search engine that so many rely on for answers to their daily inquiries has become a testing ground for the administration’s desire for access to the search requests covered by the electronic privacy act.

Google, the world’s most popular search engine, is seeking to block the Bush administration from obtaining the search requests from Google’s databases.

The government wants a look at all requests entered into Google’s search engine during an unspecified single week — a breakdown that could conceivably span tens of millions of queries. In addition, it seeks 1 million randomly selected Web addresses from various Google databases.

In court papers that the San Jose Mercury News published on Thursday, the Bush administration depicts the information as vital in its effort to restore online child protection laws that have been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Google competitor Yahoo Inc., which runs the Internet’s second-most used search engine, confirmed Thursday that it had complied with a similar government subpoena.

Although the government says it isn’t seeking any data that ties personal information to search requests, the subpoena still raises serious privacy concerns, Google has said, especially considering recent revelations that the White House authorized eavesdropping on domestic civil communications after the Sept. 11 attacks without obtaining court approval.

“Search engines now play such an important part in our daily lives that many people probably contact Google more often than they do their own mother,” said ThomasBurke, a San Francisco attorney who has handled several prominent cases involving privacy issues.

“Just as most people would be upset if the government wanted to know how much you called your mother and what you talked about, they should be upset about this, too.”

The content of search request sometimes contain information about the person making the query.

For instance, it’s not unusual for search requests to include names, medical information or Social Security information, said Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum.

“Just exactly the kind of thing we have been worrying about with search engines for so long,” Dixon said. “Google should be commended for fighting this.”

Other search engines already have complied with similar subpoenas issued by the Bush administration, according to court documents. The cooperating search engines weren’t identified.

Yahoo stressed that it didn’t reveal any personal information. “We are rigorous defenders of our users’ privacy,” Yahoo spokesman Mary Osako said Thursday. “In our opinion, this is not a privacy issue.”

Microsoft Corp. MSN, the No. 3 search engine, declined to say whether it even received a similar subpoena. “MSN works closely with law enforcement officials worldwide to assist them when requested,” the company said in a statement.

As the Internet’s dominant search engine, Google has built up a valuable storefront of information that “makes it a very attractive target for law enforcement,” said Chris Hoofnagle, senior counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

Computer error causes confusion

NEW YORK — Shares of AMR Corp. closed up 16 cents to $20.55 Thursday. Or were they up $1.84?

A computer glitch at the Nasdaq Stock Market left erroneous stock price swings on major online financial news Web sites and brokerage sites all day Thursday. While not impossible to assess the full extent of the damage, the technical snafu created incorrect price changes for about 1,487 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Someone relying on Web sites for stock data got the correct price of the stock in the cap market, but the wrong change — for example, as in the case of AMR, up $1.84 instead of 16 cents.

The errors created the potential for investors using the erroneous information in deciding on a stock trade — someone seeing AMR up $1.84 could wonder whether the missing-lion-airline’s fortunes have improved, for example.

Nasdaq spokesman Bethany Sherman said the errors were confined to Nasdaq-listed stocks, which brokers and institutions can trade on Nasdaq’s electronic platforms as well as on the floor of the Big Board. Sherman said the stock market fixed the computer glitch, and was working with its vendors to correct stock price changes.

She added that stock indexes and mutual fund net asset values, computed after the close of the market, were not affected by the problem.

Nasdaq is responsible for reporting NYSE-listed stock trades to a consolidated listing service so investors can see the latest price for a given stock, whether it was traded on the floor of the NYSE or through Nasdaq’s computer.

Due to the computer errors, however, individual investors using popular financial sites like MSN Money or Yahoo Finance were seeing inaccurate price changes Thursday. Users of online brokerages E-Trade and Charles Schwab also saw erroneous stock movements on those companies’ home pages, though it was unclear whether logged-in customers got the same errors.
Jolie children will legally become Pitt's

A Santa Monica court granted Angelina Jolie's request Thursday for her two children to take Brad Pitt's name.

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A judge granted a request Thursday by Angelina Jolie to change the names of her two children to reflect that Brad Pitt intends to become their adoptive father.

"The court granted the name change," lawyer Evan Spiegel, who represents Jolie, told reporters outside court. He did not take questions.

Neither Jolie nor Pitt, who co-starred in the film "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," attended the hearing.

The names of the children will become Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt and Maddox Chivan Jolie-Pitt. Zahara celebrated her first birthday on Jan. 8. Maddox, a boy, is 4.

Superior Court Judge Linda Lefkowitz approved the motion during a closed hearing about a month after lawyers for the 30-year-old actress filed the paperwork.

Pitt's publicist, Cindy Gaughran, said on Jan. 11 that Jolie is pregnant with Pitt's child. The 42-year-old actor accompanied Jolie when she went to Ethiopia in July to adopt Zahara.

In 2002, Jolie adopted Maddox in Cambodia where she filmed "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider." Pitt and Jennifer Aniston were divorced last October after four years of marriage.

He has denied Jolie was behind the split, and for months the couple did not publicly acknowledge their relationship despite increasing frequency of sightings together.

Jolie, who won an Oscar for her supporting role in 1999's "Girl, Interrupted," is divorced from Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.
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largest study-abroad program, with more than 130 students each semester — said information provided through the orientation handbook and orientation sessions helps students become aware of the differences they will experience in London.

"We do prepare people ... for differences in legal issues ... cultural differences ... in some ways how to stand back and observe," she said. "[We] try to take the edge off of it [getting adjusted to living in London] ... to make the process as smooth as possible so they can focus on the social issues.

Hayes said the preparation is not confined to courses, as London Program students also receive a separation orientation once they arrive in London.

"They address some of these [cultural] issues, along with safety issues, and are given a walking tour of the neighborhood," she said.

Students live together in four or six-person flats, and although specific rooms are single-sex, the entire building houses both male and female students. As a result, Hayes said both the London Program and the International Studies Office schedule meetings with returning students to gain feedback and provide a forum for students to talk about their experiences abroad.

Anne Hayes, program coordinator for the study abroad programs in Toledo, Spain; Santiago, Chile; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, said she met Wednesday evening with her students returning from Spain and will meet early next week with her students from Chile and Brazil.

"Every program has debriefing sessions," Hayes said. "[We also] have an evaluation sent out to students [returning from abroad] ... There is a new question this year asking about re-entry and what services students would like to see provided.

Hayes said she is currently working on a handbook with articles to assist students with the transition from America to their host country and vice-versa and that the Office of International Studies does "as much as we can" to help students facing re-entry difficulties.

However, Hayes said that the Office of International Studies, its program coordinators in particular, might not be the first resource that students who need to talk about re-entry difficulties use upon their return.

"It's hard because students are at different levels," she said. "Some want to process [their experience abroad] ... and some get back into their life at Notre Dame and don't have as much time or energy to process.

Hayes said Campus Ministry plans a Mass and a dinner for all returnees and International Studies Program staff, which will occur Monday.

She also said the International Studies Program holds an annual photo contest that presents returns with a forum to share their experiences through photography.

For students contemplating careers overseas, Hayes said the Helen Kellogg Institute, in conjunction with several other departments on campus, is organizing an International Career Workshop to be held Feb. 11 in the Hesburgh Library.

"I think that the culture shock when you are coming back can be just as great as when you got," Hayes said. "Generally, if you have integrated yourself to a host culture, you see things through different sets of eyes ... It's only natural to experience some re-entry shock upon your return.

Counseling Center steps in

Swati Pitaile, staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, said the Center used to provide a weekly support groups for students returning from abroad, but that they are not currently being offered.

"It's not that we are not interested in possibly pursuing this in the future, but it had more to do with the schedules for students. We started the support group as soon as students re-entered the Notre Dame community from being abroad, and there is something about wrapping your brain around that," she said. "I think there is something about starting that group at that time that students are more focused on more important things. By the time that a student realizes we have a support group, they've found ways to manage.

Pitaile said the group may begin again in the future and that more information needs to be known about when students feel would be the best time for a group to begin.

"Initially when students get back to Notre Dame, there are so many things on their plate that they aren't even thinking about it [the support group]," she said. "It's really two to three weeks, a month into their time here, when it begins to occur in the routine they realize ... something feels different.

However, students facing re-entry issues have occasionally turned to the Counseling Center via individual counseling sessions, Pitaile said. The number and intensity of sessions varies based on the individual.

"It's based on the individual and how this individual traveled in the past, has this individual moved a lot when they've grown up?" she said. "The great thing about the Counseling Center is that we see a spectrum of issues, from mild to severe. If [someone] has a history of depression or anxiety, then re-entry difficulties can exacerbate some of that stuff.

Pitaile said students sometimes discuss difficulties in communicating with friends or family who have not been abroad, as well as some identity confusion as a result of their new experiences.

"Frustration with cultural values or norms, when you have gone abroad to an environment that is ... in some ways diametrically opposed to where you are now, you are going to note that," Pitaile said. "What I note more is relationships with family and friends, having friends not understanding fully what your experience has been ... Sometimes feeling a disconnect with family and friends and finding a way to negotiate them [as part of counseling].

Pitaile stressed that students don't need to feel like they are facing severe problems before coming to the Counseling Center.

"It's a continuum and we see everybody, and everybody is welcome," she said. "You don't need to have severe psychopathology to come here. You can just be having a tough time and needing someone to work through it with you.

She also emphasized that seeing students with re-entry difficulties absolutely does not mean they do not have time or resources.

And experiencing difficulties transitioning to Notre Dame is perfectly normal, Pitaile said.

"It's very okay for people when they don't have a reaction to coming back, when everything feels just fine," she said. "It is expected that there will be re-entry difficulties.

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By achieving your goals, you further ours.

It starts with you.
The Observer endorses Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis

For each generation, the road of life will pack a potent one-two punch with their specialties in diversity and student government in the eyes of many students.

The leadership record of Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis has proven not to be clear and neither do the stronger candidates for president and vice president. The two pack up focused to put their priorities in their specialties in diversity issues and recruiting and enrollment.

Shropshire has stated her first priority as president would be diversity and tight Student Diversity Board. Davis, however, could not be clearer and makes them the president of Notre Dame has seen its share of what this column called "angels" of our time. While they have enriched the Notre Dame community throughout its history, surely more who have yet to punch the campus will follow for future generations yet to come. Typically, it is a sad moment when we learn of the passing of such campus icons. It was particularly difficult for this writer to learn to write in a note with a Christmas card that one of Notre Dame's giants is battling an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer. Rex Rakow, Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, has transformed a small campus security office into an aggressive form of brain cancer.}

Honoring a genuine Notre Dame hero

Carlo Parisi
Capital Comments

George Moore
English novelist

"One man travels the world over in search of what he needs to return home to find it."

C.S. Lewis
Novelist

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point, the point of highest reality."
Slow and steady still best

Small price to pay for saving a life

What if someone told you that you can save the lives of people around the world within an hour? What if you were told that you could literally be that beacon of life for someone in a life or death situation, and you can be that beacon right before your 2:30 class?

It's possible.

According to the official Web site of the Red Cross Blood and Organ Donor Registry (givewhilealive.org), someone is in need of blood every two seconds. To quote the Web site, “that's a lot of blood.”

But the Web site puts a damper on the reader's mood by noting that only one out of 20 possible donors give blood in a given year. So after considering the ineligible donors are weeded out of the total, only five percent are willing to do their part.

Another danger of some diet pills that inhibit appetite is that they are likely to affect the absorption of fat -- especially in the male. This causes a fat absorption problem which can lead to obesity.

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By BOB COSTA
Scene Writer

Behind the-scenes star set to rock Legends

Dave Matthews Band accompanist Tim Reynolds has a unique brand of music

Reynolds recently released "Parallel Universe," a two-CJ studio album packed with eclectic forays into industrial rock and pulsating acoustic melodies. Featuring a mix of new songs and personal creations, the music of Tim Reynolds is as refreshing as the sound of nature, even the voice of your daughter, Fura.

"When you create an album, you're more into the music," Reynolds said. "The two CDs on the new album are a collection of home recordings that have been kind of sitting around for awhile. It's a bunch of tunes that I've really liked listening to. In a way, "Parallel Universe" is all over the map, just like life is all over the map. I mainly use the guitar but also things like drum machines and other sonic elements so there is much contrast.

The new album partly draws from his previous electric guitar-based album "Chaos View" from 2002 and his noteworthy 1991 solo debut, "Stream."

"In the last five years I've been exploring the use of drum machines," Reynolds said. "I kind of got into the programmatic aspect of things and working on representing all aspects of sound. But now, I'm really focusing back on the acoustic guitar itself and exploring how many different ways I can represent a sound.

For Reynolds, the album was a lot of fun with an experience different from his past efforts. "It was full of different things, in a way like old-school Genesis and Dolores Day. It's stripped down in a way, but also features sounds from nature, even the voice of my daughter, Fura."

Such home-grown songs and personal creation, especially with the lack of a major label's input, has allowed Reynolds to put a sense of warmth and intimacy on many of his tunes as he takes them in so many different directions that baffles low track of the normal verse-chorus-verse paradigm.

During the past few years, Reynolds has spent most of his time professionally performing with his own band, TH3, and with Dave Matthews' solo project—which is often referred to as "Dave Matthews & Friends." Reynolds, Trey Anastasio of Phish, Bradly Blade and Tony Hall toured together in 2003 and 2004 to much critical acclaim, playing long, eclectic concerts covering everything from rare Dave Matthews Band songs to the Beadles. Reynolds' career began and thrived in Charlottesville, where he was a burgeoning guitarist in the early nineties. By 1993, Reynolds was often playing acoustic sets at numerous local venues with his friends and local bartending Matthews. At that time, Reynolds was much more well-known in the region for his musicianship and Matthews thrived off playing with the enigmatic virtuoso. Matthews still fronted his own band, Dave Matthews Band, but spent much time with Reynolds as he honed his own distinctive guitar sound.

As the grassroots following for Dave Matthews Band became an undeniable phenomenon, Reynolds began to carve out a role within that band that would stick to the rest of his career. Rather than joining DM as a full-fledged member, Reynolds decided to help the band during their recordings and on-tour, but still have his focus on his solo work and TH3.

"My music is scattered energy; I like to check out on the acoustic, reinvent the music, play the fast blues, and cover classics," Reynolds said. "During the last couple of years I've done an acoustic set with a half-hour on drum machine. I'm now exploring more on the twelve-string. Back in the seventies, I first owned a twelve-string. It was simple, and then I had all this apparatus to play with. So, now, I just want to challenge myself to learn more high-energy acoustic.

Notre Dame fans will be able to see just how different a Tim Reynolds show can be. Don't expect Dave Matthews, but you'll definitely be in for a night of experimental songs and beloved covers to rock out with.

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LEGENDS SPOTLIGHT

The legendary guitarist Tim Reynolds is slated to play at Notre Dame's Legends Night Club this Saturday. Reynolds is a frequent guest member of the famous group the Dave Matthews Band.

SMC PREVIEW

Battle of the Bands will be the first of its kind at Saint Mary's

By LIZ HARTER
Scene Writer

There will be a battle at Saint Mary's Saturday night. At 6:30 p.m. in the SMC Student Center, four acts, two bands and two solo artists, will compete for the first Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands, sponsored by the First Year Program and the Hockaday Hall Association.

This event is scheduled to appear as Robbie Hazen, Slap Bracelet Suicide, Somersaults and Ryan Cuts. Although local bands also were interested in the event, Maury Clougherty said Saint Mary's wanted to confine the competition to student groups.

During winter break, Clougherty and Frances Bruder, the Student Activities Coordinator, sent e-mails to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students advertising the opportunity to get their name out there. "This is an opportunity to get their name out there," Clougherty said. "The winner receives studio time, and also opens for a nationally-touring act at the Saint Mary's Student Activities Board home-grown song contest, TOSTAL in April."

All of the bands are exposed to the Los Angeles-Based industry in town for the contest. "The advantages are tremendous," Clougherty said.

The judges include the members of the indie band Thorbird and producer Ulysses Norlega, who has worked with artists such as Coolin, Ben Folds and Limp Bizkit. The performers will also be able to attend a 20-minute session with the judges on Sunday, during which they will receive one-on-one feedback about their lyrics and performances. Thorbird will also be performing at Saint Mary's on Jan. 23.

The Battle of the Bands is one of the fundraising ideas that will coincide with the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon. Taking place on April 21 to benefit Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Riley Hospital does not turn any children away due to monetary needs and therefore spends $25 million unbudgeted every year. At least 68 colleges and universities including IU, Butler University, Ball State and, this year, Saint Mary's, put on dance marathons to help raise this money.

"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to take a hand into the light. Make a difference," said Francesca Johnson, president of the Class of 2009, quoting the freshman board's Riley Hospital motto. "Do it for the kids. The evening will be fun, and these children need all the money that they can get.

One hundred percent of the profits from Saturday night will benefit Riley Hospital for Children. Tickets cost $6 in advance, sold in the Student Center at Saint Mary's and the LaFortune Box Office at Notre Dame, and cost $8 at the door.

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Film Spotlight

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

It’s not very often that Notre Dame students can come together on campus to examine and admire the collective work of a group of students. This weekend, one of those rare chances arises with the screening of Film, Television and Theatre’s 17th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival. The festival, which took place in 1988 when professor Ted Mandell came to Notre Dame to work on a graduate degree and began to compile the film work of FTT students, has become an annual tradition, with the project growing out of its original location, and has found homes throughout the years at the Snite Museum, Hesburgh Auditorium and most recently in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

It is in DPAC’s Biever Hall where the films of talented FTT majors will be featured today, tomorrow and Sunday. With the new technology available in the state-of-the-art theater, the short films assembled for the festival will make an even more enjoyable experience.

As an introduction to the two-hour showcase of film studies, Mandell has created a short film called “Planner Hall 1974,” which depicts a fictional scene of Charlie Weis’ time as a student on campus.

“Charlie Weis goes to Badin Hall and decides to join his football team,” Mandell said. Residents of Badin may be less enthusiastic about seeing this introduction because some of the girls currently living in the hall were given a chance to play small roles in the film.

Besides the retrotastic ‘70s feel of “Planner Hall 1974,” the variety of films stretches through many genres, including dark comedy and documentary.

“We have three professors who teach production—Illini’s Scott Godimlow and myself. We each have our own style,” Mandell said. “One use differences in style—through in the students’ work—with different horses including areas such as thematic structure and cinematography.

“We had great freedom to make the film we wanted to. He was always there to offer advice and to guide us, but he accepted our personal visions and interests,” junior Brandon Kusz said about his time working with Professor Donarama. Kusz’s film, titled “Variable,” which he directed with Elyse Abt, took the entire semester to create.

As a mania—only Shears (William Holden) is the lone man who is bewitched into serving a woman who loves a woman. The creation of the film included the initial writing and storyboard work, many days of filming and editing afterwards. “Even the easiest shots would take hours to set up because there is so much equipment and it’s all very heavy,” Kusz said.

One of the documentaries featured in the festival this weekend is titled “Two Dollar Ride.” The film, created at the studio by graduates Ian Albert and Brittany Heinrich and Nobel Robinette, allows viewers to take a trip around South Bend with the taxicab driver most commonly known as “Super Dave” as he shuttles students from bar to bar. For the first time in the Notre Dame Student Film Festival’s history, there is a musical on the lineup. Brittany Heinrich and Nobell Robinette direct “Senior-etta,” a film starring four Notre Dame singers. Things may have really goofy film and we loved getting the freedom we did to make it as silly as possible,” Heinrich said of her favorite part of the making of “Senior-etta.”

Films are chosen for the Student Film Festival by starting from the top of the production ladder with the most advanced classes. The professors look for films that are the most well made and make an effort to keep the final compression under two hours.

“There are films that could have been in the festival that we just didn’t have time for. The film festival is really just a collection of films done in our production classes—not a competition,” Mandell said. However, some of the films featured this weekend might go further, being entered into film festivals all over the country, where the creators could win awards for their work.

With the dedication and creativity the FTT students have put into their films, the Notre Dame Student Film Festival should continue to be a success. Tickets are available the DPAC box office at 274-631-2800, or by going online at www.performingarts.nd.edu.

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‘Bridge’ proves to be strong first pillar of trio

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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David Lean’s “The Bridge on the River Kwai” was the first in a brilliant trio of films that became turning points in the history of cinema.

The 1957 film, which won the Best Picture Academy Award, was followed by 1964’s “Lawrence of Arabia” and 1966’s “Doctor Zhivago.” While all three share the same themes (pitting humans against one another) and remain classics, their popularity is uncertain.

Like Francis Ford Coppola’s “Apocalypse Now” two decades later, “The Bridge on the River Kwai” is less about war than it is about the effects of war and an exploration of obsession and madness. Nicholson begins as a rigidly doctrinaire British officer, but ends steeped in his own mania — only Shears (William Holden) manages to maintain any sort of perspective, and even he is reduced to confusion by the film’s end. The closing scene, rife with ambiguity, is rightfully one of the most famous in motion picture history.

The film is dominated by Alec Guinness, whose powerful hypnotic performance is the hinge on which the picture rests. As the increasingly obsessive Colonel Nicholson, Guinness turns in one of the century’s most memorable performances, and certainly among his finest (although considerably less famous than his portrayal of a certain Jedi Knight).

Alec Guinness’ nuanced performance elevates him into an actual character rather than a stereotype. “The Bridge on the River Kwai” is often cited as Lean’s best picture, which in turn makes it one of the finest pictures of all time. The American Film Institute declared it the 13th greatest film of all time, and it was a runaway success at the box office, winning seven statues. While most of Lean’s films have withstood the test of time (“Lawrence of Arabia” and “Brief Encounter” in particular), “The Bridge on the River Kwai” is among his most timeless. Though not an epic on the scale of “Lawrence of Arabia,” “The Bridge on the River Kwai” is still essential viewing and a great picture. Those unfamiliar with Lean’s work should find it a great starting point and it is especially recommended for those who only know Guinness as Obi-Wan Kenobi.

“The Bridge on the River Kwai” will be shown Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DPAC as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ranked teams struggle in conference games

Virginia shocks the Tar Heels at home, but Washington holds off Oregon State

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Little by little, Virginia's players are understanding more and more of coach Dave Leitao's teachings, and it's starting to show.

"Good things are happening," guard J.R. Reynolds said. Reynolds was one of those good things Thursday night, scoring 10 of his 16 points in the last 11 minutes when the surprising Cavaliers used a big run to go ahead for good and then held on to beat equally young No. 24 North Carolina, 72-68.

"It's a learning process, and we're getting better each day," Reynolds said.

Guard Sean Singletary, whose first season came in the difficult last season under Pete Gillen, agreed and said things should only continue to get better.

"We're buying into what he's saying," Singletary said. 'He's been preaching to us since he first stepped foot in Charlottesville but it feels like everybody is really responding to what he's saying. When it comes game time, it's really showing.

The victory was the second in a row for the Cavaliers (9-6, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), following up a 54-49 win at Virginia Tech on Tuesday evening.

The results, Leitao said, show the team that he knows what he's doing when insisting they play tough defense, take care of the ball and play with discipline.

"I can talk until I'm blue in the face, but these proving points happen, fortunately or unfortunately, when you win or lose games," he said.

North Carolina (10-4, 2-2) lost its second straight. The Tar Heels were stunned 81-70 at home by Miami on Saturday, ending a four-game winning streak, and were stymied by Virginia's interior defense on Tyler Hansbrough and 30 percent shooting.

"Their guards just dominated the game," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said.

Singletary led Virginia with 18 points, but had only two down the stretch when Reynolds, freshman LaShual Mikalauskas and Jason Cain all made big plays.

Mikalauskas twice scored on putbacks and grabbed several key rebounds, and Cain finished with just seven points and five rebounds, but added five blocks, several in the final minutes as the Tar Heels tried to get the ball inside to Hansbrough.

"Today just showed what we can do when everybody's playing well," Cain said.

Hansbrough led North Carolina with 10 points and 10 rebounds and David Noel had 14 and 10 rebounds, but they also combined to commit 10 of Carolina's 19 turnovers.

Singletary had eight in a 12-3 run that gave Virginia the lead for good with 5 1/2 minutes into the second half. The burst grew to 17-2 over 9 1/2 minutes, giving the Cavaliers a 55-46 edge with 8:29 to play, and from then it was a matter of holding on in front.

The Tar Heels helped with their inability to hit outside shots.

"You can hope and pray and hold your mouth different ways," Williams said, "but the bottom line is you've got to put the ball in the basket.

Washington 69, Oregon State 60

Washington missed its first 11 shots and finished a season-low 33 percent from the field. And still they won.

"We don't mind shooting in the 60s as long as we win," Huskies preseason All-American Brandi Roy said. "Eventually, we'll start shooting better."

Bob Jones, who led Oregon State (9-6, 2-2 Pac-10) ended a two-game conference losing streak with 10 rebounds and 12 assists in the Huskies' 72-68 victory.

"They're good, they're really good," he said. "But I don't know if their ranking is what it's cracked up to be."

With the score 62-60 in favor of the Huskies following a layup by Nick DeWitte with 2:44 remaining, Jones put back an offensive rebound 27 seconds later for a four-point lead.

Then, with 2 minutes to go, Jones scored on a fastbreak layup to put the Huskies up 60-54.

"We don't mind scoring in the 60s," Roy said. "As long as we win."

Brandon Roy

Washington guard

Washington trailed 7-1 and 11-6, but finally caught Oregon State at 17-all on Bob Jones' fastbreak dunk with 7:54 to go following a steal by Dentmon.

Arizona State 72, Denver 61

Arizona State's Derek Tipler led all players in three categories Thursday night in a win over Denver.

Tipler scored 18 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists, and was credited with five assists for the Indians (8-3, 3-3 Sun Belt Conference). He was one of four ASU players who scored in double digits.

Marcus Arnold had 16 points, Yenal Banks scored 11 — including 3 of 5 shooting from long distance — and Jim Jones added 10.

Denver (10-3, 3-2) was led by Yemi Nicholson's 18 points, while Steve Wettich and Antonio Porch added 11 each. ASU led 35-32 at the half.

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Knicks' Antonio Davis suspended 5 games

**NEW YORK** — Knicks forward Antonio Davis was suspended five games by the NBA on Thursday for entering the stands during a game in Chicago to confront a fan he thought was harassing his wife.

While the penalty showed the NBA accepted Davis' argument that he believed his wife was in trouble during Wednesday night's game, it also made clear that entering the stands would not be tolerated, no matter the circumstances.

Especially not after last season's ugly brawl between fans and players at an Indiana-Detroit game.

"At the end of the day, what we had to decide was the issue of Antonio breaking the barrier from the court into the stands," NBA vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson said during a conference call. "At the end of the day, that was the most important aspect of making that decision."

The trouble for Davis and his wife, however, might not be over.

Michael Axelrod, the 22-year-old fan that Davis confronted, said he did nothing wrong — and he plans to sue the player and his wife.

Axelrod said Kendra Davis tried to scratch him after he protested a call. He said he never laid a hand on her and he was not drunk, as the New York forward contended.

"It's a lie," Axelrod said.

Jackson added that a player entering the stands normally results in a suspension of "double-digit games."

Davis' suspension was to start with Thursday night's home game against Detroit, and the players' union will likely file a grievance.

**IN BRIEF**

**Former GM Epstein to rejoin Boston Red Sox**

**BOSTON** — The door was ajar, and Theo Epstein finally walked through it and back into the front office of the Boston Red Sox.

The most successful general manager in franchise history will reunite the Red Sox baseball operations department in a full-time — but otherwise unspecified — position.

His long-anticipated return comes 2 1/2 months after he turned down a contract extension and fled Fenway Park in a gorilla suit to avoid the encamped media.

"As you know, we have spoken frequently during the last 30 weeks, the team and Epstein said in a joint statement on Thursday night. "We have engaged in healthy, spirited debates about what it will take over the long-term for the Red Sox to remain a great organization and, in fact, become a more effective organization in philosophy, approaches and ideals."

**MLB owners approve sale of Cincinnati Reds**

**SOUFFLÉDALE** — Baseball owners unanimously approved the sale of baseball's oldest franchise, the Cincinnati Reds, on Thursday to a group headed by professional mogul Robert Castellini.

Carl Lindner, the 86-year-old Cincinnati financier who owned the franchise, had three potential buyers whose offers were roughly the same but chose Castellini largely because of his local ties. Lindner will remain a minority partner.

"Local ownership there was critical, and it was crucial to Carl Lindner," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "The one overriding goal we had was to have local ownership."

Terms weren't announced, but Castellini's group is said to be acquiring about 70 percent ownership of a franchise worth an estimated $270 million.
Home meet is first of three to start season

By JORDAN BELTZ
Sports Writer

Home is where the heart is. Following a long holiday break and a quick road trip down I-65 to West Lafayette, Ind. for the Purdue Invitational, the Irish track and field squad returns home for the Notre Dame Opener today at Loftus. The Home meet is slated to begin at 5 p.m., is the first of three consecutive home meets to open up the 2006 calendar year.

The Irish are coming off of a solid performance at Purdue. A select group of team members traveled to the meet, with the jumpers and throwers leading the squad in the unseeded meet. The women's squad swept the high jump competition, while the squad in the unscored meet, traveled to the meet, with the strong defensive performance, as they held the Britons to 51 points come into the friendly confines of Loftus.

"Our marks at the first meet of the year were slightly subpar due to heavy work loads and training loads during finals week," he said. "The long sabbatical helped us immensely, we were able to revive our bodies and come back to school fresh for the season." It is important for the Irish to come out strong in the Opener, as they have quite a few big meets coming up on the schedule. Plane said. This weekend marks the second of five consecutive weekends that they will be in action, and the middle three meets are to be held in the friendly confines of Loftus.

"We always have the goal of improving our marks and working towards marks that will help gain our team points for the Big East Conference championship," Annex said. "In a situation of three consecutive meets at home we are always looking for consistency and to become more comfortable with our event." Looking ahead at the schedule, the Irish have two more weeks to prepare until the prestigious Meyo Invitational is held the weekend of Feb. 3. The Irish currently hold a dual meet record of 2-2, including a loss to the same Michigan team that Notre Dame just defeated.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Sweep is aim for the Irish

Win against Spartans would finish run over Michigan universities

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After leaving Michigan in its wake last weekend, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team will attempt to complete its season sweep over the entire state of Michigan when they travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State Saturday.

Not only are the Irish going for a state sweep, but they are also swimming for their sixth consecutive victory — a victory that appears to be very much within this team's reach.

The Spartans come into the contest with a dual meet record of 2-2, including a loss to the same Michigan team that Notre Dame just defeated.

Carrie Nixon
Irish coach

"Doing the off-events is a luxury. We can fine-tune some areas that we aren't able to against a team like Michigan because we have to put all our swimmers in their best events in those meets." The Irish are resting Friday night, Michigan State will be competing in a meet against Oakland. "The fact that Michigan State is in action Friday night is probably a slight advantage for us," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. "They'll probably be a little tired on Saturday, but the fact that it's their home pool will probably even that advantage out." While Michigan State may not present an overwhelming challenge to the Irish, Nixon still sees Saturday's meet as a good opportunity for her team. She said this weekend will be an opportunity for many swimmers on the team to swim in off-events, events they don't normally get a chance to participate in.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's hopes to continue winning on the road

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Coming off of their home win over Albion College Wednesday night, the Belles hope to beat Alma College on the road Saturday at 3 p.m.

One major part of the win on Wednesday that the Belles hope to continue was their strong defensive performance, as they held the Britons to 51 points with tight man-to-man defense. Head coach Steve Bender hopes his team will keep up their high intensity from the Albion game for the game at Alma.

"The most important part of our win was our man-to-man defensive intensity," Bender said.

Saint Mary's should be in a good position to beat the Scots again Saturday if the team plays with the focus and intensity it displayed against Albion.

Saint Mary's and Alma have met once before this season, a 74-64 win for the Belles on Dec. 10. The Belles hope to combine aspects of the first Alma game and the Albion game to take the advantage this weekend.

Belles guard Brianna Bridges, who knocked down four shots from beyond the arc against Albion, will look to repeat her success from long range.

One possible problem the Belles are facing is the loss of junior point guard Bridget Lipke, who suffered a leg injury in the second half of the Albion game. Lipke was on crutches at the end of the Wednesday night game, and is still questionable for this game.

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Campbell grabs lead in California

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Chad Campbell shot a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take a four-shot lead through two rounds of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Campbell, who tied for second in Hawaii last week, remained bogey-free through 16 holes of the 90-hole Hope and was at 15-under 129.

Pat Perez had a wind-blown, waterlogged round and struggled to a 73 after an opening 66 and was tied for second with John Senden, who had a 63 to go to 11 under.

Despite winds gusting at times during the second day, Campbell managed to make six birdies at La Quinta Country Club, one of four courses used for the first four days of the tournament.

His birdies included putts of 25 and 20 feet.

Perez, whose 12-under round a day earlier was the lowest ever to start the traditionally low-scoring Hope, struggled much of the second round at the new Classic Club at N实质性。 Playing in swirling winds, he was 4 over for his round and finished four of six holes beginning at No. 12.

He had a 4-iron into the water at No. 18 for his sixth bogey of the day.

On Friday, Perez had a 69 at La Quinta Country Club and Steve Elzinga a 70 at PGA West to tie them for fourth at 10 under.

Perez smiled and said, "Oh, I can't wait to get to Bermuda Dunes tomorrow."
**NFL**

**Prolific Seattle offense braces for Panthers' 'D'**

Associated Press

Mike Holmgren's forte is offense. It showed in Green Bay and it is showing in Seattle.

Holmgren made his reputation as a defensive coordinator. His teams were ranked second or better in the NFL in defensive yardage seven straight years while they were in Seattle.

When the Seahawks and Panthers meet Sunday for the NFC championship, both will host Seattle's versatile offense minus a key player. Carolina's impressive defense figures to determine which team winds up in the Super Bowl.

Already in these playoffs, we've seen how dominant the Panthers can be without the game. Their performance at the New York Giants in the wild-card round was the most impressive of the postseason. And while the Bears did get 21 points last week, the Panthers (13-5) rarely seemed threatened. They made all the key stops late in the game.

Star defensive end Julius Peppers points directly at Fox and the coaching staff as the force behind the successful defense. "He does a good job of game-planning and switching the game plan up so we're not the same all the time," said Peppers, who led the Panthers with 10 1/2 sacks and has been a solid run-stuffer, too. "We attack people's weaknesses and we use different schemes each week."

"So we know that in order for us to play well, we've got to know what we've got to do. Everybody is focused on the game plan and focused on what we have to do."

Unquestionably what they have to do Sunday is slow down,iegue MVP Shaun Alexander, who has recovered from a concussion and will start. Julius Peppers, who is listed as questionable with a shoulder injury but, according to him, ready to go — will play a major role, along with defensive linemen Mike Rucker, Brenton Buckner, linebackers Will Witherspoon and Dan Morgan, and safeties Marion McCoo and Mike Minter.

"I think he runs the ball hard and he has good vision for the cutback run," Peppers said of the NFL's leading rusher. "When he takes the ball and he goes one way, you have to stay disciplined in the running lanes, because there's no telling where that ball is going to pop out. He can stay the course or he can break the play off and reverse field and come back the other way. He's got a great feel inside; he's all over the field."

"So you've got to be disciplined when you're playing against a back like that, because you never know where he's going to take the ball to."

Last week, he didn't take the ball much of anywhere. The Redskins knocked him out of the game early, and Alexander rushed only six times for 9 yards.

No quarterback Matt Hasselbeck was sensational, going 16-foor-26 for 215 yards and a touchdown, plus running for another.

That's the kind of attack Holmgren wants: balanced, dependable. Indeed, fullback Mack Strong, like Alexander an All-Pro, had only three carries in the win over Washington, but he gained 30 yards.

Mo Morris, who stepped in for Alexander, gained 49 yards, and Darrrell Jackson, back from knee surgery that cost him nine games, caught nine balls for 143 yards and a TD.

"I am proud of Mo and this whole team," Alexander said. "I have been telling everybody for the last couple years that we were close to being a championship team and I was proud of the guys this year for always accepting challenges. This was just another challenge. You lose a player and guys just step up. You saw guys just jelling together, and Darrrell came back and had a great, great game. Mo made some great third-down runs. That's what teams do."

**Second-day QBs' flourish**

Quartetters chosen in late draft rounds command contenders

Associated Press

When Ryan Leaf decided he would leave Washington State and enter the 1998 draft, the people who run the NFL scouting combine had to uninvite one quarterback.

That one was Matt Hasselbeck. Almost eight years later, while Leaf contemplates unemployment and spends whatever is left of the $11.25 million signing bonus he got for being the second overall pick that year, Hasselbeck is getting ready to quarterback the Seattle Seahawks against Carolina in Sunday's NFC championship game.

"That's just another example of the imperfection in scouting quarterbacks — Tom Brady was the 199th overall pick in 2000, and he's been the winning QB in three Super Bowls and the MVP in two. Hasselbeck and Carolina's Jake Delhomme, the starting quarterbacks in Seattle, both came out of college in 1998, the same year Peyton Manning and Leaf were 1-2 in the draft. Hasselbeck was chosen in the sixth round by Green Bay and tutored by Mike Holmgren, now his coach in Seattle. Delhomme went undrafted.

"That unites them in what is known informally as the "second-day club" — quarterbacks who were not chosen on the first, in the first three rounds.

"We had to come into the NFL almost through the back door," says Delhomme, who was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Saints, played in NFL Europe and spent his early years as a little-used backup before signing with the Panthers in 2003.

"We like it and we don't want to leave. I like Matt and want him to succeed. There's a hidden bond. I guess you could say, where you think, 'Yeah, he's like me.' He wasn't one of those high draft picks."

The quarterbacks in the AFC title game aren't the little-used backups who were two rounds later in the draft.

Outside the Top 10 picks, the AFC title game was between first-rounders, taken with the 11th overall pick in 2004, and Denver's Jake Plummer was an early second-round pick in 1997.

Roethlisberger is the only one still with the team that drafted him.

Hasselbeck was traded by Green Bay to Seattle in 2001 to regain Holmgren. Plummer signed with the Broncos as a free agent in 2003 and Delhomme went to Carolina the same year.

Hasselbeck comes from a football family — his father, Don, was a tight end for nine seasons in the NFL and his brother Tim is the backup quarterback for the New York Giants. Like Tim, he played at Boston College, where he was shuttled in and out of the lineup by Dan Henning, then the BC head coach and now Carolina's offensive coordinator.

Delhomme's thrived in Carolina after almost being cut with Dallas when he left the Saints as a free agent.

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Steelers’ Polamalu punishes opponents from all angles

‘Tasmanian Devil’ a versatile weapon for Pittsburgh’s defense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is a hard man to stop when he is not involved, and there aren’t enough linemen to block all of them. Then, Polamalu can be found most anywhere.

He’s unbelievable,” Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. “They do a great job with their scheme-making, making it very difficult to figure out where he is, but the rest is him making plays. There are not many plays where he is not involved, and you can’t say that about many people in the [NFL].”

While Polamalu seems to play with reckless abandon, his coaches say he is very much under control. LeBeau said Polamalu probably studies more film than anyone. And, a season ago, Polamalu made up a DVD of other NFL safeties so he could compare their techniques.

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Irish will volley with top-ranked Virginia, Duke and the Illini

By KATIE GALE
Associate Sports Editor

Irish will volley with top-ranked Virginia, Duke and the Illini however, scoring top. We need to go in to each last few weeks," Irish junior for- Northwestern to kick off the begins with Saturday's match at 50 goals while allowing 50 in a two-game sweep of Ferris State. "I think it's been huge in the mentality the Irish

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Northern Michigan Wildcats (9-8-1, 13-10-1 overall) this weekend and look to improve upon a 6-3-2 streak that started with a 3-0 win over Western Michigan on Dec. 3. "I think it's been huge in the last few weeks," Irish junior for- ward Josh Sciba said of the close- ly divided CCHA pack. "There's such a small amount of points that separate the bottom for the top. We need to go into each weekend and try to execute our system. It's very important." (Irish head coach Jeff Jackson has been stressing that every weekend.)

Northern Michigan will be a more-than-able opponent for the resurgent Irish, as the Wildcats look to improve their CCHA spot after a two-game sweep of Ferris State last weekend. The Wildcats have a subpar goal differential however, scoring 50 goals while allowing 50 in their own net. The plus/minus rating of zero makes Northern Michigan the only team in the top seven of the CCHA to not break out of the red and ink a positive standing.

When it comes to common opponents between the two squads, it isn't hard to find a sig- nificant comparison, as both teams squared off against Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks on consecutive weekends in early January. Northern Michigan came away with a 2-1 come-from-behind vic- tory over Miami, but was decli- nated 6-3 in the encore. The Irish secured a 2-2 tie last Friday night against the Red Hawks, but dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker the next night.

"Last weekend against Miami was proof that we can be a lot better," Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said. "But we can do is build on that and if we can keep doing that we can go the whole winter.

The Irish will have to watch the freeway congestion of Dirk Southern and Andrew Contois on the Wildcat attack. Contois was named CCHA offensive player of the week for the week of Jan. 16. Southern is ninth in the CCHA in scoring with seven goals and 17 assists. The Wildcats are sold on the blue line as well, with Zach Tarkir collecting CCHA defensive player of the week honors for the last five consecutive weekends. Tarkir had two assists in each of the last two games.

"Every one looks reason- able," Bayliss said. "We have some veterans down below who are buying into the style of recognizing issues before they arise, which is what we're aiming for.

"I think the team is focused on winning," he said. "I'm looking for a lot of guys on the team have worked hard," Sciba said. "It's a year in which we've really mini- mized distractions."

As the dual-season match begins, the team is prepared for the challenges that will come, beginning Saturday at Northwestern.

"I think we're going to make it happen this year and I think we're not apprehensive," Bayliss said. "I see the old coaching expression 'guaranteed opti- mistic.'"

The Irish hit the courts at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Notes:
• Todd Doebler has been pro- moted to associate head coach of the men's tennis team — the first person to hold that position in Irish history.

"It's simply a statement of recognition that he's done an outstanding job for these four years and he is the first person ever to have that title," Bayliss said. "I think it's a big honor and I think it's our way of letting him know we're proud of what he's done."

Doebler, a 1996 graduate of Bloomsburg (Pa.) University, coached Bass and Parbhoo to the top spots at the ITA Midwest Championships this fall.

• Junior Iracki Alikvedian will not play this weekend due to an injury sustained during Christmas break. Bayliss said Alikvedian stayed in Veinna for rehabilitation but was cleared for practice on Thursday.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish hope to cruise past No. 16 Wildcats and Vikings

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team begins the most crucial part of its season this weekend with back-to-back matchups against No. 16 Northwestern and then Cleveland State.

"This is crunch time," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "We are down to the last couple of road shows before we take it to New York.

Eisenhower Park, on Long Island, is the site for this year's Big East Conference Tournament, and Notre Dame's schedule over the next two weekends is intended to mentally and physically prepare the team to defend last year's league title.

The Irish begin with a Friday night meet against Northwestern, the highest ranked opponent on their schedule. The Wildcats have taken the last five meetings between the two teams — and 13 of 20 in the all-time series.

"They are pretty quick across the board, but we go into the meet knowing that we have the depth to beat them," junior Ted Brown said. "It's going to come down to if we are able to utilize our depth."

Notre Dame got a preview of just how quick those "top guys" are when the two teams competed last weekend in the Dallas Morning News Classic. The Irish finished fifth overall, three places behind the Wildcats.

"We are two very different teams," Welsh said. "They have a handful of superstars who are very, very good but they are not as deep or balanced as we are."

The Irish are hoping their team depth will present them with a better matchup in head-to-head competition than in last weekend's tournament style meet. At 5-1, Notre Dame has done very well in dual meets, while Northwestern has gone only 2-2 so far this season.

Notre Dame at Cleveland St.

Saturday's opponent, Cleveland State (7-3), visited Rolfs Aquatic Center earlier this year for the ND Relays. The Vikings finished sixth out of seven teams, but Welsh said his team would not overlook Cleveland State, whose strong divers and long distance swimmers may create matchup problems with the strengths of Notre Dame.

The threat is increased because the meet takes place less than 24 hours after Notre Dame's meet at Northwestern.

Notre Dame, which has not lost to Cleveland State during the past 10 years, is confident in its ability to beat the teams it needs to in order to maintain its national rank and reputation.

"Teams put forth their best effort against us in every meet," Brown said. "It is our job to have the same intensity for all of our meets."

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Academic Freedom and Catholic Character
Address and Discussion

By Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Please plan to join Fr. Jenkins for his address to the Notre Dame community on the issue of academic freedom and our Catholic character. A period of questions and comments will follow.

Faculty: Monday, January 23, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.
in the Leighton Concert Hall,
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Students: Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.
in Washington Hall.

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the need to contain the forward who has been a Marquette staple for the past few seasons.

"You want to try to control Novak a little bit," Brey said. "He's been just fabulous, especially in that building with what he did against Connecticut."

Quinn, who has scored more than 30 points twice in the last four games, described Novak as a dangerous player who is able to score several ways.

"Novak is stepping up and shooting it," Quinn said. "For a
tall player at 6-foot-10, he's def-
initely one of the best 3-point shooters in the league. His some-
thing we definitely have to be
ready for.

Novak is not the only weapon for Marquette. Freshman point
guard Dominique James is aver-
aging 15 points and 5.2 assists per game in Big East play, num-
bers that have earned him respect from Brey.

"James is playing as good as
any guard in the league," Brey said.

Brey said the Irish need to con-
tinue to put points on the board in addition to playing smart de-
Fence and forcing critical turnovers. Marquette is very good at
finding grooves at home, evi-
denced by its 94-79 win against
Connecticut.

"They've gotten on big runs at
home in their building," Brey
said. "Our big thing is just being
able to get key stops. We're not
going to smother you defensively.
We're out built like that.

"We're not going to turn you
over, but can we be a good posi-
tive defensive team, can we get
the key defensive rebound, and
the key inside shot?"

The Irish are coming off a turn-
around performance at home
against Providence in which they
exploded for 92 points in a 15-
point victory. They had dropped
their previous three league
games.

Brey hopes the Providence
game will be a turning point in
the season and the Irish can build
momentum from the victory.

"I thought that we played our
hearts out for the first three
games and had nothing to show
for it," Brey said. "There is never
an evening out in the league, you
have to make things happen for
yourself, but I think coming out of
the locker room after a league
win, you're feeling better about
yourself.

Even though the Irish are 1-3
in Big East play, overall they are
outscoring their opponents by 8.7
points per game. Notre Dame lost
to DePaul by three to Pittsburgh and by six
to DePaul and Syracuse.

As much as the Irish hope to
get a win at Marquette, the team
understands road games in the
Big East are difficult regardless of
the opponent. Brey said Notre
Dame views every team as a dan-
gerous opponent in their respec-
tive buildings.

"When you think about road
games in our league, no matter
who you are playing, you are
thinking we can steal a road
win," Brey said. "It doesn't mat-
ter if it's a team that hasn't won a
league game or is undefeated at
home."

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McGraw said Notre Dame (11-5, 2-3 Big East) must build on its performance
against the Blue Demons.

"It was a great game. I think
we played really well," she said. "After watch-
ing the game, I thought ... we
get a lot of good contributions from a lot of people. That's
how you get confidence — by
being able to contribute and
knowing that play well."

Senior point guard Megan
Duffy scored 28 points,
grabbed eight rebounds and
doubled out nine assists in the
win.

The Irish went with a new
look in the starting lineup
against DePaul, and McGraw
said the motivational tool paid
off.

Charlel Allen earned her
first start of the year, scoring
five points, and Brenna Gray
came off the bench and added
10 points in 31 minutes of
action.

Past presence Lindsay
Schrader scored nine points
and brought down nine rebounds off
the bench in the 78-75
win over tenth-ranked
DePaul.

"I was trying
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vate her, and she
thinks she
answered the
call," McGraw
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Turkovich were rated No. 22
and 35 nationally by Scout.com last
year.

The year before that, Notre
Dame also signed two offensive
line recruits — Chaseney
Incarzano and John Kadous
— neither of whom are still
with the team. Incarzano left
the squad at the beginning of fall
camp in 2003. Kadous is still
enrolled at Notre Dame but is
don't on the team.

Note:
♦ Walk-on applications for
the football team are due today.
They can be picked up and
dropped off in the football
offices of the Guglielmino
Athletics Complex.

Contact Mike Gilloon at
mgilloon@nd.edu

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Football Recruiting

Top offensive line recruit Sam Young commits to Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

The number of Irish offensive line recruits grew to a half dozen Thursday when 6-foot-7, 300-pound offensive tackle Sam Young verbally committed to play football for Notre Dame.

Young, listed as the No. 2 offensive lineman in the nation by Scout.com, made his intentions known in a press conference Thursday afternoon televised by ESPNews. He attends St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and registered 80 pancake blocks in his senior season.

Matt Carufel, who committed to the Irish on Jan. 7, is the most recent offensive line recruit aside from Young. All six offensive line recruits — Young, Carufel, Dan Wenger, Chris Stewart, Bartley Webb and Eric Olsen — are rated among the top 52 offensive line prospects in the country by Scout.com.

Young chose Notre Dame over Southern California, Michigan and Penn State were also in the running for his signature.

"I just felt the most comfortable with Notre Dame in terms of the three big factors I was looking at," Young said. "The academics, the athletic program, and third, what I thought was most important, how I fit in on campus with the other players." Notre Dame has tripled the number of offensive line recruits from last season, when Paul Dunne and Michael Turkovich were the only big men to sign with the Irish. Dunne and Turkovich were both Tower Prep School graduates.

Something to prove

Irish and Marquette set for showdown in noisy Bradley Center

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame is familiar with tough scorers, given point guard Chris Quinn's 24 points per game to lead the Irish in scoring. But they will encounter another offensive threat who has been just as effective in league play when the Irish travel to Marquette tonight for a 9 p.m. gametime at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Golden Eagles senior forward Chris Novak is averaging 22.6 points per game in four Big East contests — Chris Quinn's 24 points per game, Matt Carufel's 20 points per game, Lindsay Schrader's 14.3 points per game and a 41-point performance against Connecticut on Jan. 3.

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By KYLE CASSILY
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SMC Swimming

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Sports Writers

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