Annan set to speak at ND event

Schedule permitting, U.N. secretary-general will address students, faculty on Nov. 12

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Editor

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for a peace conference at Notre Dame Nov. 12-14, a Mendoza College of Business official said Monday.

Annan has confirmed that he plans to attend, but given the nature of his job be can make no guarantees he will be there, said Father Oliver Williams, director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Studies in Business in the Mendoza College of Business.

"It is like inviting the President of the United States," said Williams, who is the lead organizer of the peace conference titled "A Conference on Peace through Commerce: Partnerships as the New Paradigm.

If Annan is able to come, he will speak Nov. 12. The location of his talk has not yet been determined, but would be in a larger venue like McKenna Hall to accommodate a bigger audience, Williams said.

The conference is being put on by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the United Nations Global Compact Office and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

It will bring together students, professors, corporations, non-government organizations and government leaders to discuss how commerce can be a tool to build peace.

Annan will speak to that, Williams said.

"I think the wider theme of the conference is peace through commerce and how companies can work with Oxfam and Amnesty International to find new and creative ways to bring justice and peace to troubled lands," Williams said.

University President Father John Jenkins wrote a letter to Annan last fall asking him to speak at the conference.

Annan confirmed, but Williams was advised two weeks ago to prepare a back-up speaker in case Annan is needed in another part of the world during the conference.

Williams said Annan recently has been spending considerable time in Lebanon, the Darfur region of Sudan and various Middle Eastern nations.

Williams knows Annan through his work on the U.N.'s Foundation for the Global Compact, a non-profit entity that helps fund the Global Compact — the world's largest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative. Williams was appointed to one of three director positions last spring.

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Service remembers Sept. 11 victims, soldiers

5 years later, ROTC, students gather to pray

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

More than 40 civilians gathered with ROTC cadets, midshipmen and their officers in front of the Hesburgh Library reflecting pool Monday morning for a brief but poignant ceremony in remembrance of those who died five years ago in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The service began with an invocation by Basilea Hector Father Peter Rocca, who asked God to "protect in a special way, these young men and women, cadets and midshipmen, as they prepare to serve their country."

Guest speaker of honor Gunnery Sgt. Ralph "Lefty" Guillette not only earned numerous medals and awards during his service in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, but also holds the distinction of being the oldest undergraduate student in the history of Notre Dame at the age of 75.

"Today is not a day of celebration," he said. "Today is to honor and pay tribute to the fallen brothers and sisters that died on Sept. 11."

Guillette told the youths in ROTC that the time to reflect on the Sept. 11 attacks was Sunday.

"But today, we honor those who are no longer among us as their families, friends and loved ones do," he said.

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Cell phone reception still shaky

New towers unable to accommodate football crowds last weekend

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Instead of calling friends and family to proclaim the news of a big win over Penn State, many Irish fans found themselves asking, "Can you hear me now?" when using their cell phones on campus Saturday.

The campus cell phone antenna system may be powerful enough to handle 12,000 students, but it is too weak to support 80,000 football fans — something Notre Dame students and guests will have to deal with during the season's six remaining home games.

"It is difficult to build a system for a one-time phenomenon, or in this case, a seven-time phenomenon," said TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer.

New cell phone towers on campus can meet daily demands, but football weekends pose problems.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task force created to target student safety

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Student safety, both on campus and off, dominated discussion at the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting Monday.

Members unanimously voted to create an ad-hoc task force to address student safety concerns in light of recent violence against students while off campus. Hall Presidents Council co-chair Katie Gorrell was unanimously approved as the chair of the Student Safety task force.

Student body president Lizi Shappell said student safety has become a pressing concern.

"It's a hot issue among the student body," she said.

The CLC discussed the topics the ad-hoc group could tackle this year. Alumni senator Dan Shaver said the goal of the task force should be to address the prevention of violence against students as quickly as possible.

"We want to make off-campus kids feel safe as well as on-campus kids," Smith said.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss said the transition from Notre Dame's campus to an off-campus world may be a tool to build justice and peace to troubled lands," Williams said.

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Love thee Notre Dane

It’s Tuesday night, you could do some homework, catch up on a little reading, make the weekly voyage to Corby’s — but nothing in this really sounds too appealing.

Have no fear; Dane Cook is here. Instantly a boring Tuesday night is transformed.

Your cinder block walls morph into an ultra-bip comedy club (which you can barely see through your tears anyway because you’re laughing so hard!) all because a voice from your computer just blasted out the classic "WHEEEPPPEEEEY NOOONGS!"

Right then you’re not really sure if you’re laughing because you are "that" guy/girl, or because you have been on the receiving end of said ignorance’s vocal explosions.

But oh, if Dane Cook were actually here, now that would be awesome...

"I just have one question for you guys, what is a ‘Domer’?"

"I mean I’ve heard of a dome. A nice semi-circle-esque shape, an inverted cup-ish object? Half-rolling, half-flop form, a sphere split in half. I know dome though. Are you all half-rounded, semi-circular-esque shape, an inverted turtle, little legs flailing uselessly in the air?"

"No more getting stuck, half-rolled on your backside like a flipped over tiny cup form, a sphere split in half?"

"Well, good thing the University gives you a little show to get you rolling. Freshman year, you get here and like you’re not already a target for all the ignoramuses! The offense is on the field and defense gets on the field and you go nine and six. Are you all half-rounded, semi-circular-esque shape, an inverted dome though? Are you all half-rounded, semi-circular-esque shape, an inverted cup-ish objects? Half-rolling, half-flop around campus? Just waiting until one day you happen to flop your flat side down onto your other ‘Domer’ half and you guys form a sphere, and then you can go rolling hapily through life together?"

"You’re not feeling awkward enough, the school goes and packs you down onto your other ‘Domer’ half and you just flat out roll away from them."

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"You’re not always so helpless though. During football season, you guys are made up into little color coded T-shirts, so they know where to return you to if you should happen to get panicked when you can’t get off your back, and you’re just stuck there twitching and wrenching your little ‘Domer’ self until you finally just pass out in an explosion.

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Leaders address dining hall issues

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Executives addressed the dining hall's potentially premature closing time and theft possibilities at Monday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting. For the second consecutive week, BOG revisited the problematic issues of Dining Services putting away food before the dining hall's specified closing time at 7 p.m. and the lack of a secure storage area for students' backpacks.

"The executive board [met] with Barry [Bowles], the director of Sodexo land College Food Services. He reinforced his previous statement that said that the doors [of the dining hall] will not close until 7 p.m.," student body president Susan McIlhuff said.

Bowles reminded executives that anyone who does not make it to dinner before 7 p.m. always has the option of using a meal credit at the D'Alloy's pasta bar open from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, McIlhuff said.

The executive board and Bowles also met to discuss students' ability to bring backpacks into the dining hall.

"Last year Sodexo had to replace close to $24,000 in supplies, plates and other dish-ess due to theft," McIlhuff said. If backpacks were allowed into the dining hall, this cost would most likely go up, she said.

Theft was the primary reason BOG discussed the allowance of backpacks in the dining hall. As of last May, Bowles said, cameras were installed in the lobby that focused on the shelves where backpacks are stored.

Saint Mary's Security, Sodexo and the Shaheen Bookstore would have access to those videos if a theft were to be reported, McIlhuff said.

In other BOG News:

♦ This Thursday, the junior board will host the "Let Your Sister Pick Your Mister," dance from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Student Center. Tickets are $5 per person and the theme is retro, junior class president Colleen Kesly said.

Campaigning for the first-year elections begins Thursday at noon. There are five tickets running for president and vice president. Elections commission student Christin Molfar said.

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New professors advance biometrics

Special to the Observer

In the summer of 2001, Kevin W. Bowyer and Patrick J. Flynn joined Notre Dame's Computer Science and Engineering Department. Bowyer was hired from the University of South Florida to chair the department and Flynn came to Notre Dame from Ohio State.

Acquainted with each other through previous research and professional collaborations, they planned to jointly pursue their research interests in the general area of computer vision. They secured funding from the National Science Foundation to establish their research laboratory within weeks of their arrival. While they initially envisioned future collaborations in the area of robot vision and medical image analysis, they also had plans to pursue joint work in biometrics.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, focused and accelerated those plans and the result has been the emergence of a distinct, inventive physiological feature of a person that can be measured and used to identify them, such as a fingerprint. Bowyer and Flynn have been researching the feasibility of image-based biometrics and multi-biometrics since 2001, including first-of-a-kind comparisons of face photographs, face thermograms, 3-D face images, iris images, videos of human gait and even ear and hand shapes.

"The threat of our research is to evaluate the practicality, performance and usefulness of these technologies as a means of recognizing people," Bowyer said.

Interest in biometrics technologies and commercial efforts to capitalize on that interest has grown exponentially since 9-11. As a result, federal agencies examining the feasibility of these technologies are in need of teams that can define and execute "challenge problems" designed to assess biometric system performance on a level playing field to minimize bias.

"Our group has established itself as an 'honest broker' in biometric system evaluations," Flynn said.

"Our funding from the National Science Foundation and other agencies and companies supports both this evaluation work and our own basic research in advanced biometrics."

In the five years since the 9-11 attacks, Bowyer and Flynn's research program has produced four master's theses, five doctoral dissertations, over 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals and approximately $3.5 million in research funding.

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and reports directly to Annan’s office.

Annan, a career diplomat, is considered the chief administrative officer of the UN. The 66-year-old Annan took office Jan. 1, 1997, surpassing him in length of service second term in 2002. He has worked to promote peace in the Middle East and both Annan and the U.S. won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001. Earlier that year he issued a five-point “Call to Action,”

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pus apartment or house is a transition from a safe environment and students can feel secure. He said students sometimes fail to realize this shift when they go off campus.

“His this is one of the safest campuses in the country — we do have an unrealistic feel of safety in this place that is not shared outside of Notre Dame,” Moss said. “We need to start educating people about that when you live on West LaSalle, it is not the same as off-campus.”

Breuning-Phillips, school counselor Rachel Kelly said Annan has left included and brought to his decision that leaderships are not doing as good job.

Breuning-Phillips also said the attitude of respect is important when talking to both NDSP and the South Bend Police Department (SBPD). The CLC should not accept police force’s decisions in doing their jobs, she said, but should present them with their concerns.

Off-campus senator Mark Healy said he supported the CLC work with NDSU and SBPD to encourage them to accept the fact that every week students are leaving campus and enter South Bend. Faculty Senate representative professor Kelly Jordan touched on police-student tensions raised by the recent raid at Turtle Creek Apartments. He said students need to compromise as well as recognize that when they drink and underage, they are breaking the law.

The tone and tenor that I’ve seen in the South Bend Tribune and in The Observer is “Why are the South Bend police targeting us as students?” But I haven’t seen from the students “yes, we understand underage drinking is wrong,” Jordan said. “I think there’s a point where you can’t take a little and take here that people are not going to be willing to exercise.”

Cordell said the perception that all students who live off-campus are throwing huge parties is incorrect. She said the police should make keeping students safe a priority.

Healy said the task force where he outlined plans for a Global AIDS and Health Fund, a mechanism that would help developing coun-
tries combat the AIDS crisis.

On Monday, Annan spoke
to the U.N. Security Council about the mounting humani-
tarian crisis in the Darfur region, asking for interven-
tion to help combat the vi-
eolence that has plagued the region in recent months.

Annan is fluent in English, French and several African languages, and is married and has three children.

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non,” said Dietwalt Latimer, chief technology officer in the Office of Information Technologies.

Latimer said cell phone carriers are capable of building a system powerful enough to handle the seven football Saturdays, but it would provide “over-coverage” for the other 358 days of the year. Verizon customer and freshman Nick Taylor said he was not satisfied with campus cell phone serv-

“My phone didn’t work this weekend,” he said, “I got zero bars, and it’s not much better during the week.”

Campus’ cell phone coverage improved at midnight last Friday, as the network went live with the installation of its new stealth antenas on campus.

Cingular worked around the clock for three days leading up to Thursday to ensure that the antennas would be working in time for the Notre Dame foot-

ball Saturday, Latimer said — beat-

ing his original estimation of an October completion.

To maximize coverage, Cingular positioned its new antennas at sites around campus, including Sullivan Hall, Legends, Carroll Hall, Lewis Hall, the Hesburgh Library, the Joyce Center, the Bookstore and within the vicinity of Notre Dame Stadium. These antenas are exclusive to Cingular customers on the Cingular network and were constructed and funded entirely by Cingular, Latimer said.

Cingular customers reported that their service has improved since the antennas were activated and are pleased with the expanded coverage, Latimer said. He expects that the customers will especially notice the improvements this week without the extra on-campus usage generated by football season.

While Latimer said “Cingular has executed better than Verizon” in constructing the antennas, he also credits Verizon for at least “making the commitment to improve coverage.”

Even before the completion of the new antennas, Verizon’s coverage on campus beats that of other car-

riers, such as T-Mobile and Sprint, because of the temporary antennas placed for the Verizon campus system, Latimer said. Senior Tony Craf said he has seen a notable improvement in Verizon’s service.

“In the past, I’d have to go out side to make a call,” he said. “Now I can call from my room. It’s choppy, but it works.

There is still no firm timetable for the completion of the Verizon antenna system, Latimer said. Estimated completion between Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 — the two-week span between the Stamford and UCLA home football games. However, Verizon said the University there is a possibility that the towers may not be completed until after football season, Latimer said.

Latimer said the University is not responsible for poor reception, since only the cell phone providers can increase their signal strength.

“The carriers must hear from their customers,” he said. “They will only change something if they fear they will lose business.”

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the audience to “never forget Sept. 11. Guillelt said his gen-

eration still remembers the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Guillelt said the cadets and mid-

shipmen should let the Sept.

11 attacks serve as a source of motivation for your suc-

cess as a leader and a mem-

ber of the greatest armed forces in the world.

“You are protecting this country because the lost ones of Sept. 11 were killed because of the liberties and freedoms we have,” he said.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of “Taps,” ending right as the skies opened in a downpour of rain.

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Bush marks Sept. 11 anniversary

President honors memory of nearly 3,000, calls war a 'struggle for civilization'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, five years after the Sept. 11 attacks, said Monday the war against terror is a struggle for civilization.

"We are fighting to maintain the way of life enjoyed by free nations," Bush said in remarks prepared for a private meeting with Senate leaders at the Oval Office. "Two months before November elections, the president attempted to spell out in graphic terms the stakes he sees in the unpopular war in Iraq and the broader war on terror.

"Our nation has endured trials, and we face a difficult road ahead," he said. Before his address, Bush visited the Pentagon, Shanksville, Pa., and the Ground Zero site.

The pope first waded into the enthusiastic crowd outside, shaking hands and blessing babies.

After three or four minutes in the church with George, the pope came out and rode in his popemobile about 30 yards to the house where he was born.

President Bush and Laura Bush participate in a moment of silence at the "Fort Pitt" Firehouse in New York on Monday to mark the five-year anniversary of Sept. 11.

Congress has approved $432 billion for Iraq and the war on terrorism. At least 3,666 U.S. servicemen and women have died in Iraq. The toll in Afghanistan is 272. "America did not ask for this war, and every American wishes it were over," the president said. "And so do I. But the war is not over — and it will not be over until either we or the extremists emerge victorious.

"If we do not defeat these enemies now, we will leave our children to face a Middle East overrun by terrorist states and radical dictators armed with nuclear weapons," Bush said. "We are in a war that will set the course for this new century and determine the destiny of millions across the world."

White House officials said Bush’s speech was not intended to outline new strategy. Rather, it was portrayed as an appeal for unity and a commitment to win the struggle against terror at a time when the war in Iraq is widely opposed. There was no mention of Iraq in the excerpts of the speech, but officials said Bush would talk about it in his address.

"This struggle has been called a clash of civilizations," the president said. "In truth it is a struggle for civilization." He said the United States was standing with democratic leaders and reformers, offering a path away from radicalism.

"Winning this war will require the determined efforts of a united country," the president said. "So we must put aside our differences and work together to meet the test that history has given us. ... We will defeat our enemies." While Bush urged resolve, the two co-chiefs of the 9/11 Commission accused the Bush administration and Congress of a continued lack of urgency in protecting the country. About half of their 41 recommendations to better secure Americans, offered in July 2004, have become law.

GAZA STRIP

Abbas agrees to Hamas coalition

Associated Press

Gaza City — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas struck a deal Monday to increase power with the militant Islamic Hamas, an accord that could begin to defuse internal strife and could lead to contacts with Israel.

The breakthrough compromise falls short of international demands that Hamas renounce violence, but Israeli officials still voiced caution for the accord.

Hamas, which is opposed to Israel’s destruction, swept to victory in January legislative elections, defeating Fatah, and formed a government by itself. The West and Israel reacted by cutting off hundreds of millions of dollars in aid, accusing Hamas of being a terrorist group.

Initially, Palestinians held the West and Israel to blame for their misfortune, but in recent weeks, they have directed that criticism at the government. Tens of thousands of civil servants launched a strike this month to protest the government’s failure to pay them. A two-month Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip — begun after Hamas-linked militants infiltrated Israel and captured a soldier — has added to the Palestinians’ misery.

After months of on-and-off talks, Abbas, the moderate Fatah leader, and Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas announced the accord Monday.

"The continuous efforts to form a national unity government have ended successfully with the announcement of a political program for this government," Abbas told Palestinian television. "Efforts in the next few days will continue to complete the formation of the national unity government." Abbas aides Nabih Abu Rif'dah said the president would dissolve the Hamas-led government within 48 hours to clear the way for the formation of a coalition.
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**NEW YORK—** When Herley Industries Inc. released its proxy report earlier this year, it said that having no "financial experts" on its board of three-person audit committee was in the "best interest" of the company. Try telling that now to the defense contractor's belabored shareholders.

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It sure looks like those experts could have been a big help — possibly to avoid this mess in the first place, and certainly to aid the company in cleaning things up. The irony in all this was pointed out by accounting expert Jack Ciesielski, who noted in a recent phone conference Sunday that in com modities prompted investors to shift money out of oil and raw materials-based companies and into other stock sectors. Falling prices for petroleum and metals led to declines in shares of companies such as Occidental Petroleum, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Alcoa Inc., both Dow Jones industrials, were among the sectors hardest hit.

The six-day slide in crude prices, which closed under $66 per barrel Monday, was welcomed by Wall Street as a sign inflation will be kept under control. Cheaper oil also could help boost consumer spending, as well as corporate profits. "The drop in oil prices is becoming a catalyst, as is other commodi ties, and giving people confidence to put money into areas that have somewhat been lagging such as technology," said Scott Fullman, director of investment strategy for Hapag-Lloyd Securities.

Investors have been looking for any direction about the state of the economy, but have also traded with relatively little conviction ahead of the Federal Reserve's next meeting Sept. 20. St. Louis Fed President William Poole said in a speech Monday that inflation is "pretty well controlled," but offered little else about the economy.
Flag amendment falls short

“Old Glory lost today,” said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R — Tenn.) when the Senate rejected, for the fourth time, the Flag Desecration Amendment. The vote, 66-34, fell one short of the two-thirds majority needed to send it to the states for approval.

The amendment states: “The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.”

Contrary to Frist, this amendment is an election-year scam. It could be Exhibit A on “How Not to Mess with the Constitution.”

The amendment was a response to Supreme Court decisions in Texas v. Johnson (1989) and U.S. v. Eichmann (1990). In Johnson, the Court denied that “a State may foster its own view of the flag by prohibiting expressive conduct relating to it.” In Eichmann, the Court struck down, on free speech grounds, a federal statute punishing flag desecration. Neither case prevents punishment of a breach of the peace involving flag desecration.

Both cases are dubious in their interpretation of the freedom of speech. The invalidation in Johnson of the flag laws of 48 states also illustrates the rigidity created by the incorporation doctrine, the misinterpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment’s guarantee of “due process of law” so as to bind every state and local government strictly and uniformly by the Court’s interpretations of the Bill of Rights.

The amendment, however, is an imprudent response. It affirms the power of Congress only and withdraws from the states any power to protect the flag as a symbol of national unity. It concedes that Johnson and Eichmann have the same status, as “the supreme law of the land,” as does the language of the Constitution itself. It was not until 1954, in Cooper v. Aaron, that the Court first claimed that its rulings were the supreme law of the land.

Cases held that state officials were bound by those rulings. There is no comparable holding that Court interpretations of the Constitution are binding in every respect on the Congress and the Executive Branch of the federal government. The Court’s rulings, of course, bind the parties to the case. Those rulings and, to some extent, the Court’s opinions, are precedents for future cases in the Supreme Court and other courts. The judiciary, however, is only one of the three branches. The other two branches have a duty to interpret and apply the Constitution as it relates to their own actions. The amendment accepts the idea that a Supreme Court decision is on the same level as the Constitution itself, so that the only way to undo it is another amendment. The amendment is also unclear as to whether it would give Congress power to criminalize a person’s “physical desecration,” in his home, of a flag he owns.

The amendment disregards an alternate remedy provided in the Constitution itself. Congress has power to control the entire jurisdiction of the lower federal courts and the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Article III, Section 2 provides that the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction “with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make.” Legal scholars debate it. But the 1869 case of Ex Parte McCord, and other precedents and statements in later Supreme Court opinions, indicate that Article III, Section 2, means what it says. “As respects our appellate jurisdiction,” said Justice William O. Douglas in 1969, “Congress may largely fashion it as Congress desires by reason of the express provisions of Section 2, Article III.” If a federal statute were enacted depriving the lower federal courts and the Supreme Court of jurisdiction in cases involving federal and state flag desecration statutes, the state courts could rule on such cases without fear of being overruled by the Supreme Court.

A statute withdrawing Supreme Court appellate jurisdiction in flag cases would affirm that the constitutional checks and balances work. It would not overrule Texas v. Johnson or U.S. v. Eichmann. It would not change the Constitution, as would an amendment. The jurisdiction of the Court could be restored whenever Congress so chose.

The State is not god, and the flag is not an object of religious veneration. But, Congress and the states ought to be held to have a sufficient interest to protect the flag, as the unique national symbol, from public and contemptuous physical desecration even when that desecration is intended as political expression. The amendment, however, is phony electoral posturing that would deny the rightful power of the states and ignore the remedy provided by Article III, Section 2.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where were you at?

Grad students not cheating

The only thing worse than someone in the student section cheering for the opposing team is someone in the student section not cheering at all. Unfortunately, to my surprise, I found one both in the graduate student section and the undergraduate section of this weekend’s game. Don’t get me wrong, graduate students can be as passionate, as loud and as energetic as any fan. But, for every one graduate student I saw cheering in the stadium last weekend, I could find two or more that were stone-cold silent.

I know it’s different being a graduate student, but it doesn’t mean we have any less reason to cheer. In fact, most grad students (who aren’t in the law or MBA programs) have full ride scholarships along with a four- to five-figure salary paid for by Notre Dame. Isn’t gratitude reason enough to cheer during the game? How hard can it be to make some noise or rattle your keys? How hard is it to go along with a chant like “C-R-O-W-W-W”?

This is the year that every Irish fan has not only, but seemingly should be heard in the stadium. Grad student or not, if all you can bring is your silent support, consider showing your support at home in front of the TV instead.

Shawn Ahmed
graduate student
Sept. 11

PRIDE IN NOTRE DAME

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What we no longer have

On Sept. 11, 2001, I shoved my foot so deep in my mouth I didn’t realizes my mistake until Tuesday.

At College Day at the Gullett Center at the University of Alabama in Florence, I was more concerned with finding out when our football team hit the road than if my high school had sent out my transcripts than helping others from the rest of the world. When the kids who did not plan on going to college ran back from the TV lounge screaming about the attack on the Middle East, I was dis- missed and more than a little cold.

The Iraqi military had shut down an unnamed U.S. surveillance plane earlier that morning. I had seen that on the news before I left for school — five minutes before the first plane gashed through the World Trade Center.

"The defenses are like a Super-8 camera duct taped on a kite," I said. "Saddam’s boys shot down ours every now and then and act like they won World War III. Nothing to be freaked out about."

When the Sept. 11 hijackers were not busy killing a couple thousand innocent people they had merely a brief stop to decimate Lautenberg in Hudson County, New Jersey. The rural network of gossip and fear leaked the imaginary gas shortage that is currently going on. I’ve brought guests with me to my alma mater, although they have not been treated badly, they have never been treated this well either.

Kerry Meyers
assistant professional specialist
Sept. 11

"Where are you at the phone number of the former standing next to me as we both gazed into the new picture of the man I consider to be my father, a long time ago, which now hangs in College Hall. I thanked my fellow reflec- tor was also a fresh- man at the time, and even resided in the next door dorm to my beloved Dillon Hall. It turns out he and his "Big Dog" freshman section weren’t but a whisper away from my roommate and I that awful day.

Realizing the uncanny nature of our introduction, we did the metathetical exchange of where we each "were" at during those initial frightening moments Tuesday, morning. During that day, rumors and unconfirmed reports ran rampant of death tolls in the hundreds of thousands. There was speculation of attacks in Los Angeles, attacks on Capitol Hill, imminent attacks on the Sears Tower — there was even widespread going around of how Our Lady’s University was a target. Those first few moments were filled with unfathomable fear. Nonetheless, in that hour of despair, our dorm came together as we prayed for the safety of one of our fellow students whose brother, who was trapped in one of the towers. It was during that abyss, that God’s awesome grace — in the tragedy itself, revealed itself in a shower of unity, compassion and purpose during the Sept. 11 Mass. Even in the midst of such tragedy, I attested there was an hour of providence during our four-year- old year at Notre Dame.

Since that fateful year, my adult years have been marked by military intervention designed to keep our great nation safe and secure, our soldiers have certainly fought a just cause with valor and honor. Yet five years after Sept. 11, I am now convinced the "root cause of terror" (as the politicians in city like to say) will never be eliminated until an overall strategy that includes the Church is developed by our country’s lead- ers.

In the 1980s, Pope John Paul II, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Ronald Reagan worked together to imple- ment such a strategic agreement away the strength of Soviet communism in Europe. The growth of the Church’s influence and within the civil society of the satellite states proved instrumental in countering the iron grip of radical commun- ism, enabling the internal reforms of 1987.

Although certainly not wholly, parallel radical Islam will not be destroyed by bullets, missiles and prayer alone; rather, the first form of jihad must be cut down, bit by bit, by spreading the compassion, love and justice of Christ through- out the world. The same love that compelled the Notre Dame family to come together on thequad that tragic day will also be needed to establish the true way of Pearl Harbor — never for- gotten, but now belonging in his- tory books, documentaries and photographs.

Otherwise, if we lose sight of what must be done to eliminate the seeds of jihad, we, as the Church, Americans and Bombers will be forced to live under the shroud of fear the rest of our lives. Fortunately, with Notre Dame’s example of unity that day, America has a template of what must be done to prevail. Five years from now, when we show our grandchildren around campus following an Irish victory, they will surely ask, "Where were you at that day?" As long as we remain united as Christians over these next years, we will be able to hold our heads up high and answer them where we stood.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The recent broadcast of the Ohio State-Texas football game highlighted the struggle between corporations and TV viewers.

Football broadcasts highlight synergy

Now that football season has officially begun in both the college and professional realms, it is the time of year where television should either be tuned in to programs such as "Last Man Standing" or some form of football. As I watched various games over the week, I was also watching the Green Bay Packers, several questions about sports television broadcasting came into my head.

During the stellar game between the Buckeyes and Longhorns, announcers made it very clear that viewers were watching "ESPN on ABC." This makes it seem like the moniker of cable network ESPN has become so popular that it now overshadowed that of a broadcast channel which is technically its parent.

But I have to wonder how it is possible that ABC invented the "Wide World of Sports" program, was a pioneer in the sports broadcast industry and has brought us legendary sports anchors like Brent Musburger and Keith Jackson, to stray of these achievements, the ESPN brand has now permanently taken over ABC Sports and does not appear to want to relinquish its hold any time soon. The only way to wonder what might come next. With such an emphasis on corporate synergy and cross-promotion, we could soon see program titles such as "Major League Baseball, brought to you by The Best Damn Sports Show Period on FOX." Or perhaps "Comcast Sports Net on NBC's presentation of NASCAR" will be coming soon to a television near you.

How far can cross promotion go? I think we are being inundated with corporate media conglomerates. Hopefully, ESPN on ABC will be as far as television executives spread the cross pollination of sports television.

Another recurring problem with sports television is the annual re-tooling of logos, stats and the combination bars and animations. With the exception of ESPN, each new sports season brings a new version of information bars on every network that try to flood your television with more stats, sound effects and advertisements, all while trying to be overly hip or cool. These increasingly complex graphics end up looking ridiculous and push aside the more vital information to emphasize the newest technological breakthroughs.

The tendency of the new graphics to somehow end up looking worse and worse each year causes viewers to spend more time getting used to reading them than watching the game itself. Meanwhile, somewhere a television executive is receiving a hefty bonus check for contributing his new graphics idea to the yearly pre-production meeting.

Instead of wasting time and money on such shenanigans, a novel idea would be to spend said money, which could potentially be a big sum, on ensuring that every sports broadcast is in high-definition. Any extra publicity could go toward hiring quality sports anchors and analysts instead of if it's-big sports stars who have no clue what they're talking about. While both of these disappointing problems are easily remedied, I'm not sure how, somehow this will not end up happening in either case. The sports broadcasting world is one of perpetual change, and network executives seemingly feel no need to be shackled by the structures of tradition or "doing what works."

Each passing year will continue to bring ever more complicated graphics and more prolific instances of cross promotion in broadcasting. Now excuse me, I have to go try to understand the graphics on "ABC's Monday Night Football on ESPN, brought to you by GMC Trucks."

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The Benchwarmers

Full and Widescreen Edition

Happy Madison Productions

From left, Richie Goodman (David Spade), Clark Reedy (Jon Heder) and Gus Matthews (Rob Schneider) find themselves the unlikely winners in the baseball film "The Benchwarmers."

The Benchwarmers' DVD review

By ANALISE LIPARI

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Jon Heder, left, and David Spade learn the rules of baseball in Rob Schneider's latest film, "The Benchwarmers."

Tackling a message of acceptance and understanding each other's differences seems cliché and unnecessary, but "The Benchwarmers" deems it essential and does it with gusto, its grand finale taking place in a baseball stadium full of athletes and nerds alike. While this is where the film takes its classic turn, Schneider's everyman personality keeps it from descending too far down the drain.

Overall, "The Benchwarmers" is an unassuming and silly comedy.

The recently released DVD contains several special features of interest. Heder's funniest sequences are immortalized in "Who's On Deck," a short montage of the film's funnier moments. The DVD also has several other features, including "Mr. October," which includes Schneider's role as Reggie Jackson. It also includes both a director's commentary and a more ridiculous commentary featuring Heder and Spade.

With "The Benchwarmers," Schneider began the long process of moving beyond Beanie Bigalow and into legitimate comedic cinema. In the meantime, enjoying the film and its DVD are fun ways to spend a lazy afternoon.

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Jon Heder, left, and David Spade play the heroes in "The Benchwarmers."
Bard appreciation grows abroad

In seventh grade, my teacher read several of Shakespeare's sonnets and I have been hooked ever since. I respected his creativity and marveled at his mastery of the English language. The way he wrote prose, puns and poems struck me as something that I could never do with anything near as much flair. His level of talent was something I will never hope to match. More often than not, I find myself in awe of Shakespeare's talents. However, I didn't fully grasp the level to which Shakespeare's abilities rose. After seeing a performance of Titus Andronicus at The Globe, the house that Shakespeare built, I now see even more so the essence of his writing and plays have on theater.

In a dimly lit corner of The Globe Theater, I sat and a dozen or so of my classmates watched as the bloody tragedy "Titus Andronicus" was performed. I had never imagined his uncanny ability to relate to the audience. To have the audience gasping in horror one second, laughing the next and sitting in tense silence soon thereafter, is something that truly only the "master of written word" can do.

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But furthermore, this was true on the level that Shakespeare made the world his stage. He did not limit the action to the wooden planks set before the audience; he rather brought the audience into the play itself. By engaging us so forcefully, that we had to feel for the actors. It was a request so must as a necessity. So deep was the level of reality felt by the audience that we or so viewers fainted during the bloodiest scenes of the production.

This is just one example of the brilliant realism and drama that Shakespeare's work is capable of portraying. When was the last time you saw an audience so moved by a play that members were actually fainting and having to be carried on wheelchairs? It was a new experience for me, and one I will never forget.

Largely regarded as one of his lesser works, "Titus Andronicus" was the proverbial straw that broke this camel's back. I finally can see how Shakespeare's work set the standard for contemporary drama.

Until I could sit in the seats at The Globe and see the play the way Shakespeare truly meant for it to be seen, I never quite grasped the level to which Shontz speaks of elevated theater. I had never imagined his uncanny ability to relate to the audience. To have the audience gasping in horror one second, laughing the next and sitting in tense silence soon thereafter, is something that truly only the "master of written word" can do.

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... Last night was a big night for the NFL, as it was the opening salvos for the 2006 football season. 2006 is Eli's year, which I said in 2004 and also in 2004. But real this time. I'll finally sit out of the shadow of his older brother and bring the Giants to that elusive Super Bowl

Accordingly, the biggest game this week was the Giants-Colts game, in which the Colts prevailed 26-21. But for anyone who watched the game last night, you know that you were not watching New York play Indianapolis. You were watching Eli Manning play Peyton Manning. The event was dubbed "The Manning Bowl" and had been hyped long before the season began, for weeks, even months.

When the game finally arrived, it delivered, but not necessarily in the way most expected. The Manning Bowl was more than a game, it was brother vs. brother, Eli and Peyton's parents looked on. It became a story, a movie with a plot fueled by the networks.

We tend to think of sports as non-narratives, but there has to be some kind of hook, some kind of human interest to keep the viewers from flipping the channel. Pretty much every sporting event has some sort of appeal to an audience outside of the game itself.

Think about the big sporting events of the past year. The Rose Bowl was less about two teams than it was about Texas, the disrespected underdog, taking on behemoth USC and prevailing. 

Little-known George Mason's Cinderella run to the Final Four was broadcast in the same vein. The 2005 Superbowl was a mis-sion to win one for the fans. All of these events have something in common; they are, essentially, about the people involved rather than the game itself.

ABC wanted people to tune into the 2006 Orange Bowl not necessarily to see Florida State play against Penn State (though it was a great contest in its own right), they wanted people to see Joe Pacierro and Bobby Bowden, the two winningest coaches in Division I-A football, square off. The networks thus create "storylines" that broaden the sporting event's appeal for a wider audience. It isn't enough that a game be just a game anymore. It has to be about an underdog, about an overachiever, about someone overcoming the odds, about David vs. Goliath, etc.

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, but never in the case of the sports broadcast, where everything has inflated impor-tance, to the extent that the game itself becomes secondary to its hype.

The end of the game was thrilling and controversial. In fact, aside from the fact that the Giants lost, it was a nearly perfect sporting event. That is, of course, when it was about the sporting and not the event.

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We're not always watching the game and we're not even always watching things that relate to the game. Instead, we're seeing things, events or perspectives that relate to the storyline or to the plot, right down to the last moment of the thrilling climax.

For me, these things are always distracting. The whole Manning Bowl spectacle, highlighting two men out of dozens on the gridiron, seemed contrary to the idea that football is a team sport.

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The Observer
Cubs upend Braves; Brewers fall to Pirates

- Associated Press

MIAMI — With three big swings, Cody Ross upended the Miami Marlins Monday night.
Ross tied Florida records with six home runs and seven RBIs, allowing four runs and striking out eight in seven innings as the Marlins beat the New York Mets 16-3 Monday night.
Dan Uggla was a career-best 5-for-5 with three runs. Ross finished with four hits and Miguel Cabrera took over the NL batting lead plus drove in three runs for the Marlins, who had a season-high 20 hits.
The Cubs, 17-5 since Aug. 20, moved within two games of both San Diego in the NL wildcard race and the Pirates, who have won eight straight.
Carlos Beltran hit his 40th home run and Cliff Floyd added a two-run drive for the Mets, who have won six of seven for the first time since July 25 — when he hit homers in the sixth and seventh.
Ross entered Monday with one out in the bottom half, but when he hit the first of his seven home runs against Atlanta.
Ross homered in the third inning, leading off when he hit the first of his nine home runs in the sixth and seventh.
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Branch ends holdout, heads for Seattle

IN BRIEF

Juventus struggles in Italy's B league play
RIMINI, Italy — Talk about a change of scenery.

Just more than two months ago, Alessandro Del Piero, Gianluigi Buffon and Mauro Camoranesi lifted the World Cup trophy before a packed stadium, with hundreds of millions watching around the world.

They are a long, long way from that now.

The three players for Italy's world champions belong to Juventus, the demoted powerhouse now facing provincial teams in backwater stadiums with fading paint.

What's more, Juventus is not even winning.

The one-time power, playing its first game in Italy's second division, was held to a 1-1 tie Saturday by a Rimini team reduced to 10 men. The result against a team that finished 17th in Serie B last season was a troubling omen for Juventus, which is trying to return to the top division after being banished for its involvement in Italy's game-fixing scandal.

Hype surrounding Colts first game dies down
INDIANAPOLIS — Now that the Manning Bowl is history, the Indianapolis Colts can finally start their "regular" season.

As players and coaches quietly filed into the team's complex Monday, many including the usually unfappable Tony Dungy confirmed what most outsiders suspected: The hype leading up to Sunday's game was a distraction.

"This week, it's back to basics. "I'm still talking 500s behind Rick Mears, A.J. Foyt, Big Al (Unser)," Dungy said. "But I'm proud of the team. I'm glad we got the win and I'm glad it's over."

Several players echoed Dungy's sentiments Monday.

Hornish captures third IRL championship title

JOLIET, Ill. — Sam Hornish Jr. heard the question and smiled.

He won the Indianapolis 500 for the first time in May, and wrapped up his third IRL series championship on Sunday.

What's left to accomplish on the circuit?

"I'm still three 500s behind Rick Mears, A.J. Foyt, Big Al (Unser)," Hornish said laughing. "I've got a little bit more to do there.

While Dan Wheldon beat Target Chip Ganassi teammate Scott Dixon by 0.1897 seconds to win the PLEK Antifreeze Indy 300 at Chicagoland Speedway, Hornish finished third, 0.2523 seconds behind. That gave him the championship, which was also Marlboro Team Penske owner Roger Penske's first in the IRL.

"There's no question Sam proved to everyone in the racing community ... that he was a great driver," Penske said.

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Federer still unstoppable

No. 1 tennis player meets with, compared to, Woods at Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two sets. In the end, on paper, that’s all that separated Roger Federer from his Grand Slam this year.

Two sets.

And as he lived it up into the wee hours of Monday with his inscription at a bistro in Manhattan’s trendy Meatpacking District, celebrating the U.S. Open title that gave him three major championships in 2006, Federer took a moment to ponder what could have been.

I hit me last night, you know, when I actually realized that I’ve been in all major finals in the same year I was so close to winning a Grand Slam,” Federer said Monday during a 20-minute interview with a small group of reporters at a Midtown hotel. “I’m very happy with three, of course.

As well as he should be.

Federer went 27-1 at tennis-four premier tournaments, winning the Australian Open and Wimbledon before his triumph at Flushing Meadows.

That’s impressive. A four-set loss to No. 2 Rafael Nadal in the U.S. Open final.

Remarkable as his year was, it’s worth considering that if Federer had won just three sets instead of one on that 90-degree day in the heat, he might have become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to complete a calendar-year Grand Slam.

“I knew that I had an opportunity. But it’s so far-fetched that you don’t want to put yourself under pressure. I’m never going to say openly, ‘I’m going to go for the Grand Slam.’ Because you have to first win the Australian Open and then see what happens at the French,” Federer said. “Before having the standard in two, no point in talking about it.”

He then went on to conquer Roland Garros. But still only 25, he’s won Wimbledon the past four years, the U.S. Open the past three, and the Australian Open twice for a total of nine majors — five shy of Pete Sampras’ record.

It’s a pursuit that merits as close attention as Tiger Woods’ chase of Jack Nicklaus’ record of 18 golf Grand Slam titles.

Woods owns 12, although unlike Federer, he can boast of a career Grand Slam.

Woods has done something else Federer hasn’t: win four majors in a row. He did it from the 2000 U.S. Open in June through the 2001 Masters in April.

And Woods, too, knows what it’s like to fall a tad short of a true Grand Slam. In 2005, he won two majors and finished a total of four shots out in the other two.

The two superstars met Sunday evening, chatting before and sharing champagne after Federer beat Andy Roddick 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 in the U.S. Open final. Woods and Federer have both been on the pro circuit for a few months ago, but their schedules never allowed for a face-to-face conversation.

“I arrived in the States and everybody was again talking about us,” Federer said Monday, referring to comparisons made between his success in tennis and Woods’ in golf.

“I was like, ‘Wow. This is quite interesting.’ I don’t mind talking about Tiger, because I’m a big fan of his and everything. And then I thought, I’d like to finally meet him, not only just talk about him, like some stranger or something, because I feel so close and yet so far.”

They are represented by the same agency, and Federer sent word he’d like something arranged. Woods sent word back, before the U.S. Open, that he’d show up for the final.

How’s that for pressure? Well, Federer kept his end of the bargain, and Woods did, too, sitting in the front row of Federer’s guest box Sunday.

In golf and tennis, greatness is measured at Grand Slams, though Federer does quite well elsewhere, too. He’s 70-5 this year, with a tour-leading eight titles from 13 tournaments.

Since replacing Roddick at No. 1 in February 2004, Federer has stayed on top, a 137-week run that the third-longest.

Jimmy Connors, now Roddick’s adviser, holds the record of 160.

“Obviously, he’s the guy everybody’s chasing,” Connors said. “Certainly, Federer’s record the last three, four years has been incredible.”

And yet, Federer made the sort of admission Monday that one doesn’t hear from Woods: “Doubt is always there for me.”

“I get doubts once in a while, especially once in a while, and early on in the tournament, they’re always there,” said Federer, who called his U.S. Open quarterfinal against James Blake the toughest test of the two weeks. “But it doesn’t mean I’m going to play bad. It’s just, like, all of a sudden, you have these five minutes where you think, ‘Maybe I’m not going to win this thing.’

Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Longwell nails 31-yard FG for Minnesota win

Washington fails to tie with 12 seconds left

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The Minnesota Vikings have a new coach, a new attitude, and an old quarterback who knows how to win.

Brad Johnson led a 54-yard fourth-quarter drive, capped by Ryan Longwell's 31-yard field goal with one minute remaining, to give the Vikings a 19-16 victory over the Washington Redskins on Monday night.

The victory made Brad Childress a winner in his head coaching debut, and made Johnson a winner for the 66th time as a starter two days before his 38th birthday. Johnson, who completed 16 of 30 passes for 223 yards and a touchdown, has won an impressive 61 percent (66 of 109) of his starts with four teams in his 15-year career.

The Redskins had a chance to tie after Longwell's kick, but John Hall — who has struggled with leg injuries for the last two years — was wide left with a poor- ly hit 48-yard field goal attempt with 12 seconds remaining.

"My heart was kind of stopping there. I was tying my shoes getting ready for an overtime game."

Brad Johnson  Vikings quarterback

"My heart was kind of stopping there. I was tying my shoes getting ready for an overtime game," Johnson said. "Fortunately, it went a little wide left for us and turned out great."

Chester Taylor, the Vikings' free agent signing from Baltimore, rushed 31 times for 88 yards and a touchdown, upstaging Clinton Portis' surprise return for Washington.

Portis, who spent the week downplaying his chances for the game because of a shoulder injury, entered the game late during the Redskins' first drive and finished with 39 yards on 10 carries.

The loss subdued a Washington crowd that turned the stadium into a sea of fluttering red, white and blue as they waved American flags to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

A game that had no turnovers was decided with a winning Vikings drive that began at Minnesota's 33 with 5:34 remaining. A 13-yard pass to Troy Williamson converted a key third down, and 15 yards were added to the play when Redskins safety Sean Taylor grabbed Williamson's face mask.

From there, Chester Taylor carried five straight times to the Washington 13, forcing the Redskins to use all their time-outs before Longwell's winning kick.

The game featured a Hall of Fame coach (Joe Gibbs) against a first-time head coach making his debut, as well as two of the oldest quarterbacks in the league. Washington's Mark Brunell turns 36 on Sunday.

Childress has vowed to change the culture of a Vikings team that was belittled following last year's infamous "Love Boat" party involving several players. He made a statement before the game by deactivating safety Dwight Smith, who was cited for indecent conduct two weeks ago.

But the Vikings often looked like a team adjusting to a new system. Their mistakes included a mishandled extra point, several drops and untimely penalties, including a roughing-the-pass call on third down that kept a Redskins drive alive.

Still, they were able to beat a Redskins team that unveiled a new offense designed by assistant coach Al Saunders. Saunders' arrival meant Gibbs wasn't calling plays for the first time in his head coaching career, and the attack relied heavily on laterals and screens, making for some odd stats. At halftime, a receiver, Santana Moss, led the team in rushing, while a running back, Ladell Betts, led the team in receptions. Receiver Antwaan Randle El lined up in the backfield several times.

The Vikings took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards in 10 plays, converting on third-and-9 and third-and-7 and scoring on third-and-goal from 4. A 46-yard pass to Williamson set up Taylor's touchdown run three plays later, but the extra point was botched when holder Chris Kluwe fumbled the ball and was tackled attempting to run toward the end zone.

Portis, recovering from a left shoulder that was partially dislocated on Aug. 13, played as a backup for the first time since Sept. 30, 2002, the fourth game of his rookie year with Denver. He took hits on the shoulder and kept on going, scoring the Redskins' only touchdown on a 5-yard pitch sweep that put Washington ahead 10-6 in the second quarter.

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A Michigan tailback Mike Hart pulls away from Vanderbilt linebacker Jonathan Goff in the Wolverines' 27-7 win Sept. 2.

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"Whether we're going to run it ... [against Notre Dame], probably not."

Lloyd Carr
Michigan coach
around with potential NCAA violations.

Bihl praised Irish defensive tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws — two players who have significant experience against the Wolverines.

"They're seasoned veterans," Bihl said. "This is a big week, it's Notre Dame, so you have to be ready for them."

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1, Krivacek took it personally. "I felt I got destroyed," Krivacek said of the matchup. "I knew I was not quick enough. I knew that I could be a good athlete but I needed to be quicker, leaner and stronger."

So instead of waiting until the last minute, she spent her entire summer rising to the challenge. She ate better and she worked out harder. Always known for her imposing 5-foot-11 frame and physical presence in the middle of the field, Krivacek brought a slicker build back to camp for this fall.

"Physically she’s taken care of herself and is in the best fitness level she’s been in her career here," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. Early in the season, it has already shown. In just six games Krivacek has 11 framers and physical presence in the midfield with her athleticism as well.

But her coach, Randy Waldrum said. "I realized this is my last season to play, and I really have to be very fit to play." The Geneva, Ill., native knows what it’s like not to be able to help her team. After making six starts as a freshman and 23 as a sophomore, a late knee injury in last year’s 2-1 loss to Santa Clara left her out of commission for a quarter of the season. Though she played through the pain for the rest of the game, discouraging MRI results later that week forced her to miss seven games — including a 4-1 loss at Marquette that was as painful as the injury itself.

"It was frustrating not to be able to be there and help them out," she said. "It’s not only not playing — when you’re hurt you feel you’re not part of the team because you’re out rehabbing and not at practice. And that hurt because I love this team."

When she finally returned, it took five games for Krivacek to crack the starting lineup — just in time for a defensive MVP performance in the Big East tournament — as the Irish rallied off 12 straight wins before Krivacek’s conditioning and Rapinoe caught up with her.

Krivacek’s hard work this off-season to prepare for another battle with Portland’s sophomore midfielder is typical of a work ethic that has sparked her continuous improvement, according to her coach.

"She’s one of those players I can genuinely look back on her four-year career and say she got better every year," Waldrum said. "She’s four years better, not just four years older."

No one appreciates that improvement more than senior captain defender Kim Lorenzen, who has played behind Krivacek year-round since 2003, winning national championships together in NCAA play for Notre Dame as well as in the summer Olympic Developmental Program as members of the Illinois ODP team.

"She’s certainly so key for us — or being pigeonholed as anything less than a complete midfielder. "I feel I’m strong defensively and helping out on the attack," she said. "Whether it’s scoring or setting up other people I feel my game has grown."

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on the team, and we spend a lot of time together," Quinn said, "He's a veteran keeper, and he's been really helpful in teaching me a lot of things."

Keeping both keepers satisfied is a challenge, and it helps to have a coach who can relate to what they're going through. During his 15-year playing career, Clark played goalkeeper in the Scottish Second Division, Scottish Premier League and North American Soccer League and was a member of three Scottish World Cup teams.

"Being a keeper myself, I have an understanding of what it's like to be both the starter and the backup," Clark said. "As the backup, you want to be supportive, but you also want to compete. It's a fine line."

Determining which, if either, of the two keepers will start and who will come off the bench may be the biggest challenge of all. Including preseason games, Cahill has posted a record of 3-1-0, while the team stands at 2-3-1 with Quinn in goal. Quinn, with his 0.75 goals against average holds an edge over Cahill, who has allowed 1.25 goals a game.

"Both Chris and I are capable of doing what we need to do in goal," Quinn said. "The team's comfortable with whoever's back there, and that's the bottom line."

If history is any indication, Clark won't hesitate to maintain the rotation throughout the season. Back in 1990, when he was head coach at Dartmouth, Clark used a two-man keeper rotation to help the Big Green win the Ivy League title and advance all the way to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

"These types of decisions are often made for you," Clark said. "At Dartmouth, we planned on choosing one keeper, but we didn't because they both merited playing time. We'll make a decision if and when the time comes, but if the decision was clear, it would have already been made."

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**Irish sophomore Jack Traynor warms up senior keeper Chris Cahill before Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Bradley Aug. 28, 2005.**

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**Heline**

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allowed fewer goals than the team had games, finishing the year with a .95 goals against average.

"Laura has definitely been a mainstay in the back for the past three seasons," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said.

Mackenzie took the Saint Mary's job at the start of Heline's sophomore year and has never coached a game without the sturdy keeper in net.

Prior to coming to Saint Mary's, Mackenzie coached at Riley High School in South Bend — the same school Heline attended. Although she never played under Mackenzie, the pair knew of one another and developed a good relationship almost immediately.

Heline's work ethic and her dedication make it easy for any coach to enjoy having her on their team. The senior routinely stays after practice for extra shots and works especially hard on days before the team has a big game.

"(Heline) is a good example for the underclassmen as well as the upperclassmen on the team," fellow senior goalkeeper Nicole Leach said.

That reputation is why Heline was named one of the team's three captains for her senior season. She has always been a gifted athlete, but Mackenzie feels the real growth of her goalie has come in her leadership skills.

"She has always been confident, but not always enough to make her presence known to her teammates," Mackenzie said. "She has really embraced the role this year."

Though it is never easy to sit behind the starter for four years, Leach said the competition between her and Heline was good for the team.

"I think over the last four years Laura and I have helped each other improve," Leach said.

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**Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill makes a save as Notre Dame ties New Mexico 1-1 in an exhibition game Aug. 20, 2005.**
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wrap your head around saving money and investing. As income is apparent you may be a career mover. 3 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is a good day to take on partnerships or new connections. You will be able to be successful. Your ideas will shape problems that will cause you worry and lead to many scam situations. 3 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Move very slowly. Everyone will be up in the air and you are likely to make matters worse if you act too vocal. Trust will lead to problems that will cause you worry and lead to many scam situations. 3 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There isn't anything you can't do today. Focus on how, customs, properties, investments or your health and you will get the results you are looking for. You can make some very good changes in your life personally. 5 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let anyone meddle in your personal affairs. All things over with whatever is causing you good or worry. Being understanding an offering solution will bring the best results.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Everything will be dependent on how well you get along with the people you are closest to. Allow yourself the freedom to follow a pull you believe will help you make more money or secure your future position. 1 star.

Birthdate Bonus: You are changeable, analytical and emotionally sensitive to the people around you as well as your surroundings. You are practical and willing to work hard to achieve your life goals.


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**ND Women's Soccer**

Krivacek brings new element to her game

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Associate Sports Editor

Senior midfielder Jill Krivacek knows when to step up her game.

The first goal of her sophomore season broke a 0-0 tie in the 90th minute of an NCAA second round win over Wisconsin. Three weeks later, she ended another 0-0 tie by striking Notre Dame’s decisive shootout score to beat UCLA for the National Championship in penalty kicks.

Of Krivacek’s five career goals entering this season, three were game winners — offensive icing on the cake for the holding midfielder who was named 2005 Big East Tournament defensive MVP. So when she watched her NCAA quarterfinal midfield assignment — Portland’s Megan Rapinoe — rip off two goals and an assist to knock the Irish out of last year’s tournament 3-0 against Notre Dame, probably a tougher challenge.

Carr said that a No. 2 Notre Dame defense led the MAC last season, and it’s a No. 2 Notre Dame squad, but he’s not out of last year’s tournament 3-0 when she watched her NCAA quarterfinal midfield assignment — Portland’s Megan Rapinoe — rip off two goals and an assist to knock the Irish out of last year’s tournament.

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**FOOTBALL**

Carr, Hart hope to run at ND

Michigan expects Irish to pose stiff challenge

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Lloyd Carr believes in his Michigan squad, but he’s not naive.

The Wolverines ran for 252 yards in Saturday’s 41-17 home win over Central Michigan. That said, a productive ground game against Mid-American Conference (MAC) foe Central Michigan only tells him so much.

Though the Chippewas’ rush defense led the MAC last season, Carr said that a No. 2 Notre Dame defense led the MAC last season.

“We’re confident that we can run the football,” said Carr at a Monday morning teleconference. “Now, whether we’re going to run it effectively against Notre Dame, probably not.”

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**SMC Soccer**

Helene set to protect net again

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s seniors will play their 58th collegiate game this Wednesday afternoon against Manchester College. And for the 57th time in four years, senior Laura Helene will start the game in her familiar spot between the posts.

Helene, who hasn’t missed a start since her freshman year, has been a portrait of consistency for the team since her arrival in 2003. The South Bend native was named to the MIAA Honorable Mention team two years of her career. Last year she finished with six shutouts and 142 saves. As a freshman, she

**Men’s Soccer**

Cahill, Quinn earning keep, share save duties

Senior and sophomore challenge each other

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

It’s a dilemma that most teams wouldn’t mind having.

That is, choosing between a senior goalkeeper coming off a season in which he started every game posting a 0.82 goals against average and a sophomore who until Friday night against South Florida hadn’t allowed a goal in 283 minutes of action.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark’s solution? Play both of them. Senior Chris Cahill and sophomore Andrew Quinn have helped the two keepers recognize the benefits of healthy competition.

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Practicing together every day, warming each other up before games and competing with one another for the same position have helped the two keepers develop a close relationship. Furthermore, Quinn attributes Cahill’s experience as one of the reasons he has been able to adjust to life between the posts at Notre Dame.

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