Forum will focus on global health

Seven experienced panelists to share thoughts, knowledge

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

An issue that covers the tiny — the chromosomes of malaria-carrying mosquitoes — to the massive — the two billion people thought to be affected with the tuberculosis virus — will take center stage for seven panelists in the Notre Dame Forum today.

The second annual forum, entitled "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change," will be held from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

While Notre Dame began accepting women in 1972, 34 years has not been quite enough to balance out the male-to-female ratio — currently a lopsided 53 percent men to 47 percent women.

"It is what it is and hopefully, once we review our numbers at the end of this year, we can go deeper into finding a solution," Arts and Letters Associate Director Ava Preacher said.

Though the Admissions Office — which has been "gender blind" since 1997 — is working hard to maintain a solid equilibrium in each admitted class, the gender imbalance becomes more clear when students separate amongst the five undergraduate colleges their sophomore year.

"We have the desire to learn about the popular social-networking Web site, Facebook.com, as well as students' use of Instant Messaging, e-mail and cell phone usage."

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I don't know about you, but I've noticed a fair few Mohawks being flaunted around campus these days — and they certainly can't all belong to our one trendsetter of safety.

In my mind however, it was the decade of the eighties that truly rocked the Mohawk. At tailgates and in classrooms we have all seen the Mohawk paired with a skateboard, or even just a t-shirt and jeans. But what have we actually rejected about the concept of the Mohawk? At schools and businesses, the majority of parents, teachers, and students, and even the salvage yard, seems to have no problem accessorizing a polo shirt. Yes, hard to believe folks, but it seems that Notre Dame — bastion of prep chic — is embracing the Mohawk.

So, in the true spirit of acceptance and inclusion, I thought I might educate myself on the Mohawk — its style, its genre, and its history. Five pages of Wikipedia are dedicated to defining and describing the term "Mohawk hairstyle." As most of us would expect, it was the Native American Mohawk tribe that gave us this fantastic hairstyle. Wikipedia also tells us about its origin: "The legend of Jerry Only, the band's lead singer, is one of the stories behind the creation of the Mohawk." However, there is no mention of the origin of the term "Mohawk." Wikipedia also states that the Mohawk is a "style that some may consider sell-out as it allows for a less为economic and cultural depiction of the fad."

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Until exposure to a breadth of Wikipedia knowledge on the subject, I was ignorant of the many forms a Mohawk might take. There is for instance, "The Liberty Spiked Mohawk" (Mohawk with spikes resembling those on Statue of Liberty), "Devilocks" (shaved by Jerry Only of the band Misfits), "Dreadhead" (Mohawk with hair dreadlocked), and so on. "Fanned Mohawk" resembles a fan, term used today in punk circles. The "Toupee" is a modern deviation of the Mohawk — a style that some may argue is sell-out as it allows for a less punk and more "metro" look. Of course, the styles go on, but inside Columns do don't worry. Hair grows back."

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Students consider forum

By EILEEN DUFFY Assistant News Editor

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Special to the Observer

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Renowned theologian set to deliver lecture

Former ND visiting prof. to discuss book

Special to the Observer

Theologian and author Michael Novak will discuss his upcoming book "Business as a Calling" at 6 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 5) in the Jordan Auditorium of the M e n o n a k e College of Business at B University of Notre Dame.

The director of social and political studies at the American Studies at Notre Dame in 1987-88 and also has taught at Stanford and Syracuse Universities and the State University of Novak's talk, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, the Center for Ethics and Culture and the Jacques Maritain Center.

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does make it seem that some things belong to one gender and that’s innate, but I don’t agree with that.

Preacher said that Arts and Letters students are considering inauguring a study to examine the numbers more closely and devise a strategy to address the issue.

"Throughout the year, we’re keeping a record of how many women and men come in for advising and we’re starting to feel we need to outreach to more men. Then we’ll be able to examine if it’s a cultural or practical difference preventing the majority attract their interests.

despite the breakdowns Saracino said intended majors indicated that it was men who expressed the desire to be addressed. Robert Hyde, a senior sociology major and a supplementary major in gender studies, “The imbalance, however, is really the $64,000 question,” he said. “It’s a problem that I think most people are aware of this surface level, but it’s a little bit hidden, it’s kind of out of ‘mind’ aspect to it.”

Also participating are seniors David Tweed-Kent, as well as alumna Keri Oaky, Class of 2004 and Dr. David Gann, Class of 1984. All of the participants have personal experience with the global health crisis.

Time Magazine named Farmer—who has worked with the poverty- and disease-driven issues in Peru, Russia and Rwanda—“America’s most celebrated development leader.”

Still, Pironcek said that admissions could help in increasing the numbers.

"What we get, we keep, but what we don’t get, we can’t keep,” she said. "If you want more women in the sophomore class of engineering, you need to have more women in the freshman class. They need to be admitted right up front.”

Freshman

Nicole Shuttleworth said her engineering calculus class is 70 percent male—but that’s not a great balance.

"I don’t see that as discouraging at all,” she said. "I actually think women studying engineering are at an advantage, because they do get a lot of assistance from the guys, yet don’t feel the need to compete amongst each other because they exist in fewer numbers.”

Kara Kelly, the College of Architecture’s director of admissions, credited the school’s balance of 93 women and 95 men to a change in curricula. Now, she said, the program is considered much more flexible for women.

"It used to be difficult to gain a woman’s interest in architecture because the profession requires odd hours, which for women with children can be a barrier,“ she said. "We had Susan Sgor, who owns a firm with 20 female associates in Washington D.C., Sorg and Associates, P.C., who, with our female students to remind them of the flexibility and balance that female architects can easily obtain."

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Forum organizers in Health; Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, director of the United Nations Millennium Project; and Dr. Miriam Opwonya of the Makerere University Infectious Diseases Institute in Uganda.

Said Helen, moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "The Newsweek with Lehr Jim," will moderate the event.

"We have not just one, but three," she said. "That’s the purpose of myself and Alix being on the panel is to show different perspectives. In the audience that as much as any body, we as young people are responsible for the things that happen in this world.

"It’s not something that’s abstract or separate from us. We are supposed to be the difference-makers for tomorrow.”

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**Business as a Calling**

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shooter attacks college, wounds 20

MONTREAL — A man in a black trench coat and a mohawk haircut opened fire Wednesday at a downtown Montreal college and wounded at least 20 people — eight critically — before police shot and killed him, witnesses and authorities said. Police dismissed suggestions that race or terrorism played a role in the lunch-hour attack at Dawson College, where scores of panicked students fled into the streets after the shooting began. Some had chased each other with blood; others cried and clung to each other. Two nearby shopping centers and a daycare center also were evacuated.

"I was terrified. The guy was shooting at people randomly. He didn't care, he was just shooting at everybody," said a student who was only identified by his first name, Shayan. "I didn't know: 'Where were you? Why aren't you telling us where you were that day?'"

A day after the taping, Duckett, 21, shot herself to death, deepening the mystery of what happened to the boy. Police have refused to say whether she left a suicide note, and said nothing they have found so far in their investigation of her death has shed light on the whereabouts of her 2-year-old son, Trenton.

LOCAL NEWS

Lawyer arrested for intoxication

ANDERSON, Ind. — A police officer arrested a lawyer after telling a judge that the man had been drinking for a court hearing. Paul F. Baylor, 35, of Anderson was released from the Madison County Jail's detox unit on his own recognizance Tuesday after determining they were not to after determining they were intoxicated, Judge Dennis Carroll said. Paul E. Baylor, 35, of Anderson was released from the Madison County Jail's detox unit on his own recognizance Tuesday after determining they were not to after determining they were intoxicated, Judge Dennis Carroll said.

U.S. forces avoid Taliban funeral target

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military around Baghdad, with the majority dumped in predominantly Sunni Arab neighborhoods. All the bodies were bound, bore signs of torture and had been shot, police said. Such killings are usually the work of death squads who kidnap people and usually torture them with power drills, or beat them, before shooting them execution-style with a bullet to the head.

The U.S. military said it could not confirm all the executions and that their body count so far was lower than that reported by police.

"It is looking like about a 30 percent discrepancy on execution-style killings so far," said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, chief of the media relations division for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq. The reason for the discrepancy was not immediately clear. The confusion over numbers underscores the difficulty of obtaining accurate death tolls in Iraq, which lacks the reporting and tracking systems of most modern nations. Also, counts by the U.S. military often lag behind those of the police.

According to Iraqi police, 45 of the bodies were discovered in predominantly Sunni Arab parts of western Baghdad. Fifteen were found in predominantly Shiite areas of eastern Baghdad. And five were found floating down the Tigres river in Sowayrah, just south of Baghdad.

Iraqi family members cry as they arrive to take the body of their relative, one of the 65 dead, from the hospital mortuary in Baghdad on Wednesday.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The leader of Iraq's biggest Sunni Arab group called Wednesday for the beheading of Islamic militants who use violence to try to drive Shiites from the capital. The Sunni attack on the Shiite-dominated city has escalated the tensions between the two groups.

In a statement released Wednesday, the U.S. military in Afghanistan said the picture — a grizzly black-and-white photo taken in July — was given to a journalist to show that Taliban insurgents were congregating in large groups. The statement said U.S. forces considered attacking.

"During the observation of the group over a significant period of time, it was determined that the group was located on the grounds of [the] cemetery and were likely connected to [the] cemetery and were likely connected to..."
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between 35 and 40 percent [alumni giving], so we’re significanctly ahead of most of the elite schools,” he said.

The US News & World Report factors an institution’s alumni giving rate into the equation that produces its yearly rankings, which placed Notre Dame as the 20th top national university for 2007. According to USNews.com, “the percent of alumni giving serves as a proxy for how satisfied students are with the school.”

Though the total dollar amount of alumni monetary gifts was not available, Nanni said the University did receive approximately $181 million in cash receipts last year. That amount includes not only donations from alumni but also from parents of students and “friends” of the University — people not directly affiliated with the school that donate.

Of that number, more than $25 million came in the form of unrestricted giving — another all-time high, Meyer said.

“Unrestricted gifts are those that can be directed to whatever the greatest need is for the given year and typically come in the form of smaller donations,” Nanni said.

The rest of the money has a purpose designated by the donors, with a great deal of it going toward undergraduate financial aid, Nanni said.

It also is funneled into areas like endowed chairs, endowments for specific departments and capital projects for undertakings like the construction of the Jordan Hall of Science and in the future, the Law School and the engineering building projects.

Nanni said the Department of Development reaches out to the University’s approximately 115,000 alumni through several mailings a year, personal calls and pledge calls from students, who logged around $2 million in pledges last year.

Based on the response rate from these methods, as well as the number of donations, the team of students is looking for the coming year to increase enrollment.

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Admissions also chose which high school students to visit more carefully, focusing on “higher diversity populations” in Chicago and northwestern Indiana.

“Admissions chose schools with greater minority representation,” he said. “We got this information from their high school profiles.”

Of the new recruitment procedures and programs, Meyer said the most effective way to increase enrollment was by using multicultural students as tour guides and enhancing engagement.

“When bringing minority students to campus, we want to make it a positive experience and use positive role models,” he said. “We made sure diversity students were represented on campus. We also tried to engage current diversity students in the recruitment of other multicultural students.”

Mayer said Saint Mary’s has initiated more multicultural-themed programs to benefit the entire student body.

“We are trying to work from a programming standpoint that allows the whole campus to diversity, not just multicultural students,” Meyer said.

Mayer also said he hopes faculty diversity will increase through the College’s new hiring policy.

“Our goal is to advertise in order to reach a large group and attract diverse professors as well,” he said. “When we want to bring a candidate to campus, we want a diverse pool of applicants before making our selection.”

Mona Bova, associate director of Admissions at the College, is part of the minority population at Saint Mary’s.

“I personally am very excited about this recruitment goal to 15 percent diversity in three years,” she said. “As a Latina myself, I greatly value the information and education I have received from years of working in multicultural environments.”

Sophomore Grace Fey, a member of the Diversity Student Leadership Committee, said she is pleased with the increase in diversity this year.

“The increased diversity is definitely a positive thing,” Fey said. “It opens up the diversity of having more students who have a much more diverse background.

The Diversity Student Leadership Committee consists of about 30 students who try to raise awareness about diversity.

Last March, the group hosted a premiere conference for local minority high school seniors.

“This conference opened the door to Saint Mary’s for many minority students,” Fey said.

Bowe said diversity is an issue that will remain of peak importance in the Admissions Office in coming years.

“We could be much more of a community if we had wider representation of cultures and races, geographic locations and other backgrounds,” she said.

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The Oct. 5 presentation is the first of three BOT meetings student government will participate in this year. Since student government did not learn the topic of the presentation until last Friday, no firm plans about the presentation have been set in motion yet.

However, Andrichik said they are considering having a few students keep a daily log of time spent using Facebook, Instant Messenger, e-mail and cell phones.

In other Senate news:

• Shappell and Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi met with Karen White of the Council’s Community Relations committee, invited Shappell and a group of students will discuss the disorderly house ordinance — a point of contention since it was amended in summer 2005.

Previously, tenants were allowed three reported noise violations before the city of South Bend could send them a notice to abate. Now, the ordinance allows the city to send a notice to abate after just one reported noise violation.

The city also sends the landlord a notice to abate. If the noise violation reoccurs, both the landlord and the tenants get fined — unless the landlord evicts the tenants within 30 days of the receipt of notice of the prohibited conduct.

At the Sept. 27 meeting, students will be able to voice their concerns to Council members, and Council members can do the same.

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He said his bipartisan group wants to provide students with the informational resources they need to be “responsible citizens.”

— Senators rejected a resolution that would re-name Zahn Hall “Zahn House.” The measure needed a two-thirds majority to pass, but only received 14-24 votes.

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WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson urged China to undertake a broad range of economic reforms and said the country’s failure to overhaul its currency system could raise the threat of a protectionist backlash.

But Paulson said it is not yet known that the Bush administration would formally oppose any efforts by Congress to erect trade barriers in response to America’s large and growing trade deficit with China, which last year hit a record $202 billion.

“Protectionist policies do not work and the collateral damage from these policies is high,” he said Wednesday in a speech in Treasury’s ornate Cash Room. “We will not heed the siren songs of protectionism and isolationism.”

Paulson sought to lower expectations that he will achieve major breakthroughs when he visits Beijing for two days of talks with Chinese officials next week.

While former Treasury Secretary John Snow, Paulson’s predecessor, pursued an increasingly tough line that China needed to move more quickly on the currency front, Paulson, who took over from Snow in July, is making a less confrontational approach.

He mentioned the currency issue as one of a number of economic reforms that China “needs to consider” along with modernizing its farm economy, opening up its financial system and pursuing domestic-led growth rather than relying so much on exports.

“These changes will help create more domestic demand that China needs to generate annually and will help create markets for U.S. exports of goods and services,” Paulson said.

Analysts said they believed Paulson, who gained his expertise on China from the 70 trips he made to the country as head of investment giant Goldman Sachs, was dialing down the rhetoric in hopes of achieving better results.

“The Chinese never want to be in a position where they are seen as moving in response to external pressures,” said Nicholas Lardy, a China expert at the Institute for International Economics.

Paulson sought to put the need for a more flexible currency in the context of a move that would help the Chinese government prevent a “boom and bust” in its currency, Paulson said.

“Under the leadership of President Hu, China’s currency reform is on track to achieve its major objectives,” Paulson said in a prepared statement Wednesday, his first formal speech since joining President Bush’s cabinet in July.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson urges China to reform its currency system Wednesday in his first formal speech since joining President Bush’s cabinet in July.

House to debut fund-tracking Web site

WASHINGTON — A House committee on Wednesday unveiled a fund-tracking Web site that will help Americans determine whether their federal dollars are going to help build bridges in Ohio — or to build bridges to nowhere in Alaska? A user-friendly database that will help interested citizens create a Google-like search engine that will help interested citizens find contracts or grants over $25,000 have languished. But the sponsors said it would be “disappointing,” said Schumer, saying he still intend­ed to push for a vote on his legislation by the end of this month if there is not more movement on the cur­rency issue.

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Associated Press

U.S. urges Chinese fiscal reform

Treasury secretary criticizes protectionism as only response to trade deficit

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said she will go when she is ready to go, and not a moment sooner, as his personal phone calls.

“We currently have sufficient evidence to produce charges. “We’re not going to confine ourselves to any particular timetable,” Dresdler said. “We’re not going to go and not a minute before that.”

On Tuesday, Treasury Secretary General Bill Lockyer said he already had enough evidence to charge HP insiders and the private investig­ators who impersonated board members and journalists in order to access logs of the personal phone calls.

“We have said that HP’s internal probe of media leaks violated two California laws governing identity theft and illegal access to computer records.

The House is also expect­ed to vote on a rules change this week to bring more openness to “ear­marks,” or special projects. But a main legislative objective this year, lobbying reform in the wake of the Abramoff lobbying scandal, has languished.

The database will join numerous others that provide detailed informa­tion on public and political spending. But the sponsors said it would be accessible to the average citizen as well as the taxpayer watchdog groups.

Users will be able to type in “Halliburton” or “Planned Parenthood” to find out what kind of contracts or grants over $25,000 have been awarded such companies or groups. They can also do a search for a specific state or district to see what kind of money is flowing from Washington.

In Brief

Ford may cut jobs, close factories

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co.’s board of directors began a two-day meeting Wednesday to contemplate a plan that could have the ailing automaker slash jobs and close factories further and faster in its quest to revive profits.

Details from the meeting, which is expected to continue Thursday, were not available Wednesday.

Many industry analysts say the new round of restructuring is crucial to the company’s future and will involve cuts to bring Ford’s production costs in line with its declining sales and market share.

White collar jobs and benefits also reportedly are in line to be reduced.

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Leader uses racist term

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — The state ports director won reappointment Wednesday despite acknowledging using a racist term to refer to someone of Middle Eastern descent. He had apologized for that remark but denied allegations that he hurled similar slurs in the workplace.

Geno Marconi agreed to take diversity training and apologized to the Executive Council, which confirmed him unanimously for another five-year term as state ports and harbors director. Gov. John Lynch chose not to vote on the decision of the council, a five-member elected body that approves contracts and appointments.

A longshoreman, a union local president and a pay agent for longshoremen accused Marconi of using the term “sand n—” in talking about a “Captain A.” in front of his staff and stevedores at the port of Portsmouth.

The men told investigators from the state attorney general’s office that Marconi also called Captain A., who was trying to bring container-ship service to Portsmouth, a “towel head” and a “camel jockey,” and that he referred to someone else as a “New York Jew with the chink wife.”

Marconi told an investigator he made the remark, and he denied making the other comments.

“The motives of Marconi’s accusations date to 2004. The investigators questioned him about complaints from Marconi’s behavior. His company is a pay agent for longshoremen working in Portsmouth,” William Roach, part-time harbor master and president of the International Longshoreman’s Association, and Arthur Nickless, owner of Global Pallet and Packaging and a longshoreman, also complained.

Roach and Ball did not immediately return telephone messages Wednesday afternoon. No listing could be found for Geekie.

Felon charged in jailbreak

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ralph “Bucky” Phillips, accused of killing a trooper and wounding two others during more than five months on the lam, was charged Wednesday in a jail escape that preceded one of the largest manhunts in state history.

Phillips was arraigned via video conference in state Supreme Court in Buffalo from Chautauqua County, where he is being jailed on charges of attempted murder of a trooper.

A plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf to charges of first-degree escape and third-degree criminal mischief, Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark said.

Phillips is accused of escaping from the Erie County Correctional Facility in Alden on April 2 by using a can opener to make a 2-by-2-foot hole in a metal roof. A career thief who has spent 24 of his 44 years behind bars, he had been jailed on a parole violation.

After escaping, authorities allege, Phillips zigzagged across western New York state and into Pennsylvania, stealing vehicles, raiding unattended homes and burning cabins and receiving help from friends and relatives to stay a step ahead of police.

He is charged with attempted murder in the shooting of a state trooper near Elmira in June, and is suspected of shooting two more troopers Aug. 31 in Chautauqua County as they staked out the home of a former girlfriend. Trooper Joseph Longobardo died three days later.

Phillips was captured just across the Pennsylvania border on Friday.

If convicted of escape as a persistent felony offender, Phillips could face a sentence of 15 years to life. Chautauqua County prosecutors may charge Phillips with aggravated murder, a count that carries a penalty of life without parole.

A state commission that reviewed the escape issued a scathing report in August, concluding that the facility was overcrowded and understaffed and that several lapses in protocol enabled Phillips to get away.

Phillips triggered an alarm during the escape, according to the report, but a guard turned it off without notifying an officer assigned to the prison’s perimeter.

That guard was fired, Brian Doyle, the Erie County sheriff’s chief of administrative services, said Wednesday.
Thursday, September 14, 2006

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Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 9:00 P.M.
in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica
He had a fantastic British accent. And with that British accent, he told us to think about having small families — maybe just one kid.

That is what I remember about Dominic Chaloner, my Environment and Evolution professor from my first semester at Notre Dame. Three years later, his "one kid" speech is what stuck with me.

After all, in the years since Professor Chaloner's class, I have come to some conclusions of my own. Terrorism will not bring about the death of humankind, nor will weapons of mass destruction. The culprit? Too many people.

Humanity was supposed to go extinct in the mid-19th century — or at least, that was the projection of another man from Britain, 19th-century demographer Thomas Malthus. He said that by 1850 the population would outgrow the food supply, thus sel­f-inflicted human mass destruction.

Clearly, humanity outlived this extinction threat. But how much longer do we have?

This summer, Al Gore shed light on global conditions. Because of skyrocketing carbon dioxide and "sustainable" houses are now on the rise. But if the population continues to grow at its current rate, there will be less than a dis­guise in the classroom; there will be absolute quiet — humanity will be extinct.

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The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I have done it. I have removed myself from the Facebook. The moment I clicked the deactivation button, I expected my world to come crashing down. But my world didn’t come crashing down. Actually, my world became a more beautiful place.

"Oh, but Amanda, you’ll miss all the positive aspects to it," you say confidently. "You won’t be able to keep in touch with so many friends from high school or other colleges. You won’t be able to look up kids in your classes for their AOL Instant Messenger screen names. You’ll have to rely solely on email and the chance that people chose to list their cell phone number in the Notre Dame directory.

I can’t argue with you. This is true. Actually, I won’t just admit to you that this is true. I’ll go a step further, and admit that I have greater concerns about describing my account as just those "politically correct" ones. I’m afraid I won’t get invited to as many events. I’m afraid many, many of my friends — both from Notre Dame and from other places — would probably admit — I am terrified of life after the Facebook. So why did I do it?

I believe the Facebook was a gigantic roadblock in my journey to become a better person. While other things, such as the positive reasons, I, a true Facebook-aholic, allowed it to exploit every jealous and spiteful inclination I might possess in my far from perfect soul.

I would notice who updates their profile way too much and snicker (this might be, of course, hypocris­tic). I would look on it to see what people did the weekend and hope that the photos did not show them having more fun than when really, I should be hoping everyone I know — friends or people I have felt offended by alike — should be having nothing but a completely fabulous time all the time. I would update my profile, listing every­thing about myself vainly (when really, who should care? I am not that interesting!).

And really, when I was not using Facebook using the Facebook.

I believe Facebook time was time I now need to spend actually putting myself out into the world instead of dawdling reluctantly in my dorm room. Yes, more time in the world might have enough hurt. It might mean more stress from more activity. But who knows — it could mean that better person I want to be. It could mean that the learn that there is more joy in keeping your life pri­vate than there is making it public. And that chance alone makes life without Facebook a life I am committed to trying.

Amanda Golbabai
Editors

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Stop printing toxic letters

Matthew Hamilton continues to contribute his toxic opinions to the Viewpoint and the editorial staff continues to publish them ("Down with the Klan and down with Israel," Sept. 8). I can only fear what this says about the moral fiber of the student body.

His conflation of the current nation-state of Israel with American civil rights issues is one of the most confused and barren moral equivocations in recent memory. He is incorrect in his assumption — and it can only be that, unsupported as it is by anything even alleging to be factual — that the real issue here is one of race. I would venture to guess that he believes the real issue in every disagreement to be racial.

I have two objections to make to his delusional pretense at argument. First, reducing Israel’s conflict with the surrounding nations to one of race is a gross oversimplification that itself suggests deep-seated racism on Hamilton’s part. The Middle East consists of at least half a dozen major ethnic groups, all ethnically distinct: Arabs, Syrians, Persians, Kurds, Egyptians (along with other North African groups), Turks and more. Persia and the territories to its east and north consist largely of Indo-Turanian groups that share a racial history with the peoples of Europe. Lumping all of these together under a single ethnic group display ignorance to a degree that makes me wonder if Hamilton has been studied at all. Additionally, confusing the Israelis and their leadership of being white supremacists is absurd on the face of it. The latter is a largely exploded myth with no serious credibil­ity — is so ill-structured as to be impossible to refute by virtue of its sheer ineptitude.

I would implore the editors of The Observer, the official student publica­tion of an officially and concernedly Catholic institution, to refrain from coun­tenancing such innumeral race-baiting in the future. It does nothing but unnecessarily influence discussion with unrelated issues and has no place in serious academic discourse.

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Employment options for college students

Kevin Pascucci
(University of Massachusetts Daily Collegian)

Some would say that money makes the world go round. I would like to say I’ve found that to be true, but unfortunately it isn’t. It’s for that reason I’ve held a job ever since I was 13 years old. In high school, I was able to find jobs during the summers because I was in a Freshman year of Mass looking for a job. I wish I were kidding when I say I applied for over 10 different jobs this summer; I finally got a landscap­ing job and worked for the last two months of the summer. The next summer I was able to get a job a little bit earlier, but it still wasn’t easy.

This summer I decided to live out of state with a friend of mine in Connecticut, and I moved into his house after I finished my finals. I decided to try looking for a job waiting tables, seeing as I’ve heard there’s a good money in that. I must have applied at every restaurant within a 20–mile radius.

Needless to say, that didn’t work out for me. Every restaurant either couldn’t take on any more staff or wanted someone that was willing to have to leave in the fall. To make a long story short, I ended up working a short-lived job as a grounds maintainer at an amusement park, as well as doing a few gigs with a catering company, all before going through a temp agency to end up getting an office job at a town water company. This summer was probably the most colorful period of time in my employment history to date.

Where am I going with this? Maybe I just want to rant a little bit about what a hard time the average college student has getting work during their summer breaks. I think that people like me know the drill and get along in this ridiculous life of ours.

Unsuccessful job hunting wouldn’t be a such a big issue for college students if it was not for the costs that are along with being in college. With tuitions on the rise all around the country and more and more students putting themselves through school on their own, the need to have an income is mostly unavoidable.

There are those who are lucky enough to have mom and dad pay for everything but don’t even get me started on them. It’s great that they have enough money to pay you through college and unknowingly give you beer money, but the real world is not that easy to get going to be able to make a punch in the face when you graduate. That’s all I’m going to say. And really, when I was not using Facebook using the Facebook.

I’ve been certain about this college students for a long time, but I have to have that the current state of the economy has something to do with the hard time others, and I have had first-hand work. With our country at war and more money being devoted to that end, the job market has taken a blow as a result. I don’t want to make this a political argument, but I can’t help but specu­late as to why so many people have trouble finding employment.

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Maiden’s ‘Life and Death’ hangs in music purgatory

By KEVIN McCARTHY
Scene Critic

Last week, London-based Iron Maiden unleashed its 14th studio album, ‘A Matter of Life and Death,’ on American soil. This 72-minute epic is the band’s first studio collection of new material since 2003’s ‘Dance of Death.’

Following the infamous “egging” incident of Ozfest 2005, Maiden — which sold more than six million copies worldwide and earned her multiple Grammy — ‘B’day’ was recorded without the knowledge of Matthew Knowles, Beyoncé Knowles’ father and manager. His marketing prowess has been cited as the most influential force behind her daughter’s success.

Knowles recorded ‘B’day’ over a two-week period, bringing a number of producers into one building and launching a competition to land the most songs on the album. This risk-reward approach — along with the absence of Matthew Knowles’ vision — is a clear indication of why the album is in such a state of disarray.

The first single released off of ‘B’day,’ ‘Déjà Vu,’ features Knowles’ beau, Jay-Z, and is performed in the vein of a 70s disco classic. With multiple horns blaring and an up-tempo beat, the song sounds a great deal like Knowles’ mega hit ‘Crazy in Love.’ But, unlike that smash song, Jay-Z’s rhymes are lackluster at best, and Knowles’ over-singing is nothing more than a distraction.

‘Ring the Alarm,’ the second single off the album, is, quite simply, a musical disaster that allows its production to steal as much attention as possible away from Knowles’ sultry voice. The song is composed of sirens and alarms screaming, “Ring the Alarm.” Accompanied by aggressive singing that is not melodic and can best be described as ‘rap singing.’ However, Knowles lacks the credibility and purity of voice to make the song believable. It seems that in recording ‘B’day,’ Knowles forgot to take the temperature of the current music environment.

At a time when R&B has made a comeback by emphasizing both ruddily and lyrical content, the singer chose to make an album that demonstrates the exact opposite. She gives listeners offerings such as ‘Freakum Dress’ and ‘Kitty Kat.’ The corny lyrics to these songs include, “Let’s go, let’s go Little Kitty Kat I think it’s time to go, let’s go Little Kitty Kat! He don’t want no me! Let’s go Little Kitty Kat (Quite frankly no me) getting it A’n’t no feeling it.” A number of songs sound like tracks that appeared on previous Jay-Z albums or are mere imitations of other artists’ songs.

‘Green Light’ even comes off as a mediocre rendition of the hit “One Thing.” As much as ‘B’day’ suffers from a lack of vision, it also suffers from a lack of content — only ten tracks compose this uninspiring set. Considering that not a single one of these tracks is a masterpiece, listeners will find this dearth of material disappointing.

‘B’day’ achieves much of what Knowles intended with her sophomore effort. It definitely shows she is willing to take some artistic risk — at the same time, the diva forgot that her listeners actually need to enjoy the music.

Beyoncé’s album is neither empowering or uplifting — nor is it a worthwhile birthday present.

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By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Will Shortz, the editor of The New York Times Crossword Puzzle and a National Public Radio personality, commands a widespread influence. But for all this hype, Shortz remains a mystery almost as well as the thousands of cryptic black and white squares he's dedicated years to constructing.

So when Notre Dame gradPatrick Creadon, crossword puzzle aficionado and documentary filmmaker, was searching for a subject for his first feature film, Shortz was an obvious choice.

"He's almost like the Wizard of Oz, because he's this person you never get to see," Creadon, Class of 1989, told The Observer. "You never meet him, but he's one behind the curtain who's controlling everything. It's his responsibility that the puzzle is always accurate, that there're no mistakes in it."

Still, Shortz is just one piece of the captivating mosaic that is "Wordplay," a feature-length documentary that's been receiving praise from critics and audiences with a look at one of our culture's most engrossing pastimes — the crossword puzzle.

Finding the story

Garnering rave reviews from critics, the film has earned more than three million dollars at the domestic box office, good enough to crack the list of the top-25 documentaries of all-time. But for Creadon, the success of "Wordplay" didn't come as a big surprise, despite its seemingly mundane subject matter. "I was watching must have been made by somebody — somebody picked up a camera to shoot those things, cut them together."

"I think it would be a crime to not take advantage of meeting the guy who's had the No. 2 highest-grossing documentary this year," Vickers said. "He's a person who's been in the media industry for quite a while and has been in the campus to share a project of his that he's proud of."

"What I love most about the film is that I can sit at the back of a theater with an audience and get interesting people from different walks of life."

Staying the course

Creadon said, "It's been a long but fruitful week," Creadon said. "That was the first thing that inspired me. I was just old enough to realize that these stories that I was watching must have been made by somebody — somebody picked up a camera to shoot those things, cut them together."

"If the topic is about people who paint houses for a living, that'd literally be like watching paint dry for 90 minutes," Creadon joked. "But if you scratch beneath the surface of what that story is, maybe you'll find a father and son team who have been painting for 60 years, and you tell that story."

"I also love the idea that every day when he's doing this crossword puzzle, you're not the only one looking at that puzzle," Creadon said. "There are millions of others looking at it. It's interesting to me to when I'm stuck on a puzzle, chances are Bill Clinton is doing that puzzle the same day, or Jon Stewart or whoever."

A colorful cast of characters

While names like Clinton, Disney, and Jon Stewart provide the sprinkles on top of the cake, the spirit of Creadon's confection lies with the five contestants who vie for the crown of top puzzler at the 2005 American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in Stamford, Conn. With $4,000 in prize loot and bragging rights hanging in the balance, tensions rise in these contestants reveal their true colors. Shortz may be the hook for "Wordplay," but those characters — whom the audience can't help but root for — provide the line and sinner.

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"Wordplay" dives into the life and passion of New York Times Crossword editor Will Shortz, who stays up late constructing puzzles for the heralded newspaper. The core of the drama in "Wordplay" takes place at the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, where the top solvers compete for a $4,000 prize.
Minneapolis — Francisco Liriano has heard plenty about Cy Young during a spectacular rookie season.

But that has been out for the rest of the season, another pitcher might be entering the conversation Tommy John.

The last highly anticipated return to the Minnesota rotation came to a sudden halt because of elbow problems Wednesday, and Dan Haren pitched eight shutout innings, leading Oakland Athletics to a 2-1 victory over the Twins 1-0.

"Obviously he won't be pitching again," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Something is wrong with his elbow, and we want to see what it is before we do anything else." The Twins' lead in the AL wild-card race was cut to 1-1/2 games by the Chicago White Sox, which beat Los Angeles 9-4.

Pitching for the first time in more than a month, Liriano has been hindered by a third inning. Trainers and Gardenhire immediately checked out to attend to the All-Star lefty and a husk fill over the crowd that had been waiting to see him back in action.

"I've been facing these guys for a long time, so I know they're aggressive and they like to swing at the knuckleball. I don't want to throw a no-hit game," Liriano said.

Liriano walked slowly toward the dugout and fans gave him a standing ovation — clearly, they were wondering whether they had seen the last of this year'sCy Young.

The Twins, leading the AL wild-card race, announced later that he would have an MRI exam after the game, and thought immediately turned to Tommy John surgery, a ligament-replacement proce-
Flyers center Keith Primeau, right, is knocked off the puck by Maple Leafs defensman Wade Belak Oct. 22, 2005. Philadelphia won the game 5-2, but Primeau's season would end three days later.

**Concussion forces Flyers' Primeau to retire**

Associated Press

VOORHEES, N.J. — Philadelphia Flyers center Keith Primeau will be forced to retire after failing to receive clearance to play because of lingering effects of a concussion.

"Although he's been able to do more, he really hasn't been able to eliminate all of his symptoms," Flyers team physician Gary Dorschner said Wednesday. "He still has those symptoms and I can't clear him to go back to full activity."

A person in the NHL with knowledge of Primeau's decision told The Associated Press that Primeau will retire. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because Primeau was prepared to make an official announcement at an 11 a.m. news conference Thursday at the Flyers' practice facility.

"I think he's going to talk about it. He's going to talk about (retirement) with his family and others tonight," said Dorschner, who examined Primeau. "He's been a long road for him coming back from it."

The Flyers, who open training camp Friday, are ready to move on without their former captain.

"The last time I talked to Keith, I said, "You don't want to become a distraction. If you can't play, we have to go on without you,"" general manager Bob Clarke said.

Primeau seemed set to face the harsh reality that his career could be over on Tuesday night, saying, "I could read it on the wall."

"Primeau had been trying to return from a concussion sustained on Oct. 25 after a hit from Montreal's Alexander Perezhogin. It was the most severe in a series of head injuries Primeau endured during his 15-year NHL career.

"He never gave any indication to anybody that he was going to come back," Clarke said. "We felt all along that he wasn't going to come back. We've got to start training camp with the players that we're trying to make a team of."

Primeau, who has two years and $6.44 million remaining on his contract, missed 21 games because of a concussion sustained against the Rangers in the 2003-04 season. He also had at least two head injuries during the 2004 playoffs, in the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Rangers and in the conference finals against Tampa Bay.

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Nebraska hopes to make statement against USC

Nebraska Cornhuskers view Saturday night's matchup with the Trojans as opportunity to return to national prominence

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When he was a kid in Ohio, Fred Davis had a couple of teachers from Nebraska who just loved to talk about their beloved Cornhuskers.

All those stories made an impression on Southern Cal's Fred Davis, now a two-time All-American tight end.

"I watched Nebraska in the mid-90s, I observed greatness," Davis said a few weeks before Nebraska visits No. 4 USC on Saturday night with a chance to return to prominence after several down years.

The Huskers of yesteryear were nothing short of great. The Big Red went 255-49-3 under Tom Osborne from 1973-97, winning three national titles and going 49-2 in his final four seasons.

"I've always known Nebraska to be a powerhouse football program," added USC center Ryan Kalil.

Not always. Things haven't been the same since Osborne retired, but the 19th-ranked Huskers believe they're on their way back. They have a huge opportunity to make a statement before about 90,000 fans in the Coliseum.

"This game will truly be a measuring stick for our program," third-year coach Bill Callahan said.

A little national title talk even entered the conversation.

"If you can beat a USC at their place, it shows you can definitely play," Nebraska wide receiver Nate Swift said. "It would bring more people looking at us as a (national) contender."

Frank Solich succeeded Osborne. His teams went 58-19-3 from 1998-2003, but he was fired after a 10-3 season that included a 17-3 victory over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl.

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Backup punter accused of stabbing starter

Northern Colorado player faces second-degree assault charge in event reminiscent of Harding-Kerrigan incident

Associated Press

GREELEY, Colo. — In a scenario reminiscent of Tonya Harding vs. Nancy Kerrigan, the backup punter at Northern Colorado has been accused of stabbing his rival in the leg, his kicking leg.

Mitch Cozad, a sophomore from Wheatland, Wyo., allegedly attacked Rafael Mendoza in a parking lot this week. Arrested on a charge of second-degree assault, Cozad was freed Wednesday on a $30,000 bond.

Mendoza, who was treated and released at a Greeley hospital, will miss at least Saturday’s game at Texas State.

"Rafael is a competitor and wants to get back as soon as he can," head coach Scott Downing said. "When that occurs, I don't know."

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Associated Press

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Team's thoughts with 'Hep'

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Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Interim coach Bill Lynch told his Indiana players Wednesday afternoon that Terry Hoeppner was resting after undergoing what coach Hep wanted us to do," quarterback Blake Powers said. "As a team, we had to come together."

Hoeppner was expected to miss two to four weeks after having surgery to remove a possible tumor from the right side of his brain Wednesday morning. It was the second time in less than nine months that Hoeppner had the procedure. Doctors were uncertain what caused the growth found during a routine MRI exam last Friday.

Hoeppner also had surgery in December to remove a tumor from his right temple and said Wednesday's procedure was both elective and outpatient. About 15 minutes before the team's meeting, Lynch got the news Indiana's coaches and players were waiting for.

"We tried to focus on football, that's what coach Hep wanted us to do," said Power.

"He's like a father to me, I love him to death," said senior wide receiver Ben Roethlisberger, who played for Hoeppner at Miami of Ohio and is a close friend, who said the two had talked before Wednesday's surgery.

"He's like a father to me, I love him to death," Roethlisberger said. "I know he'll be OK, because he's a fighter and a competitor. The way he made it out to me, it's not as serious as everyone's making it out to be. He'll be OK. He's a fighter."

If Hoeppner had his way, he might do more than watch. When asked whether he would coach from his bed, Hoeppner smiled and shook his head, jokingly that he would keep reporters apprised of the situation.

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Colts refuse to give up on Rhodes, run game

Indianapolis running back averaged 1.8 yards per carry for 29 yards in 26-21 win over the Giants last weekend

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts aren't ready to abandon the running game just yet.

Despite struggling to run the ball in their victory over the New York Giants, the Colts remain optimistic about improving their ground attack heading into Sunday's AFC South matchup against the Houston Texans at the RCA Dome.

Indianapolis, which was playing its first regular season game since losing running back Edgerrin James to Arizona during the offseason, managed only 55 yards rushing on 23 carries against the Giants.

"Whenever you have a significant change like we did, it's going to take some time to get used to," Colts center Jeff Saturday said about James' absence. "We have to get better and that's something we can improve on."

One player who expects to improve this Sunday is starting running back Dominic Rhodes, who averaged 1.8 yards per carry in the 26-21 win over New York. Rookie Joseph Addai, the 30th overall selection in April's NFL draft, rushed for 26 yards on seven attempts.

"The running will come," said Rhodes, who averaged 3.0 yards per carry last season. "Right now, it doesn't matter as long as we win."

With the running game struggling last weekend, the Colts were forced into more passing situations. Quarterback Peyton Manning completed 25-of-41 pass attempts for 276 yards and one touchdown.

"We have to show people we can run the football and that we're committed to running the football," Manning said. "All we want is to keep working on it and show it on the field."

Saturday said the Colts never gave up on their game plan to run the ball against New York, even though they had little success.

"I think Peyton did a great job ... he kept calling it up, making us get up in there," Saturday said. "Even if we're not getting the yards we want, at least they have to honor it. At least they know you're not going to quit on it."

Although Indianapolis held on to beat the Giants, Manning knows the Colts need to get the ground game working in order to keep teams honest.

"If teams are doubling Marvin (Harrison) and doubling Reggie (Wayne) on the outside and safeties are staying deep, there are a lot of defenders that aren't worried about the run," Manning said. "If you can run it, you can have some huge plays. We need to be able to do that to be three-dimensional in our offense."

Colts coach Tony Dungy didn't want to read too much into the poor rushing effort by his team against New York.

"Everybody looks at the stats and they'll say that we can't run the ball, but we went to a tough place to play, against a good defense," Dungy said. "There are going to be some weeks where we get a lot of good run looks and some weeks where we don't."

Saturday expects the Colts to display a more effective running game against Houston, which allowed 130 yards rushing during a 24-10 loss to Philadelphia in Week 1.

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Rushing Wild

Colts running back Dominic Rhodes jukes with the ball Oct. 17, 2005 in a game at the RCA Dome.

Dungy wouldn't elaborate about how much the Colts would try to run during Sunday's game.

"For us, it really depends on how they play us," Dungy said. "We never go into the game saying we've got to run 'X' amount of times or we've got to do this.

Irish running back Darius Walker scans the defense before he turns upfield, left, in Saturday's 43-17 victory over Penn State. Walker jukes out Penn State sophomore cornerback Justin King. Walker has rushed for 155 yards in two games and is averaging 3.7 yards per carry.
Asaph Schwapp should be ready to play Saturday. The sophomore from Hartford, Conn., practiced Wednesday after Irish coach Charlie Weis limited him to running drills during Notre Dame's workout Tuesday.

"He's coming off some soreness," Weis said. "Yesterday he was a lot worse than he was today."

Weis also said injured running back James Aldridge should be "full go" by the Purdue game on Sept. 30. The freshman, who enrolled at Notre Dame last January, has been hampered by a knee injury all season.

"He's pretty close," Weis said Wednesday. "Right now I could get him part-time, the problem I have in I don't want to not be able to use him full-time.

With backup running back Travis Thomas starting at linebacker, Weis said he wants Aldridge and fellow freshman running back Munir Prince to be able to contribute if the Irish were forced starting running back Darius Walker to injury.

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never a factor in our quality of play. Rainouts can be dis­ap­point­ing, but I still feel that we could have easily won the game in this weather."

But while the rain may have ruined play, Sei didn't count the day as a loss.

"I think it gave the fresh­men a chance to see our rou­te­line, even when the weather conditions aren't the greatest," she said.

Like Sei, junior co-captain Katie O'Brien saw a positive side to the situation.

"Our team has been hitting really well," she said. "This isn't a set back. It's more like extra time to improve."

The Belles' lineup included O'Brien, sophomores Sei, McIntyre, Meredith Fantom and Perri Hamma, and freshman Kate Doornbos.

That lineup, Sei said, is hard working and talented enough to raise the team to the top of its conference.

"We're really looking for the top of the lineup to set a winning standard for the rest of the team," she said. "We want to continue our level of play from last year."

Weis said that tie teams together.

With the cancellation, the team won a day of rest. Practice begins today for the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic in Normal, Ill. this weekend.

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EASTER FRIDAY

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for his work maintaining the crash site of Knute Rockne's plane.

"If something happened to [Walker], I'd like to think that a combination of [Aldridge] and [Prince] could handle the position without having to flip [Thomas] over three full-time."

◆ Irish defensive end Donald Talley entertained reporters after practice Wednesday with a few words about his voice, his career goals and his childhood in Detroit.

Among other things, Talley said his deep, bellowing voice has sounded the same since he was 12; he can do a decent impression of the rapper Naij Doge, and he wants to be a movie producer in the mold of Quentin Tarantino.

The voice — as well as Talley's bulking 6-foot-4, 290-pound frame — intimidate opponents today. But that tough look was born as a kid playing football for the Eastside Cowboys of the Detroit Police Athletic League.

"Everybody that I played with, all of us were mean ... we were real tough," he said. "Asked if he was the meanest guy on his team today, he wasn't sure.

"I might be, I don't know," he said.

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Piane was then offered a one-year assistant coach posi­tion at Notre Dame in 1975. He was named the head cross country coach the following year, beginning a 32-year tenure with the university.

And his reign with the Irish won't be ending anytime soon. Piane signed a multi-year con­tract extension this summer.

"They are trying to keep coaches and giving them long-term contracts," he said. "They want to create stability in the athletic department and in doing that they are giving out long-term contracts.

Piane has been the model of stability at Notre Dame, where his teams have always had consistent success — including 14 top finishes in the NCAA Championships in the last 19 years.

It's clear Piane's runners have benefited immensely from his expertise. After all, 122 of his athletes — including 23 cross country runners — have won All-American cita­tions.

Individually, Piane has been recognized many times, including two National Cross Country Coach of the Year awards and 23 league Coach of the Year awards for indoor track, outdoor track and cross country.

But in Piane eyes, those achievements testify to the quality of his athletes — not his abilities.

"I don't think it matters how good a coach you are if you don't have good ath­letes, you're not going to get any kind of rewards," he said. "If you've got good athletes if they are dedi­cated and try to work hard, if you've got good runners and sprinters and jumpers, then the awards are going to come."

"I've been fortunate that for years I've been blessed with real good athletes and good people."

Joe Piane
Irish coach

One major result of this suc­cess is Piane's creation of the National Catholic Championships, a tournament that takes place at Notre Dame this weekend.

The tour­na­ment consists entirely of Catholic universi­ties and colleges from every NCAA division and the NAIA, including Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

Piane's brain­child grew out of his desire to have a tournament with a different connection between teams — a religious one, not the usual league or geographical bonds that tie teams together.

Piane's successes have also allowed him to effectively build up the Notre Dame cross coun­try and track programs to the premier teams that are today. The teams' accomplish­ments won him the ability to attract top recruits to Notre Dame.

"Kids are good consumers, and they're going to go for a product that they think is real­ly solid," Piane said. "And they look at our academics and they look at our athletics and they look at how our facilities are improving and it makes our program a hard product to turn away from."

This season, Piane hopes to be able to use his talented freshmen to have another top finish in the NCAA tournament — adding more prestige to his already exceptional Irish coaching career.

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Junior Sunni Olding leads the pack during the National Catholic Invitational Sept. 16, 2005 at Burke Golf Course.

Sophomore fullback Asaph Schwapp runs through drills in practice Sept. 16. Schwapp has four carries for 15 yards in two games, averaging 3.8 yards per carry.
Football

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

By MIKE GILLOON
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Last Saturday, Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski muffed a punt against Penn State. This Tuesday, he stayed after practice to ensure it doesn’t happen again.

“I’ve just got to shake it out and get it out of my head and get back to fundamentals and basics,” said the Irish strong safety and punt returner.

Zbikowski has returned two punts for touchdowns in his career and is the most experienced Irish returnman. Yet he’s the only Irish player to fumble at all this season and is averaging just below six yards per return.

“I could care less about my yards per return average or whatever that is,” he said. “You never hurt your team when you never put the ball on the ground.”

Notes:

♦ After suffering a leg injury Thursday, September 14, 2006

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Hoeppner underwent brain surgery Wednesday to remove a possible brain tumor. As a precautionary measure, the Irish strong safety and punt returner by returner.

The Irish are led by captains Brady Quinn, Travis Thomas and Tom Zbikowski from the tunnel into Notre Dame Stadium Saturday against Penn State.

THE IRISH GET IT OUT OF THEIR HEAD AND GET BACK TO ENSURE IT DOESN’T HAPPEN AGAIN.

Belles get rained out of tourney

By BECKY SINGER
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The Belles did not get their chance to hand Tri-State a loss Wednesday when the MIAA Jamboree was rained out.

Rain left the fairways and greens soaked. Thirty minutes before the 1 p.m. scheduled tee-off, it was clear that the course was unplayable.

The Jamboree was cancelled and rescheduled for Sept. 22-23 — a decision sophomore Katie McInerney found “frustrating.”

“I was mentally set to play,” McInerney said. “It was hard for the day to be interrupted because of the weather.”

Sophomore co-captain Alex Sei was equally unsatisfied with the decision to abandon the tournament.

“We are a well-prepared team,” Sei said. “Weather is not our game.”

ND Cross Country

LEGENDARY COACH LEADS IRISH

Piane has mentored 123 All-America runners in his 32-year tenure

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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As the longest-tenured coach currently at Notre Dame, Joe Piane has had a lot of experience leading Irish runners — and a lot of success.

Piane began his coaching career in Morocco while in the Peace Corps. He immediately succeeded with cross country, sending three runners to the 1972 World Championships in Cambridge, England.

After returning to the United States in 1972, Piane took his first collegiate position as the head coach at Western Illinois.

In a match that lasted a little over an hour, Saint Mary’s swept struggling Albion 3-0 (30-14, 30-20, 30-14) — only two weeks after their last meeting, a 3-2 Belles victory.

Despite the greater margin of victory, Belles head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek felt that her team was a little more challenged this time around.

“Even though we beat them solid in the invitational, Albion took two games from us,” she said. “I felt that they challenged us a little more than they did tonight.”

Schroeder-Biek said her team could have taken it up a notch as well.

“We were not as crisp as we normally are, but we handled them well,” she said.

The Belles committed 13 service errors — a stat that did not leave the team pleased. But there was a lot for the team to take out of the victory.

“We challenged ourselves by not lowering our style of play and never relaxed,” she said.

Schroeder-Biek reminded her team throughout the match to respect Albion and not play down to its opponent level.

Kaela Hellmann contributed soundly with her superb blocking in the front row to add to her 40 blocks on the season. Libero Anne Cusak, tasked on a significant number of digs to add to her 195 season total.

Overall, Schroeder-Biek felt the Belles handled themselves well, and came at Albion with intensity.

The Belles will next take on Kalamazoo at home Sept. 20 and look for yet another MIAA victory.

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