New season tickets to fund stadium repairs

By MARY KATE MALONE

In an effort to generate money for Notre Dame Stadium repairs, the University will offer 5,000 season football tickets starting in 2007, University officials announced Thursday. The University has not offered season tickets in more than 30 years, and the increased ticket revenue will help fund "ongoing preventative maintenance" on the stadium, which is estimated to cost about $40 million. Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said at a press conference Thursday afternoon.

The tickets will be sold at their face value plus an annual rights fee based on the ticket location: $2,000 per ticket for sideline seats, $1,500 for corner seats and $1,200 for end zone seats.

People affiliated with the University will be given priority in the ticket lottery, Affleck-Graves said. Season ticket applications will be mailed in January to everyone who signs up on an online list at Notre Dame's athletic Web site.

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By 4 p.m. Friday, more than 750 people had already signed up to receive an application, said Assistant Director Dennis Brown. The 5,000 tickets will come from a reduction in internal ticket allocations and from season tickets that have been returned during the last several years, Affleck-Graves said. "Internal tickets" refers to tickets allocated to academic departments, the University said.

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ResLifes for downloads on the rise

Copyrighters track student offenders

By KATIE PERRY

Some things in life are free — but they are also illegal.

More than one third of college students nationwide download pirated music files via peer-to-peer file sharing networks — but they are also illegal.

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Bookstore boasts impressive sales

By MARCELA BERRIOS

Football season comes every year to the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore like Christmas to a toy store, as any item that could potentially have "Irish" printed on it makes its way to shelves, window displays and cash registers.

There is even a Fighting Irish breakfast cereal for sale now — and judging from the waves of people that flock to campus every weekend during home football games, the Bookstore should have no problems selling out of Notre

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Panel ponders papal remarks about Islam

By EILEEN DUFFY

While Pope Benedict XVI's recent address on faith and reason at Germany's Regensburg University was not without flaw, five faculty members agreed Thursday at the Hesburgh Center, the media has presented an incomplete version of the speech.

In his Sept. 12 remarks calling for "genuine dialogue of cultures and religions," the pope quoted an obscure 14th century Byzantine emperor as saying the Prophet Mohammed brought "things only evil and inhuman" to the world, "such as his command to spread

by the sword the faith he preached."

Assistant Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture W. David Solomon, theology professor Paul Kollman, history professor Brad Gregory, Director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies R. Scott Appleby and Kroc Institute scholar Rashid Obeid debated just what the remarks meant — and correct or not, now that they're out there, just what should be taken from them.

The pope's words have incited a wave of backlash in the Muslim world, most notably the bombing of two West Bank churches and
**Worthy of the mohawk?**

There is a limited amount of people who have ever been cool enough, crazy enough and tough enough to successfully maintain a mohawk. So to the growing cult of wannabes: if you cannot manage at least a few of the following criteria, please, see clear of the zone this weekend.

Next we turn our attention to the world of heavy metal music, where Tommy Z comes ‘hawk to hawk with world-class drummer Tommy Lee. The one-time husband of Baywatch babe Pamela Anderson is infamous for his crazy hotel parties and hardcore rock. As is evident in hi 1984 film, ‘Hawkman’, Lee lives his life in the fast lane and has the haircut to match.

Tommy Z has never trashed a generator or ripped down a woman from 300 B.C. who died in a battle for Social Concerns event, “Iraq War: Stay in or Get Out?” Consultant and political analyst Heather Hurlburt, left, talks to students including Mike McKenna, right, in the Coleman Morse student lounge Thursday for the “Plaza, Pop and Politics” discussion. She served as a special guest for the Center for Social Concerns event, “Iraq War: Stay in or Get Out?”

**Offbeat**

Police find meth in man’s prosthetic leg.

JAY, Okla. — Sheriff’s deputies have arrested a Grove man on drug charges after finding crystal methamphetamine outside his prosthetic leg.

Larry Clinton Harper, 64, was arrested at his business, Harper’s Used Cars and Body Shop, last week.

During a search, deputies found drugs inside a sock-like covering inside Harper’s prosthetic leg, said Delaware County Sheriff’s Capt. Larry Barnett.

“They just tumbled out, and he just laughed,” Barnett said. “He said he thought he was pulling the wool over our eyes, but we had the last laugh.”

The arrest followed successful drug buys by Harper’s business, Barnett said.

Man allegedly seeks revenge over glasses

HAMMOND, Ind. — A man upset that his neighbor’s children helped break his wife’s eyeglasses is accused of trying to bomb the neighbor’s house in retaliation.

David Michielsen, 27, of Hammond is charged with detonating a destructive device with intent to intimidate or destroy and manufacturing a destructive device. He faces 58 years in prison if convicted on both counts.

The neighbor told police she was visiting Michielsen’s wife Sunday when her children and Michielsen’s broke the glasses. Michielsen ordered her and her children to leave, a probable cause affidavit said.

**In Brief**

University President Emeritus Father Edward “Monk” Malloy will be on hand in the Hames Notre Dame Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today to sign his book “Monk’s Notre Dame.”

All are invited to watch students from the Department of Music give a free performance from 12:15-12:50 p.m. in the Pennoy Performers’ Assembly of the Delbartoe Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the event, part of the “Bach’s Launch” series, are required and can be reserved by calling 631-2800. Audience members are encouraged to bring their lunches.

New York University’s J.J. Lee will deliver a lecture entitled “Michael Daviti, the Catholic Church and Irish America” today at 4 p.m. in the Cusshawa Center. All are welcome to the event, which is sponsored by the Cusshawa Center for the Study of American Catholicism.

The undefeated Notre Dame women’s soccer team will take on West Virginia at 7-30 tonight at Alumni Field. Tickets for the game can be purchased at: http://univ.ests.com/tickets/nd­tickets-soccer.html.

Tonight’s pep rally will take place in the Joyce Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Limited general public seating will begin at 5 p.m. at the ticket windows on the east side of Notre Dame Stadium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to oksnews@nd.edu.
Law school hopefuls face exam

Students to trade tailgating for test taking during Saturday’s LSAT

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

While the atmosphere on most of campus tomorrow morning will be alive with traditional home game excitement, the atmosphere in DeBartolo Hall will be significantly more serious when students trod ove and face the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

"A lot of students express anxiety about (the LSAT) happening on a game day," said Arts and Letters Associate Director Ava Preacher, who serves as the law advisor for the University.

But Preacher said there have been at least nine LSATs administered on game days during the years since she has been advising those interested in law, and during those years, students have not come back to complain about the timing.

Since students usually arrive early for the exam, tests are administered in DeBartolo’s interior rooms and doors are locked during the exam.

Preacher is sure test-takers "won’t hear a whole lot of […] game day distractions."

The LSAT contains an analytical reasoning section, which Preacher said is "colloquially known as the logic games. There are also logical reasoning and reading comprehension components.

While the actual test time adds up to about three and half hours, Preacher said students should "plan to be there for about five hours," primarily because of breaks scheduled during the exam.

Notre Dame students tend to fare well on the exam — the University’s mean is 159 out of the highest possible 180, according to Preacher. Of the 182 senior law school applicants from the 2004-05 academic year, 157 students were accepted into law school.

Students prepare for the exam in various ways, but Preacher said many take "commercial prep classes," like those offered by Kaplan. It is possible, she said, for students to do self-directed study.

"However, if students are going to prepare on their own, they need to talk to me," said Preacher, because it is important for students to know what materials to use and how to approach their study.

Still, the LSAT is not everything when applying to law school.

Students always think it’s a numbers game, and actually the LSAT and GPA only define the range of schools to which students applying to law school can apply," Preacher said. "The higher the scores, the larger the range."

In the past academic year, Preacher has had at least 300 meetings with undergraduates, graduates and alumni seeking advising in the past academic year. Law schools attract applicants of various backgrounds and experiences.

"People considering law school are very diverse," Preacher said. "We have students from every major, every type of personality. It’s interesting."

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Fans anticipating an easy win over Purdue

By LAURA WILCZEK and EILEEN DUFFY
News Writers

Just a week after Notre Dame students doused themselves with Stonehenge waters in ecstatic celebration of the win over Michigan State, fans have to towel off their cocky attitudes and prepare for a new foe: Purdue.

While the team found itself in dire straits last Saturday, students don’t anticipate this game to be quite as daunting.

The stress that opened the quarter of East Lansing has receded — or in sophmore Laura Benca’s case, disappeared.

"I’m not worried at all," she said. "We can definitely beat them."

Purdue, though, will ride into South Bend high on a four-win, no-loss record. And even considering that none of its opponents was ranked (while two of Notre Dame’s four were), Purdue has still beaten Notre Dame 25 times in the series history.

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The excitement surrounding Notre Dame football brings more people to campus, and while they’re here they usually find that they’d pick up souvenirs for their families or friends. “I think people are very happy,” said Sally Wiatrowski, director of the Bookstore.

When bound by her employment contract from discussing specific sales figures, Wiatrowski did break into a smile when asked about the increased business observed during football weekends.

Irish fans never fail to purchase rally beads, blue and gold pom poms, leprechaun temporary tattoos and Notre Dame hooded sweatshirts.

The best-selling item before home games, however, continues to be “The Shirt”—100,000 have been sold already, and the Bookstore recently restocked its supply of the navy blue T-shirts.

With seven home games scheduled this fall—one more than previous seasons—Wiatrowski suspects the demand for “The Shirt” will extend itself further into the year.

New items such as the Irish-inspired Wheaties have also found a market among fans of both Notre Dame and its rival teams.

“General Mills came to us with this idea,” Wiatrowski said. “I believe they also launched USC, Texas and Ohio State Wheaties, but we were the first university they contacted.”

The venture turned out to be a success, resulting in 12,000 boxes of Notre Dame Wheaties sold in a day and a half during the Michigan game weekend.

The Bookstore promptly ordered 15,000 more boxes to sell on Saturday.

A fun and unique item people seem happy to buy is, Wiatrowski said. This would be even happier to know that their Bookstore purchases help further Notre Dame’s academic mission, since a portion of the revenues are directed toward scholarship funds.

Luis Castañeda, a 1996 MBA graduate, brought his wife and young sons to South Bend this weekend for the Purdue game and to the Bookstore Thursday to contribute to those revenues.

“I came back from Mexico for the 10-year-class reunion,” said Castañeda, as his youngest boy eyed the shirt emblazoned with the new Popeye-looking leprechaun. “It’s a dream come true to be here with my wife and kids.”

The Castañedas beat the lines expected to form this Saturday.

“Purdue is really a drive-in game, where most people, so we don’t really expect the major fans to come until Saturday morning,” Wiatrowski said.

While traffic from USC comes to South Bend from more distant places, fans are arriving earlier and so the Bookstore traffic is heavy on Thursdays and students return from class relaxed during the hours before kickoff, Wiatrowski said.

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Bush criticizes Democratic party

President says opponents' "don't have the stomach to fight the war on terror"

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — President Bush said Thursday that Democrats don't have the stomach to fight the war on terror after a month-old report was disputed by both parties over the future roles of the U.S. and the Iraqi government.

Bush, in a speech to a Republican convention-center audience of about 2,000 people, said Democrats offer "nothing but criticism and obstruction and endless partisan political gain" and run "the state GOP.

Democrats immediately disputed the charge that they would hold back in the anti-terror battle.

"On his watch, five years after 9/11, he not only has failed to capture Osama bin Laden, but the National Intelligence Estimate indicates his failures have made America less safe and the world more dangerous," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said at a Republican election event.

Bush's five-month report, by the National Intelligence Council, quoted intelligence analysts as saying that Iraq has become a "cause celebre" for Islamic radicals worldwide, whom it said have grown in number and geographic reach. The report said the factors, such as the Iraq war, that are fueling the jihadist movement's growth outweigh its vulnerabilities and that, if the current trend continues, risks to the U.S. interests at home and abroad will grow.

Portions of the report were leaked over the weekend, and Bush ordered the key judgments — four of its 30 pages — declassified on Tuesday in hopes that wider availability of most conclusions would quell the criticism.

Democrats continued to point to the report to argue that the 2003 Iraq invasion, by fanning anti-U.S. sentiments and helping terrorist recruitment, is one reason to change leadership in Congress.

On Thursday, Bush accused the opposition party of cherry-picking pieces of the report for "partisan political gain" and "to mislead the American people and justify their policy of withdrawal from Iraq.

"The greatest danger is that America's presence in the war in Iraq is drawing new recruits to the terrorist cause," Bush said.

"The greatest danger is that an American withdrawal from Iraq would embolden the terrorists and help them find new recruits to carry out even more destructive attacks."
The widespread use of personal media players by college students might be a large factor in the music-pirating trend in America's college towns. Nearly three-quarters of students think iPod use is "in," according to a July 2006 survey by the Student Monitor, a New Jersey-based research company. Beer drinking was second most "in" at 71 percent. Earlier this month, the RIAA cited 45 students for illegal downloading at Keene State College in New Hampshire. In a Sept. 14 article in The Equinox, the weekly student newspaper at KSU, Information Technology Manager Laura Serachick said the RIAA was "looking for people who do this" and then notified the school. KSU's Information Technology department received letters delineating who illegally downloaded music while the computer was loaded and which programs were used in the process.

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Federico Valiente freshman

Campus crackdowns
The letters sent by the RIAA told the school that under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, if KSU ignored the notice, "[the institution] may also be liable for any resulting infringement." Serachick told The Equinox that her department does not wish to be "the KSU RIAA," but said the school is "obligated to respond to the notice" by federal law.

The RIAA cited four lawsuits against student operators of campus LAN networks at Princeton University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Michigan Technological University in April 2003. Now, the organization is targeting network users as well.

Some Notre Dame students say it's easy for downloading a song, others have shared a few music files and others still have illegally obtained television shows and movies. As at Notre Dame, beer drinking was second most "in" at 71 percent.

Brannock said last year, "We're proactive and not reactive. Punishment for Notre Dame students who fail to abide by the rules depends on "previous history and previous cases," Brannock said. First-time offenders are required to delete illigal files and uninstall the program used to obtain such files. More importantly, however, students are educated about illegal downloading.

Valiente used Ares to download songs in two or three songs one of which was not downloaded while he was at Notre Dame, he said. "You don't necessarily have to be downloading anything to get into trouble," he said. "If you have the files in your computer already and you've got the file sharing program running, you're virtually letting everyone see which files you've downloaded."

"I'm never going to listen to it when it's so easy to steal?"
ResLife, my first reaction was a gut reaction to the University of Richmond, a 2005 study by the Campus Computing Project. Approximately seven percent of all four-year schools and 14 percent of private research universities required a fee to burn songs or load music. Students at Seattle Universities, on the other hand, said they would have to pay a fee to burn songs, with three of four "significantly impossible," said a survey by Georgia Tech.

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Take a Break!
"It is no unusual thing for a businesswoman to say casually, "Well, let's go and get a cup of coffee." And at the same time the office is making ready to depart...it is a little telling perhaps, to think of coffee at odd times, but it is very characteristic of the city itself."

Fabulous New Orleans, 19285

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The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to join them Friday, October 3rd for Coffee and Conversation from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in room 316 Coleman-Morse. The Coffee and Conversation will be hosted by Mr. Bob Haber and Ms. Jackie Haber. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

Federico Valiente freshman

"When I got the e-mail from ResLife, my first reaction was something like, 'Oh my God, I'm never going to listen to music again?"

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Index briefly trades above record high in Wall Street's nearly seven-year recovery

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The gurning down of an Italian nun and her bodyguard in Somalia.

While Omar, who is himself a Muslim, issued an apology for the actions of his coreligionists, he still took issue with the pope’s “everly simplistic” presentation of Muslim views, which vary from one Islamic sect to another.

“The pope selectively retrieved from a vast Muslim tradition one viewpoint, thereby reducing Islam to one voice,” Omar said. “Contemporary Muslim theories are a hybrid of classical Muslim schools. All are a very far cry from the monochromatic picture presented by Pope Benedict.”

Rashied Omar is a Kroc Institute scholar.

The decentralized nature of Islam can make dialogue with that religion “daunting,” Gregory said. “The reality seems to be that while the overwhelming majority of Muslims denounce violence, the fact is, not all do,” he said. “The sociological realities of the religion prevent the former from exercising any categorical power over the latter.”

The pope, who has since issued an apology for his reference to the quotation from Manuel Paleologos, II, deserves an “extraordinary apology for his reference to the fact is, not all do,” he said. “The pope was intending to open dialogue with Islam, one must acknowledge with humility that this was a less than artful way to do so.”

While the pope mentioned opening the door to religious dialogue, his remarks were not designed solely as a catalyst for that effort. Rather, Kollman said, the lecture was intended to lament the debasement of Christianity — that is, a separation of the biblical inquiry from Greek philosophical thinking.

The pope’s words were meant for those listening: “The measures were words for the students of Regensburg University, Solomon said, and the broader community of institutions of higher education.

“I want to suggest that maybe the target of this was to mean the modern university,” Solomon said, explaining the pope was calling for more unity between various departments and colleges in a university.

Nonetheless, Solomon called the pope’s attempt to analyze faith and reason throughout the history of the Western world in just eight pages “utterly irresponsible.”

“He is, no doubt, at fault for trying to do too much, too quickly, in too short a compass,” he said.

And no matter to whom the pope is speaking, Appleby said, everyone is listening. “The pope only has one context, which is the globe,” Appleby said. “He does not, unfortunately for him, have the luxury of delivering a fine, nuanced, professorial talk at Regensburg. If he didn’t know that, he knows it now.”

The media certainly was listening, and what the faculty feels journalists gleaned from the pope’s speech were the most extreme of his quotations. As Omar pointed out, it’s likely no Muslims were present at Regensburg University, and their understanding of the lecture came from the press.

“The media is not a responsible game,” Omar said. “They take it out of context.”

Making the media, more responsible is a demand “incumbent upon us,” Kollman said, and Solomon hoped that effort would start at the university level.

“The shameful role played by the press, to ignore the content of the lecture, was unacceptable,” Solomon said. “I hope we’re training a generation of students who will take journalism seriously enough to respond to documents like this properly.”

Not only should the media report what the pope said accurately, it should also factually report from that world. At Regensburg, Solomon said, it became weary of saying over and over again, falsely and unequivocally, that violence and hatred are contrary to the teachings of Islam. “The pope simply must be responsible enough to make sure our voices are heard.”

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Mother threatened to harm son, father said

Boy remains missing after mother’s suicide

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A missing 2-year-old boy was shuffled between two feeding parents and even into foster care in the months before he vanished and his mother committed suicide, newly released documents show.

The boy’s father had reported Melinda Duckett threatened to harm their son on several occasions during their marriage. He even alleged she held a knife to his leg and threatened to kill him last year.

Florida Department of Child & Families investigators determined that was the only allegation that could be verified. In several others, there were “some indicators” for possible child neglect, but little evidence to support abuse, according to the five-page document released Wednesday.

DCF spokesman Tim Bottcher said there were “never really any clear-cut indicators that Trenton was abused.”

Duckett committed suicide almost two weeks after reporting the boy missing Aug. 27 from his bedroom at her Leesburg home. She

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England
Blair, Musharraf meet

Leaders discuss defeat of Afghani insurgents

Associated Press

LONDON — The leaders of Britain and Pakistan pledged their commitment Thursday to defeating insurgents in Afghanistan, brushing aside a leaked British military document that claimed Islamabad's security forces had indirectly supported terrorist groups.

Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Gen. Pervez Musharraf met for two hours, with both reinforcing their support of a NATO-led mission to support the Kabul government, a Blair spokesman said.

The meeting, at Chequers, Blair's official country residence west of London, followed Musharraf's visit to Washington, where he held talks with President Bush and Afghan leader Hamid Karzai.

Thursday's meeting had threatened to be overshadowed by a military document obtained by the British Broadcasting Corp. in which a senior officer maintained Pakistan's Directorate of Inter Services Intelligence — the country's top spy agency — should be dismantled.

The broadcaster reported the document was written by an unidentified senior researcher at the Defense Academy, a defense ministry think tank.

It said the author was also linked to the intelligence services and the document was part of a private British review of efforts across the world to combat terrorism.

Musharraf rejected that allegations that its security forces had indirectly supported terrorist groups and raised the issue during their meeting.

"The president accepted that document is not government policy, so there was no further need to discuss it," said a spokesman for Blair's office, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with policy.

He said Blair also assured Musharraf that British troops would remain in Afghanistan for the "long term," as part of the NATO mission.

Musharraf told Blair he recognized the need to continue working to reduce the amount of cross-border activity between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Britain's defense ministry said the material obtained by the BBC was in no way a report or a policy statement.

Instead, the papers were merely research notes taken by an academic to reflect material seen or collected from a variety of sources — not a collection of facts meant to influence the government's position or policies, a ministry spokesman said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity in line with department policy.

The BBC quoted the document as saying, "Pakistan (through the ISI) has been supporting terrorism and extremism — whether in London on July 7, 2005 or in Afghanistan in 2001."

It reported that the document said "Pakistan is not currently stable but on the edge of chaos."

The defense ministry spokesman, speaking on a strongly worded ministry statement, said "the 'academic research notes' quoted in no way represent the views of either the MoD (defense ministry) or the government."

 migration is one that extends far beyond the nation's borders."

Groody said that "migration is the symptom, not just the problem."

With 200 million people around the world that are migrating — not just from Mexico, but from places like Chad, Sudan, Rwanda and Burundi — Groody said it is important to look at this film, and its message, from a global perspective.

"Out of that, we have to just reflect on what it is in our collective response to what is happening to these people," he said.

For Groody, whose target audience was originally college campuses, the national and international success they have had so far is "calming," he said. "It's a beginning ... we know there are more things that can be done."

Groody financed the film through a variety of different international film festivals, including the Australian Film Festival in late October and the new Way Media Film Festival in November — Groody making sure his original target audience saw the film.

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Surgeon says injuries serious in hazing case

Men may be convicted under anti-hazing law

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The surgeon who operated on an aspiring Florida A&M University fraternity member testified Thursday in a hazing trial that he considered the student's injuries serious although he had no broken bones, muscle damage or lasting effects other than a scar.

The seriousness of the injuries is a key issue. Five defendants are among the first to be charged with violating Florida's new anti-hazing law, which makes it a felony to cause serious bodily damage or death.

Four men are accused of beating Marcus Jones, 20, of Decatur, Ga., with canes and boxing gloves to the point that he suffered a perforated eardrum and needed surgery to remove a blood clot from his buttocks.

The fifth defendant is accused of encouraging Jones and other candidates to bear up under the beatings and reviving them with water if they passed out.

Dr. David Fern said the buttock injury was as severe as he has seen in an auto accident but acknowledged that it affected only 1 percent of the victim's body, and that there was no muscle, nerve or tendon damage and that the injury has healed nicely.

"I consider it a serious injury," Fern said. "He could have had other potential problems."

Jones briefly took the stand Thursday and was questioned about a fraternity investigator's testimony on how he could identify one suspect — Brian Bowman, 23 — while blindfolded.

"There's no doubt in my mind," Jones said. "I can identify his voice."

Accused are Bowman, Cory Gray, 22; Marcus Hughes, 21; Michael Morton, 23; and Jason Harris, 25. Harris is not accused of wielding a cane or boxing gloves.

Also Thursday, Jones' father denied his family has a financial motive for seeking the Florida law firm but acknowledged his attorneys have been planning to sue, he said he wanted the attorneys to help him handle the news media.

When asked whether he was interested only in making sure justice was carried out, "There was this big, huge purple ball protruding out of his right buttocks," he said, "I was angry, very angry. My wife was terrified."

Penalties for violating the anti-hazing law can range from probation to five years in prison.

Iraq

Al-Qaida head posts message

Group's Iraq leader laments insurgency losses, calls for more attacks

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The new leader of Al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly said Thursday in an audio message posted on a Web site that more than 4,000 foreign militants have been killed in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 — the first apparent acknowledgment from the insurgents about their losses.

"The blood has been spilled in Iraq of more than 4,000 foreigners who came to fight," according to the Internet message by a man who identified himself as Abu Hamza al-Muhajir — also known as Abu Ayub al-Masri — the leader of Al-Qaida in Iraq. The voice could not be independently identified.

The Arabic word he used indicated he was speaking about foreigners who joined the insurgency in Iraq, not coalition troops.

Al-Masri's message also urged Muslims to make the holy month of Ramadan a "month of holy war" and urged insurgents in Iraq to kidnap Westerners. Al-Masri is believed to have succeeded Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who died in a U.S. airstrike north of Baghdad in June.

Al-Masri also called for explosives experts and "independent investigators" to join his group's holy war against the West. He said U.S. military bases in Iraq were "good places to test your unconventionality or whether biological or dirty."

Al-Masri urged Muslims to escalate their attacks during the holy month so that God may enable us to capture some of the Western dogs to swap them with our sheik and get him out of his dark prison," the voice on the tape said.

Meanwhile, police found 40 more bodies in the capital, and bombings and shootings killed at least 21 people in a spike of violence with the onset of Ramadan.

A car bomb exploded near a restaurant in central Baghdad, killing five people and wounding 34, police said. Many of the injured had serious burns and some were not expected to survive, police Lt. Ali Mobsen said at the Kindi Hospital.

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Smith: Son died from accidental overdose

Antidepressant, pain reliever caused death

Associated Press

NASSAU — Anna Nicole Smith believes a pathologist’s conclusion that her son died from an accidental lethal combination of drugs shows he didn’t commit suicide and hopes that others will learn from the tragedy, a lawyer said Thursday.

An American examiner hired by the family, Cyril Wecht, 20-year-old Daniel Smith had methadone and two antidepressants in his system when he died Sept. 10 in his mother’s hospital room in the Bahamas. Low levels of the three drugs interacted to cause an accidental death, Wecht said.

“At least she knows the attacks on her son’s reputation can be put to rest because it’s not accidental,” said Wayne Munroe, a Bahamian attorney for the 38-year-old reality TV star and former Playmate Anna Nicole Smith.

Smith, who gave birth to a daughter three days before her son died at her bedside, is awaiting the conclusions of Wecht and the Bahamian pathologist who performed a separate official autopsy, Munroe said. Smith had not determined whether Smith had also been prescribed Zoloft, the other antidepressant found in his system.

The two drugs can be lethal when taken together or in sequence, according to Ann Blake Tracy, the Des Moines, Iowa-based director of the International Coalition for Drug Awareness.

“She doesn’t know anything about the attacks on her son’s reputation because it’s clear he didn’t intentionally take his life,” said Wayne Munroe, a Bahamian attorney for the 38-year-old reality TV star and former Playmate Anna Nicole Smith.

Wecht is waiting for test results on tissue samples before he completes his final report. Smith wants others to learn from her son’s death, Munroe told The Associated Press.

“She wants to see exactly what happened in a final report because it doesn’t happen to someone else’s son,” he said.

Daniel Smith, who reportedly was hospitalized for depression and back pain before he traveled to Nassau, had been prescribed the antidepressant Lexapro, Wecht said. He said he had not determined whether Smith had also been prescribed Zoloft, the other antidepressant found in his system.

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“The residue can stay there for some time, and if they’re prescribed one after they’ve been taken another, they can end up in trouble,” she said.

Wecht said he did not know why Smith was taking methadone, a pain-reliever that is also used to ease heroin cravings for recovering addicts.

The combination of the three drugs, even in low doses, could be fatal, Wecht said.

Lisa Johnson, a pharmacist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said they agreed to be paid less than the official rate of $47 for about a half-pint of blood.

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Disfigured girl receives new face after surgery

Doctors remove life-threatening growth

Associated Press

MIAMI — A Haitian teen who once hid her grossly distorted face smiled and danced Thursday, a sign of how far she has come since doctors removed a 16-pound tumor-like growth.

When Marlie Casseus arrived in Miami in December, the growth had stretched her facial features so far apart that only her eyes, nostrils and a single tooth were recognizable.

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The series of surgeries have progressively flattened Marlie's cheeks, restored her eyes and defined her nose. Her face is still elongated and slightly asymmetrical, and Gomez said she will likely need additional cosmetic surgeries once she stops growing.

Marlie suffers from a rare form of polyostotic fibrous dysplasia, a nonhereditary, genetic disease that causes bone to swell and become jelly-like. The growth began about six years ago, and eventually prevented Marlie from eating, breathing or speaking on her own. Doctors in Haiti gave her no hope to live, Antoine said.

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Bloomberg pushes for trans fats ban in NYC

Mayor cites De Niro's restaurant as example

NEW YORK — Days after city health officials proposed outlawing trans fats in eateries, Mayor Michael Bloomberg defended the ban and tried to drag Robert De Niro into the debate because the actor's restaurants do not use the man-made oil.

De Niro, an owner and investor in several culinary hotspots, went to City Hall on Thursday for a news conference related to his Tribeca Film Festival, but stayed for the mayor's general press briefing, at which Bloomberg was asked about the health department's trans fats ban.

"If you look at some of the best restaurants in this city, including Robert De Niro's, they do not use trans fats because they don't need them in their food," the mayor said. "De Niro, who won Oscars for his roles in "The Godfather: Part II" and "Raging Bull," appeared surprised by the mayor's plug for his restaurants but the 62-year-old actor did not add anything to the argument. A spokeswoman for De Niro confirmed that the mayor was correct.

"We don't use trans fats, we use natural oils," said Tanya Yolum, a spokeswoman for Myriad Restaurant Group. "There really isn't a price difference, so it's not a difficult decision, and it has been our chefs' practice all along."

If the ban is approved by the end of this year, the city Department of Health would require restaurants to strip trans fats from their food by July 2008.

The city chapter of the New York State Restaurant Association says the law would create culinary nightmares for chefs and maintainers. Bloomberg is going too far in trying to outlaw an ingredient this year that ingredient labels show trans fat content. Companies including Frito-Lay and Kraft have reconfigured recipes for many of their most popular packaged goods, including Doritos and Oreos, replacing the trans fats, which are typically listed as partially hydrogenated oil.

Many restaurants have done the same. The example has already set some by city eateries that never used artificial oils in the first place, such as De Niro's Nobu and Tribeca Grill.

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Space tourist details trip in blog

Private citizen describes effects of weightlessness, smell of space

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — She smells like a "burned almond cookie." She praises the wonders of Velcro, and describes the hazards of trying to wash her own clothes.

Space tourist Anousheh Ansari's blog offers uncom­ mon insights into everyday life on the international space station, with the eyes of an American businesswoman.

Her 10-day adventure ended Thursday night when she touched down in a Soyuz vehicle on the steppes of Kazakhstan along with Argon, exhibited an Pavel Vinogradov and U.S. astro­ naut Jeff Williams.

"It is hard for me to write tonight," wrote Thursday in her last posting from space. "My emotions are mixed, and there are millions of thoughts going through my head.

The 40-year-old Iranian-­ born Dallas suburbanite, who signed her "space" Cadet," paid $20 million for her slight adventure. She was a last­ minute substitute for a Japanese businessman who was to be a medical test for space.

Although she has a master's degree in engineering and made a fortune in the telecommunications industry, Ansari's blog entries have been free of tech-heavy jargon, exhibiting an enthu­ siastic, chatty style. She talks topics that vintage, tough-guy astronauts such as Alan Shepard surely would have shirked from: motion sickness, the clumsi­ ness of space suits and personal hygiene.

"Well my friends, I must admit keeping good hygiene in space is not easy! She wrote in the opening of one entry as if a columnist for Cosmopolitan.

She then described washing her hair by opening a water bag to make a huge bubble over her head, rubbing in dry shampoo and then being careful not to make sudden movements that would burst the bubble into small pieces of water floating everywhere.

Zero gravity has made it impossible to keep objects such as those from drifting away, she wrote.

So God invented Velcro for this very purpose. Shhhhh! Don't tell anyone up here but I've lost a few little things already, like my lip-gloss.

One night, she discovered her toes were braided by gripping bars along the walls of the space station. She informed readers that she uses her big toe to hold herself in the place.

And she wrote about the smell of space — spotty and inside the orbiting lab: It was strange, kind of like burned almond cookie, she wrote.

At least eight astronauts have kept online diaries recording their stay at the space station, but they weren't traditional blogs since readers couldn't post responses, as they have on An­ sar i's "blog."

Astronaut Ed Lu, ever described the nitty­ gritty details of going to the bath­ room at the space station. But few achieve the enthralling, intimate tone of Ansari's entries.

Her status as a private citizen describes the details of everyday life better than active astronauts or cosmonauts, said Eligar Sadeh, professor of space studies at the University of North Dakota.

"Given the constraints the astronauts put on themselves, not being able to necessarily speak freely or share the real insights or thoughts, given concerns of them being government employees,"

Sadeh said. "Clearly the blog is an inspiration as well for many individuals."

Hundreds of those individu­ als from around the world have left comments on Ansari's blog.

I've been involved with the theme of manned spaceflight as a student for more than 25 years, read a number of astronauts and cosmonauts, "wrote Luc van Daelen, from the Netherlands in Ansari's blog. "But only reading your blog entries don't really get a taste of what it is like to be in space."
University-staff relations must improve

The series of Town Hall sessions conducted Wednesday and Thursday by University President Father John Jenkins, Provost Tom Bean and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves was intended to show staff members how much they matter.

It was a positive — and much needed — move by the University.

The lack of communication between administrators and workers was formally acknowledged ("The most frustrating thing for many of you is that you work at Notre Dame, but find out about many projects from the newspaper instead of us," Affleck-Graves told staff at Wednesday morning’s meeting). Important developments in building upon that seemingly weak University-staff communication were announced, like a new program that will distribute surveys to staff members to respond anonymously about the positives and negatives of their experience working for the University. Affleck-Graves also promised the implementation of a hotline run by an external party to field complaints workers might not feel comfortable expressing to their supervisors.

It’s commendable that so much time — four one-hour sessions in little more than a 24-hour period — was devoted to reminding staff members of their importance to the University. However, in order to truly include workers in the Notre Dame community, Jenkins and other administrators must evaluate the way they deliver that message.

“Core values are very important,” Jenkins told staff. “They are things that absolutely everyone should have in mind, because this is part of what it means to be part of Notre Dame.”

No one’s disputing the importance of core values. But integrity and accountability — two values emphasized by Jenkins — aren’t going to appease workers who feel underpaid, and the ideological goal of “leadership in mission” isn’t going to comfort a staff member who feels underappreciated.

The bigger picture can be motivating; grandiose visions of the Notre Dame to come may have stirred pride within staff members who attended the meetings. But those same grandiose visions can be overwhelming if workers feel left out of the “something more” that Jenkins envisions as Notre Dame’s destiny.

That sense of isolation would be easy to understand, since the vague wording of Jenkins’ “mission” probably doesn’t strike a chord with every University employee.

If the University wants to develop into that something greater, it’s going to have to do more than expand, construct and renovate — it must continually prioritize the people that make Notre Dame what it is.

If that happens, no one will need to remind workers of their importance. They’ll already know.
On Sept. 12, Pope Benedict XVI delivered a short lecture at his former academic home, the University of Regensburg, on the subject of faith and reason at the Western university. As with so many of Benedict’s cogent and eloquent works, this one is almost entirely unread. Not, of course, unnoticed. Unread.

In brief, Benedict XVI’s argument proceeded as follows. He recalled that the faculties at Regensburg, including the Protestant and Catholic theological faculties, used to gather routinely for the “meeting of faculties” in every sense possible. This image of the meeting of faculties from different disciplines in a Western university resonates conceptually with another notion that of the “resultant Byzantine emperor Manuel II Paleologus with an educated Persian” in the fourteenth century. In the recorded dialogue, the Emperor explains that “not acting reasonably is contrary to God’s nature. Faith is born of the soul, not the body.”

Benedict XVI then turned to a theme he first explored many years ago in his Introduction to Christianity (1968). Not by accident Paul and the Apostles first take the Gospel into the heart of the Hellenistic world. Although he avoids the word in his lecture as well as in that early work, he suggests Providence guided the good news about the Logos of God into the centers of Greek culture, where philosophical thinking about the logos, the reasonable structure of the cosmos, was most sophisticated.

The Greeks understood that the cosmos was constructed according to rational laws, behind which was the superlatively rational intellect. This insight immensely aided the Christian faith in a loving, personal God to unfold progressively throughout the centuries. We could study God’s free creation in the light of His free revelation, and vice versa. One is powerless before revelation; indeed one can only “suffer” it. But once living within its light, one has a responsibility to explore its reasonable-ness (its logos) and to join it by myriad analogies to the other branches of human inquiry.

Cardinal Newman justly expressed the Hellenic Christian vision of Truth as having the form of a perfect circle: it is eternal, and it is comprehensive, excluding nothing. There is no reason this capacious vision of faith and reason could not survive in history for all perpetuity. As Benedict XVI notes, however, it could not survive unchallenged. Perhaps the greatest threat muddled faces is posed by the continued, various forms of zealotry that would break off one shard from the circle and mistake it for the whole.

In the 16th century, the Reformers seemed to break off faith from reason, dispossessing with the latter. Hurrified by the vision of “half-men” who condemned as merely deprived the powers of their own natural reason, rationalist thinkers and their obsession with mathematical and empirical “certainties” emerged. That is, rationalism broke off a small morsel of reason from the circle of truth and mistook it for the whole. Though the story is more complicated than one simple break, it has traditionally been understood that reductive fideism and rationalism are the two camps into which much of the West has become more divided down the centuries.

Benedict XVI, like all his predecessors before him, seeks to heal this rift. Clarifying the problems with Intelligent Design Theory, though it grabs the headlines in America, is an almost irrelevant part of this healing. The pope’s first duty, as the voice of Christ, who healed the blind and deaf, is to correct a “reason which is deaf to the divine and which rejects religion into the realm of subcultures.”

Legal opinion has always claimed that, by relegating to the private sphere all ideas about which there can be significant disagreement, one can preserve a minimum of rationality necessary for the maintenance of state sovereignty. One does not have to be a theologian to see that this is false. Social, political questions have to be argued, and the best arguments are those which provide the most complete intelligible account of themselves—those that survive inquiry down to their deepest foundations; and this always entails an approach to Being and the divine. To pretend that what one worships and what one does the rest of the time is merely one’s personal business is a vicious doctrine. To pretend society is merely a collection of minimal doctrines to keep order between private interests for another day invites catastrophe that only the full breadth of reason in reason that takes faith to its breast can resolve.

Benedict XVI wishes to restore to the public life of Europe the understanding that it is not by disqualifying as “irra­tional” everything not self-evident or sub­ject to the grasp of mankind’s power that one sustains a just political life. Only by plumbing the depths of our creation and nature and sharing our findings can our experiences be made intelligible to each other and our common good preserved.

The zealotry of Islamic extremism, with its burned effigies and bombed edifices, threatens the common life of reason. So also does the deadness of Western rational­ism, which seems intent on squandering a providential gift: the opportunity to help faith in revelation fulfill its destiny, by helping it to seek a rich rational under­standing of itself and a full life to this world and the next. The West is decadent. Not because it does not worship Allah. Rather, just as the Islamic East seems to have forgotten how to read, the West has forgotten how to hear.

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Alfred Hitchcockian psychological thriller

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De Palma emerged on the cinema scene

De Palma remade Howard Hawks' gangster film, "Scarface," in 1983. Starring Al Pacino, the violence and graphic language has been oft criticized; however, this particular film in De Palma's filmography is interesting due to the cult following it has created. Instead of noticing the fact it is a remake, many fans of the film consider scenes of excess and violence part of its "cool factor."

Next to "Scarface" and "The Untouchables" — both gangster pics popular with American audiences — De Palma's most noted film is the Stephen King adaptation "Carrie." Starring a young Sissy Spacek and John Travolta, this film was about the most notorious murder in California, and attempts to make up for the previous lack of grisly details with some uncomfortably long adult video clips and a murder flashback that makes even the most seasoned Nip/Tuck veterans look away in disgust. In the last five minutes of the film — and with the help of the trusty montage — De Palma tries to tie all of the loose ends into a neat package that gives closure to this most notorious of cases. By solving the crime, De Palma essentially takes away the heart of the mystery surrounding the case, an act that would be excusable if the solution was remotely motivated or even interesting. Instead, we are presented with a suspect out of left field, an unconvincing and — if possible — more confusing explanation that somehow motivates Bucky to right the rest of the wrongs in the world, most of which have nothing at all to do with any aspect of the Black Dahlia case.

"The Black Dahlia" attempts to cover far too many plotlines in far too little detail, and De Palma fails to convey the necessity of the case that has stunned California for generations.

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THE GENIUS/HACK COMPLEX: BRIAN DE PALMA

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Brian De Palma is one of the most polarizing directors in Hollywood. Opinions of him range from genius "auteur" to complete and utter hack. Part of the "movie-brat" generation of filmmakers, De Palma has explored genres ranging from the Alfred Hitchcockian psychological thriller "Sisters" (1973) to gangland dramas focusing both on gangsters (1983's "Scarface") and the law that attempts to hinder them (1987's "The Untouchables").

De Palma emerged on the cinema scene alongside contemporaries George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese. These men, along with De Palma, graduated from film schools and were overly cine-literate. They had seen many films and were highly knowledgeable of cinema theory.

They rebelled against the "director as technician" mode of filmmaking predominant in Hollywood up to that point and instead focused on an authorship mode of filmmaking in which their personal vision shaped their films.

Unlike Lucas with his "Star Wars" trilogy and Spielberg with "Jaws," De Palma was not a director that had a megabudget in the 1970s. Instead he focused on darker themes that did not appeal to as large an audience as did the works of the aforementioned directors. In this vein, De Palma released "Obsession" in 1976 starring John Lithgow. Written by Paul Schrader, a screenwriter who has worked with Scorsese and is also part of the "movie-brat" generation, this film focused on male-female relationships and explored further love and romance in the style of Hitchcock.

This film, along with many others of De Palma's to come, was criticized because it was seen too much as an homage to Hitchcock (the script was based on Hitchcock's "Vertigo") and less than original.

Following in the same remake vein, De Palma remade Howard Hawk's gangster film, "Scarface," in 1983. Starring Al Pacino, the violence and graphic language has been oft criticized; however, this particular film in De Palma's filmography is interesting due to the cult following it has created. Instead of noticing the fact it is a remake, many fans of the film consider scenes of excess and violence part of its "cool factor."

Next to "Scarface" and "The Untouchables" — both gangster pics popular with American audiences — De Palma's most noted film is the Stephen King adaptation "Carrie." Starring a young Sissy Spacek and John Travolta, this film was popular as a horror film but also explored teen issues and made use of De Palma's signature split screen and slow motion, showcasing his preference for visual storytelling rather than dialogue.

All his creativity aside, recent years have brought a blockbuster style to his filmmaking. 2000s "Mission to Mars" was a sci-fi drama that seemed to have little to do with his previous films, and "Mission: Impossible" was a complete blockbuster with little room for exploration. While De Palma was able to explore interesting twists on love and romance, the star power of Tom Cruise tends to overshadow any directorial nuances that may have been present.

2006's brings De Palma to "The Black Dahlia." This film melds his love of gangsters — albeit in a more noirish fashion than his previous films — his interest in gender relations and the perdition of male lust. Initial feedback has been negative, but, by this point, De Palma has thick enough skin to handle the critics.

Loved and hated, De Palma has consistently been able to find films he wants to make. His vast knowledge of cinema makes his film a joy to watch — even if the narratIVES are not particularly strong. He has also made a diverse range of films, from horror to action and everything in between. Not as well known as other film-makers, he is nonetheless a creative mind who is in love with movies.

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Brian De Palma on the set of this year's "The Black Dahlia," directs Josh Hartnett and Scarlett Johansson. The criticism this film has received is nothing new to De Palma.

Childhood movies bring a tear to my eye

By BRIAN DOXATER
Scene Editor

There are some films that I like to call "forgotten classics." Nobody else seems to remember them and if we talk about them today, only our peers seem to know what we're talking about. I don't even remember movies like "Lalyn-lin" or "Hook," because those movies are classics in a weird sort of way — and more importantly, people remember them. I mean the obscure stuff that nobody seems to even think about except in the most inopportune times, like during tests or mass interviews. The thing about these movies is that they're actually pretty good, except that nobody seems to know they exist. With that in mind, let's take a trip down memory lane and remember some of those oldies but goodies from our younger days.

The Rocketeer

For years I thought Brendan Fraser was in this movie, mostly because it seems like the weird kid of part he would take. Turns out it's some guy named Bill Campbell not to be confused with the truly awesome Bruce Campbell of "Evil Dead" fame who stars in this period piece about a guy who gets a jetpack and becomes a symbol of patriotic heroism triumphing over the Nazis. It's pretty and serial-esque, but the concept is truly cool and the outfits and design are actually pretty decent. Timothy Dalton, a one-time James Bond, is the villain and Jennifer Connelly is the girlfriend.

Dick Tracy

Based on the old comic strip, "Dick Tracy" was directed by Warren Beatty, who also stars as the square-jawed detective. The film's design, which evokes old comic strips, is superb. And the cast is great. Really. Al Pacino plays Big Boy Caprice, the crooked gangster hoolie, Dustin Hoffman is a memorable mummifying rat and Madonna is Breathless Mahoney ... actually, Madonna is really only eye candy until the twist ending.

Pacino actually got nominated for an Oscar for this role, which is surprising because he didn't get nominated for "The Godfather Part III" which came out the same year. It amazingly won a few awards and was nominated for a bunch more. And come on, how could someone not like a movie in which characters have names like Flatop, Little Face, The Brain and 88 Keys?

Ton

Disney pumped a ton of money into this special effects-driven film about computer geeks who enter an electronic world and it shows — kind of. The effects are way outdated and the storyline and acting is pretty horrific, but all that overlooks how cool this film once was. The scenes in which characters drive around on a 2D plane on futuristic motorcycles are worth the price of admission. The storyline is about some computer who wants to take over the world or something, but it doesn't really matter. All that matters is the crazy 1980s special effects, which even manage to overshadow Jeff Bridges (who somehow managed to put this film behind him and become a legitimately good actor). The whole thing is kind of goofy, but if taken on its own terms, "Ton" is still as much fun today was it was 20 years ago.

There are other films I could talk about, like "Flight of the Navigator" or the original "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." Freeman even said sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, and, a lot of times, nostalgia is simply that — nostalgia. But in these cases, I always wondered why these films don't get more attention. They awoke our forum of wonder as we were able to fly through the sky with jetpacks fighting Nazis, join the world of comic books and actually enter a video game. I loved all of these films.

While they may not be "good" movies when stacked up against the more likable ones of "Clackers Kane" and "Casablanca," they make me remember better days, and I hope some of you remember them too.

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"The Rocketeer," starring Bill Campbell and released in 1991, soon developed a cult following due to his trademark leather jacket and aerodynamic helmet.
DETROIT — Kenny Rogers slammed the ball off the rubber and it rose over his head just before he walked off the mound following an awful start.

The Detroit Tigers will need him to pitch much better today — and the division is on the line.

Rogers was roughed up by the Toronto Blue Jays, who built a 7-3 lead before holding off Detroit for an 8-7 victory Thursday night, cutting the Tigers’ lead in a half-game in the AL Central.

The Minnesota Twins had a chance to pull into a tie at home Thursday night against Kansas City. But they lost 4-3 in 10 innings because they lost the season series.

Detroit closes the regular season at home with a three-game series against Kansas City, and it appears Rogers will start the first game.

"I’m not going to give them a reason to go to the next game type of thing, I can tell you that right now," manager Jim Leyland said. "If we win three games, we’re the champs. That’s one break we’ve got. It can’t get any worse. We can’t take advantage of it, shame on us."

Rogers, who will likely start Detroit’s playoff series since 1998 and has a career record of 259-166, earned — on eight hits, a walk and a hit batter. He lasted just 3 2/3 innings, his shortest outing in two months and one of the worst in what has been a season to forget.

"I’m not going to dwell on it too long. I’ve done pretty well in two months and one of the best starting rotations we’ve got. If we can’t take those, I’m not trying to take advantage of it, shame on us," Leyland said.

Rogers fired a perfect first inning and then grimaced. On the very next pitch, he gave up a single and a walk.

He was mixing up his pitches like he usually does, said Gregg Zaun, who scored two runs and had two hits. "But he gave some of us up, and fortunately we were able to hit them."

The Tigers scored within a run of a three-run seventh, capped by Sean Casey’s run-scoring double, after scoring two runs in the sixth and one in the fourth.

Toronto went ahead 8-6 in the eighth on a double-play groundout. When Leyland went to the mound to take the half from Rogers, the pitcher轰ed it in disgust and walked off the field.

"He was mixing up his pitches like he usually does, and I’m very comfortable with that," Leyland said. "If they’re good in the playoffs, we’ll do OK. If they don’t, we won’t."

Baltimore 7, New York 1

Daniel Cabrera walked the first batter of the game, hit two batters and threw a wild pitch before Robinson Cano slapped a clean opposite-field single in the fifth.

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Dallas wide receiver Terrell Owens looks at his cell phone while sitting in the Cowboys locker room in Irving, Texas, Thursday. Police said Owens' medical emergency on Tuesday was an "accidental overdose."

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Associated Press

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IN BRIEF

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Oswalt leads Houston to ninth straight win

Talk about Mr. September: Oswalt is 51-16 in his career during the second half of a season. He is 9-1 in his last 13 starts, with Houston winning 12 of those 13. And the right-hander is 17-2 in 22 September starts since 2002.

NL batting leader Freddy Sanchez of the Pirates went 0-4-4 after having six hits in the first two games of the series. He is hitting .344, and his lead over Florida’s Miguel Cabrera — up to 11 points two days ago — is down to five points.

Brad Lidge pitched a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 38 opportunities, after Trever Miller and Chad Qualls combined to pick up the eighth.

Los Angeles 19, Colorado 11

Rookie James Loney tied the Dodgers’ franchise record with nine RBIs, including a grand slam and a two-run homer, and Los Angeles outslugged Colorado Thursday to keep the pressure on San Diego and Philadelphia.

The Dodgers started the day a game ahead of Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race and a game behind San Diego in the NL West. Both the Phillies and Padres played later Thursday.

Getting the start at first base with Nomar Garciaparra dealing with sore side and thigh muscles, Loney hit a grand slam in the first, a two-run double in the third, a run-scoring single in the fifth and a two-run homer in the seventh before striking out in the eighth.

That tied the club record for RBIs set by Gil Hodges for Brooklyn on Oct. 31, 1950, against the Boston Braves. It’s the first nine-RBI game in the National League since Sammy Sosa did it at Coors Field on Aug. 10, 2002.

The wild win was the Dodgers’ 15th in 19 games against the Rockies this season. They blew a five-run lead when Colorado scored seven times in the fourth to take a 10-8 lead, but the Dodgers tied it in the fifth and then put together a seven-run rally themselves in the sixth.

Kenny Lofton (third) and Marlon Anderson (12th) hit back-to-back homers off Ray King (1-4), and Wilson Betemit added a two-run double off Jose Mesa, who also served up Loney’s two-run shot. Lofton came around on an error to make it 17-10.

Left-hander Mark Hendrickson (2-7), the fourth Dodgers pitcher, picked up the win. He gave up an unearned run on one hit in two innings.

Dodgers right-hander Brad Penny left the game after one inning with stiffness in his lower back and is day to day, the team said. Penny, who has struggled since the All-Star break, allowed four hits, including a three-run home run to Matt Holliday, as the Rockies batted around in the first inning.

Penny was lifted for a pinch hitter in the top of the second, right after Loney’s grand slam off Byung-Hyun Kim gave Los Angeles a 4-3 lead.

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SMC Soccer

Belles start five-game road trip in Kalamazoo

After a big win against Alma to start off conference play, Saint Mary's continues MIAA action this weekend

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will start a long road trip this weekend when it travels to Kalamazoo for its second conference game of the year. The Belles will play a stretch of five away games before returning to their home field Oct. 21.

The team is 1-3 on the road so far this season with its only win coming in a 3-1 victory over Mount Mercy during the Sal Vaccaro Invitational Sept. 16.

Saint Mary's comes into the contest with a full head of steam after winning its first conference game against Alma Tuesday afternoon. Sophomore Lauren Hinton scored twice and freshman Colleen Ferguson added a third goal to beat the Scots 3-0 at home.

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“Our defense has done a good job of staying organized and coverage of key players has also been well done.”

The four-year starter also stressed the importance of putting pressure on the Hornets. As was evident in the Alma game, getting out to a quick lead can go a long way in slowing down an opponent's attack.

The Belles looked sharp on the offensive side of the ball this week, consistently connecting on passes and pushing the action up the field with authority.

“We created a lot of great chances — it would have been nice to put a few more in but it was good to see the offense coming together,” head coach Caryn MacKenzie said following Tuesday's win.

On several occasions the Belles were a matter of inches away from turning the game into a blowout. The team will need to capitalize on these opportunities against Hornet goalkeeper Kassandra Johnston, who has been solid between the posts all year with a 1.55 goals against average.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY
Gray leads team into Sean Earl Invitational

Saint Mary’s travels to Chicago after solid performance last week
By BECKI DORNER
News Writer

The Belles head into the 34th annual Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational hosted by Loyola University in Chicago this Saturday with confidence after a solid performance at the MIAA Jamboree and a focused week of training.

Megan Gray, recently named Saint Mary’s Athlete of the Week, clocked a 20:14 at the Jamboree, a performance that teammate Katie White described as a “fantastic race — [beating] some of the best runners in our conference.” Her time helped the Belles finish fifth in the eight team field, but Saint Mary’s was just a small point spread of 18 away from third.

Coach Jackie Bauters was especially pleased with her team’s improved mental toughness in the Jamboree but still wanted to focus this week on scenario routes along Lake Michigan. However, the course’s design will test the Belles, she said. “Some goals that I think the whole team should focus on is pushing the hill that we need to run up three times,” she said. “The last mile is a little different since it takes a lot of focus so we should work to keep up the momentum.”

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SMC VOLLEYBALL
Close battle ends in loss
Belles force Bethel College to fifth game but cannot pull out a win
By SAMANTHA LEONARD
News Writer

The Belles had a hard fought match last night, but just could not come through with the win. The team lost in five games to Bethel, 30-26, 19-30, 25-30, 30-22, 12-15.

Junior Amanda David Setter had 44 assists and 11 digs.

Anne Casack Senior Libero led the team in digs with 25 digs.

In addition to their strong play, Kristen Playko was once again played like a team leader with 17 kills, 12 digs and 2 block assists.

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was disappointed with the loss, but did have some encouraging words. “This was a well fought match by both teams,” she said. “Unfortunately, in the last game of the match, we really beat ourselves by missing 4 serves and, in the short game especially, you can’t afford those kind of errors.”

She did see improvement in the Belles’ play, though. “On the whole, I feel better about our play tonight than I do how we played in our win against Tri-State earlier this week,” Schroeder-Biek said. “Tonight, we competed.”

Saint Mary’s will take on Albion and Adrian in their second and third conference matches of the week tonight, at the Adrian Triangular. Albion has a record of 1-6 in the MIAA Conference with a 6-8 record overall. Adrian will prove to be tougher with a record of 4-2 in the MIAA Conference and 9-6 overall.

Saint Mary’s is tied for third in the conference with Adrian, but anything can happen in the tri-team conference match ups.

The match against Albion will start at 6 p.m. and will be held at Adrian. At 8 p.m. Saint Mary’s will take on Adrian.

Senior Amanda David sets the ball for sophomore Kaeta Heilman in a 3-1 loss to Hope College Sept. 5.
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Runners confident in 51st annual ND Invite

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

In their second consecutive race at Notre Dame, the Irish are confident in their chances of winning. Unfortunately, 14 top-30 teams are coming to South Bend today to ensure that doesn't happen.

The Notre Dame Invitational, now in its 51st year, will start at 2 p.m. today at the Burke Memorial Golf Course with the women's gold division. The Notre Dame women's varsity team will run at 4:15 p.m., the men's varsity team following at 5 p.m.

Yesterday's rains will effectively slow the racers but could help the Irish, who already have a better lay of the course.

"It will be a softer ground this week," Notre Dame coach Joe Piane said. "The times should be about what they were at the week," Notre Dame coach Joe Piane said. "The times should be about what they were at the week," Notre Dame coach Joe Piane said. "The times should be about what they were at the week," Notre Dame coach Joe Piane said. "The times should be about what they were at the week.

The Irish women are coming off an impressive win two weeks ago when they tied with then-No. 18 Marquette for first in the National Catholic Championship at 28 points. Led by junior Sunni Olding — the overall winner of the NCC and only second repeat winner of that event — the Irish have been successful in their two events this season.

But Notre Dame will face its toughest challenge of the season when it matches up against seven top-ranked teams in the blue division race, including No. 3 Michigan and No. 7 Illinois.

Today will also prepare the Irish for their more important races later in the season. Having already squared off and performed well against Big East foes Marquette and Duquesne in the NCC, Notre Dame will get an early crack against some of the best teams in the Great Lakes NCAA Regional.

If Notre Dame hopes to advance to the NCAA Championship race later in the season, it will have to finish high in the Big East and NCAA Regional meet later this year, and having a race now against future opponents will help it prepare.

"For the No. 16 Irish men, there's good reason to look forward to this race. The team will insert its top two runners — Kurt Bennunger and Patrick Smyth.

"When you add those two guys into the lineup you can only get better," Piane said. "There's a reason they are the one and two runners for us this year.

One main problem the Irish had in their race two weeks ago was their inability to run in a tight pack, something necessary to win against opponents like those Notre Dame faces today. While Jake Watson came in second and Brett Adams and Mike Popejoy were able to stay together near the front of the race and have a strong pack behind them, we can be very successful.

Practice for the Irish this week has also included a lot of tough workouts to ready the team for the competition it will face. Not including Notre Dame, there are 14 top-30 teams in the race, with No. 1 Wisconsin heading that group.

"This will be our first big test," Piane said. "We're a little bit thinner than we were last year, but I think we'll do well."

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By ANDREW KOVACH, JOHN TIERNEY and VINCE KENEALLY
Sports Writers

Two teams hungry for victory will take the field Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. when the Purple Weasels square off against theLewis Babes on Riehle Fields at 2 p.m.

The Purple Weasels, fresh off a 20-0 victory over Farley, look to continue their winning ways this weekend. The defending Interhall league champions rebounded last weekend following a crushing 13-12 loss to Pangborn. In their two victories this season, the PW squad has managed to outscore its opponents 40-0, posting two 20-0 shutouts.

PW captain Maureen Spring knowledgeably explained that her team needs to continue its consistency to post a win against a solid Lewis squad on Sunday.

"We need to just play our game, when we play our game and execute we do well," she said.

Opposing the Purple Weasels, the Chick have still yet to stretch their winning two halves of football good enough for a victory.

"We've improved every game, just one big mistake has always cost us," said Lewis captain Min de la Riosa.

"They pushed the ball up the field and just couldn't get any points on the board," she explained.

De la Riosa emphasized that the Chick need to improve their early season futility and remain focused on their game throughout.

"We need to keep our spirits up and hopefully we can win some games but we've just got to keep our spirits up and know we are just one of the race for the playoffs and we'll be a tough team to beat," she said.

While PW may be tempted to look ahead to the rest of the regular season and the playoff matchups, de la Riosa knows that any casualty will not fly away her squad.

"While our record is unfortunate, to us it's a portrayal of our abilities, so we are not a team that should be taken lightly," she explained.

Cavanaugh vs. PE

Cavanaugh and Pasquerella Interhall enter their women's soccer game this weekend in the Interhall contest Sunday at 1 p.m. on Riehle Fields with two minutes left in the game. The Chaos women will try to finish their season strongly after clinching a playoff berth Tuesday, while the Pyros just hope to keep their postseason hopes alive.

Cavanaugh is coming off an emotional 6-0 win in the last two minutes over Walsh Tuesday that captain Kerri Bergan said "couldn't have gotten more intense." Bergan believes her team will avoid the temptation to relax after the remarkable victory, as the Chaos is focused on remaining undefeated and entering the playoffs on a high note.

"We started it early and we want to win," she said.

Bergan's team was inspired Tuesday by Saturday's Notre Dame varsity game, as the dramatic outcome taught the squad that anything can happen, no matter how little time is remaining on the clock. This lesson helped the team stay focused after scoring its touchdown with 3:17 left in the first half and should help with little at stake on Sunday.

This focused determination is contrasted by Pyro captain Molly Fox.

"Our heads were not in the game," said Fox of her team's 25-0 loss to Welsh Family Tuesday. "They say that this lackadaisical attitude will change on Sunday, after intense practices all week and a revised game plan that calls for more aggressive passing against the Chaos.

The ultimate goal of the Pyros is to make the playoffs.

"We have nothing to lose going into this game, so we will go out and do it all on the line," Fox said.

"Basically, we want to get to the playoffs and win high quality games," said Fox.

"We acknowledge Cavanaugh's quality so far this season, but thinks her team can stop their streak.

"We don't think any team in our league has a chance for runaway domination," she said.

Cavanaugh will use the rest of the regular season as preparation for the playoffs, Bergan said. "We want to make it to the Stadium this year and win, so that's what we are focused on right now," she said.

Walsh vs. Lyons

Walsh and Lyons both enter their matchups on Sunday at 1 p.m. on Riehle Fields coming off disappointing losses Tuesday despite playing well enough to win the game.

Walsh lost 6-0 to Cavanaugh in a game that went down to the wire. Despite the loss, captain Mary Claire Sullivan summed up the game in one phrase.

"We played well," she said.

Sullivan and the Wild Women were outscored 13-12 by the Purple Weasels but insist that there still is room for improvement.

"We will do what we've always done — play as a team," Sullivan said. "We're going to stick to what we know best — having fun.

Sullivan stresses fun as the team's most important goal for the season, as well.

"We want to get to the Stadium but we want to have some fun along the way," she explained.

The Wild Women have the talent to win any game they play, Sullivan believes.

"We have so much talent on our team that it's hard for the coaches to maximize it," she said.

"We're turned on a deep ball," the cornerback Wilson. "We returned a punt for a TD.

"It's not that this game is more important in the standings," said RP captain Melissa Meagher. "But it's a lot of fun since we know a lot of our teammates are watching.

Farley vs. Breen-Phillips

A North Quad rivalry will renew this Sunday, as neighbors Farley and Breen-Phillips square off at Riehle Fields at 4 p.m.

"It's not that this game is more important in the standings," said RP captain Melissa Meagher. "But it's a lot of fun since we know a lot of our teammates are watching.

Farley captain Kim Crehan is looking forward to a great match up, she said.

"The game comes at a good time for the Finest, as they seem to be hitting their stride. After a 0-2 start without scoring a touchdown they exploded for 28 points in a 28-21 victory over Howard on Thursday night.

Quarterback Brittany Baron led a strong offensive effort, but got a lot of help from her defense, which recorded a season high five interceptions.

"It's a matter of executing getting the job done," said captain Cheryl Wilson.

"We must improve our special teams, which have been a focal point for the playoffs," she said.

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Belles to fight illness, bunker-laden course

By REBECCA SLINGER
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The Belles will look to overcome illness to place well at the NCAA Farmhouse Invitational this weekend. It will take place on Blackthorn, their home course.

Despite being sick, several team members will play in the tournament. However, junior captain Katie O'Brien will be forced to sit out of the tournament for health reasons, a major blow for the Belles.

"At the end of the day, every game is very important," Clark said. "The fact that they're above us adds a little motivation to chip away, but it doesn't change anything."

The Irish will be led by senior midfielder Ian Joyce, who has posted four game-winning goals. It will also depend on support from senior goalkeeper Ian Joyce, who was the Big East goalkeeper of the week starting Sept. 15.

For the Irish, Chris Cahill will again defend the net. Cahill, who has posted four shutouts in his eight games, was not challenged much in any of the last three matchups. Clark, however, is not worried about his senior.

"The hardest games for goalkeepers are games like the last three, [where] he's had little to do but he's still had to keep his concentration," Clark said. "I think it'll be easier for him once he gets a little more action."

Ultimately, Clark is confident that the momentum Notre Dame has built in the past week will carry into Saturday's contest.

"Winning is a habit, and losing is a habit," he said. "One of the hardest things to do is break a habit. Hopefully this habit of winning will be equally hard to break."

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East leaderbaord, however, has not been driving the Irish.

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The Irish may play without senior midfielder Ian Elberington, who suffered a deep bone bruise in his leg on Saturday against Pittsburgh and sat out Wednesday's match against Marquette. His condition has been evaluated day-to-day.

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said.

Junior co-captain Adrianna Stasiuk was named Big East Player of the Week Monday after she led the Irish in wins over Rutgers and Villanova last weekend. Stasiuk tallied 26 kills and 25 digs in Notre Dame's opening conference matches and had a hitting percentage of .737 against Rutgers—the highest percentage since Malinda Goralski hit .833 Sept. 22, 2000.

"I thought [Stasiuk] had a really good week, not just in her physical play but in leading the team," Debbie Brown, Irish coach.

"I know that the academic load is getting a bit tougher. I think it's the perfect time for us to have a weekend with one match."

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Brown said Notre Dame has scouted Seton Hall well and is determining its weaknesses in receiving the serve—something the Irish excel in delivering, with 50 aces on the season for an average of 1.75 per game.

"We've been a very strong serving team, and we can continue to use that as a very strong weapon for us," Brown said. "We've spotted a couple of players that we think are a little weak in the way that they receive serves."

It will be the first weekend that the Irish will have only one game to play since the season started with a one-game stand Aug. 25th against Bowling Green. The past four weekends has seen the team play four, three, three and two matches apiece. "I know that the academic load is getting a lot tougher," Brown said. "I think it's the perfect time for us to have a weekend with one match. It's a much needed break for the team right now."

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change for the Irish, who have seen teams pack their own boxes and play conservatively all year.

"Ever since [2-1 win over] Santa Clara [Sept. 3], teams have been playing defensively against us," Waldrum said. "I don't know if it's scouting or if we're doing something to put them on their heels."

For their part, the Irish have held their last five opponents—Louisville, Michigan, DePaul, SMU and TCU—without a goal. While Waldrum chalked up the first few shutouts to luck and timely saves, he said Tuesday that he's impressed with the back wall's progress.

"Our back four has really solidified," he said. "We've got five or six that play well back there. I feel much better about our defense than I did earlier this season."

Waldrum attributed part of the defensive improvement to the health of senior co-captain Kim Lorenzen, who missed most of fall practice with an injury. Another significant asset is the return of sophomore Carrie Dew, who missed the first few games of the season while competing with Team USA at the 20-World Championships in Russia.

"Having Carrie Dew back has been huge, with her experience and composure back there," he said. "Also Kim Lorenzen is back in her groove now."

Notre Dame will also host Pittsburgh Sunday at 1 p.m. Waldrum said his team cannot overlook the Panthers (6-2-1, 1-1-1 Big East), despite the big game on Friday. "This is one of those teams that can creep up on you if you're not ready," said Waldrum of Pittsburgh. "They're a team that's good enough to beat you if you overlook them. We can't put too much on West Virginia because we have to turn around and play Pitt two days later."

And while he said the West Virginia game presents the greater challenge, Waldrum wants his team to remember that both games count equally in the Big East standings and at the end of the season.

"At the end of the day, we want to run the table in the conference. We want as many wins as we can get." Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

Missouri's Juliana Klein attempts to block a shot from Notre Dame outside hitter Mallorie Croal during a 3-2 loss to the Tigers in the Shamrock Invitational Sept. 2.

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Two weeks removed from its defeat of defending champion Zahn, Knott is coming off a 16-6 win over Siegfried.

"We were disappointed with the start last game, but we expect to be sharper this week," Jaggerknott quarterback Justin Belz said. "This week in practice we've been working on taking the ball, having better timing, and not giving up the big play.

"One of the key players for the Knott offense will be wide receiver Joe Grop, who Belz says has all of the team's touchdowns this year.

Meanwhile, Sorin evened up its record last week with a 46-0 win over St. Ed's.

With all respect to the Stedsmen, this week will provide a much stiffer test to the Otters. However, that did not prevent Sorin captain Pete Lavorini from tossing out a bit of pre-game ballyhoo.

"I think that everyone knows how good we are," he said. "I don't know a lot about Knott, but they're not that good."

"One thing that I will say is that we'll definitely be the better looking team out there," he added.

The Otters may have a hard time maintaining that hand- somely when it comes to face a stout defense anchored by middle linebacker Kevin Smith. However, they did receive a lift back from a two-game suspension.

Defensively, Lavorini says that outside linebacker Chris Petersen will "bring the pain." Belz, however, feels that his team can have some success against the Otters defense.

"We've seen their defensive style before," he said. "They had some injuries this year, but with another week of preparation, we should come out on top.

Lavorini begged to differ.

"We [have] the advantage in coaching and mental intimation," he said. "We just can't beat ourselves, because we know how effective our offense can be."

Stanford vs. Keough

The Stanford Redskins look to take advantage of their momentum, after a 13-7 win over Dillion last weekend, as they go head to head with Keough this Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

"Our defense needs to keep doing what we're doing," Griffins quarterback Brian Salvi said. "I think a lot changed at half time against Dillion last week because the defense realized that they weren't playing like they should. Their adjustment came with their attitude. They're a little more angry and playing with a little more intensity, and that's what we need."

With a win Sunday, Stanford would move to 2-1 and become a part of a tight playoff race.

Keough is trying to do anything in its power to prevent a showing like last week. With some image, as they face a strong Kangaroos team, coming off a 26-0 loss to O'Neill.

"Our key to success was our offensive line controlling the game," he said. "We really need to manage the early offensive game. Our offensive line had the game."
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sacking Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney for a loss. Beyer's defensive effort gave the team a lot of little help when Mooney connected with Meghan Bescher in the end zone to score a two-point conversion. Despite some very creative plays early in the Shamrocks' offense, McGlinn continued to struggle to convert first downs. The Pangborn defense repeated broke up passes and stultified the running game. With just under 10 seconds remaining, Riemersma intercepted a McGlinn pass and returned it for a touchdown. A fake hand off and pass to Bescher scored her third touchdown. Pangborn's defense continued to struggle to convert first downs, the Pangborn offense repeated broke up passes and a fumbled handoff, the Pangborn offense was retired and the Pangborn offense showed off its depth using Brynn Johnson on a run to score their final touchdown of the game. A failed run for the extra point kept the Pangborn up 36-0. On their possession McGlinn would convert a first down and then field goal attempt, leaving the Shamrocks with no points on the board. Standing 4-0, the Shamrocks look to be a formidable contender for the St. John's conference and the way they took it to McGlinn shows that they are serious. "We are preparing for the playoffs," Holder said.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

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By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Irish look to extend shutout streak against West Virginia and Pittsburgh this weekend

An unstoppable force will meet an immovable object tonight at Alumni Field. At 7:30, No. 6 West Virginia (8-0-2, 2-0-0 Big East) will bring its 3.4 goals per game average to No. 1 Notre Dame (9-0-0, 2-0-0 Big East), who hasn’t been scored on in five contests.

“They’re one of the best teams in our conference and they’re off to a good start,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “It’s going to a go a long way toward determining how the conference turns out this year.”

Led by junior forward Kim Bonilla, the Mountaineers have scored four or more goals six times this season. Their attacking style will be a way toward determing how the conference turns out this year.

With the pieces of the season finally falling into place, No. 17 Notre Dame’s road trip to New Jersey will serve as an opportunity.

The Irish, undefeated in their last three games, will kick off a two-game road trip Wednesday at Providence for fourth place in the Big East and Friday, September 29, 2006 at Seton Hall. The Pirates (6-3-2, 4-2-0) are tied with Providence for fourth place with 12 points.

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Those numbers have satisfied Irish head coach Bobby Clark, who said he is pleased with the way the team has come together.

“Winning reinforces what we already knew — that we are a very good team,” he said. “Anyone who plays sport knows confidence is a very big part of someone performing, [and] it’s a very fragile commodity.”

The fact that Seton Hall currently sits atop the Big East Conference is at the front of both team’s minds. “It’s going to be a celebration afterward,” senior Sarah Thomas, who leads the Irish in heads up in the Big East, said. “Just hanging out with the team like we always do,” she said.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown up for 500th career win

Irish coach focused on preparing for match, not milestone victory

By KYLE CASSILY
Assoc. Sports Writers

A victory Saturday over Seton Hall would be No. 500 for Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw. But to her it’s just another stop on the schedule.

“I feel like we’re very well prepared to play Seton Hall,” she said. “I actually have thought about what number win it is. We are prepared to go in and have a good match and I’m very much looking forward to that.”

The Irish (8-2, 2-0 Big East) will travel to New Jersey for the second straight week to play Seton Hall in the second weekend of both team’s conference schedule. The Pirates (6-1-4, 1-2 Big East) split their opening conference matches with a win over Georgetown and a loss to South Florida.

And if that 500th win does come Brown’s way, there won’t be a celebration afterward.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Notre Dame takes on surging Seton Hall squad

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“Winning reinforces what we already knew — that we are a very good team,” he said. “Anyone who plays sport knows confidence is a very big part of someone performing, [and] it’s a very fragile commodity.”

The fact that Seton Hall currently sits atop the Big East Conference is at the front of both team’s minds. “It’s going to be a celebration afterward,” senior Sarah Thomas, who leads the Irish in heads up in the Big East, said. “Just hanging out with the team like we always do,” she said.

INTERHALL

Pangborn tops McGlinn; Carroll faces St. Ed’s

By KATE DONLIN and SARAH THOMAS
Sports Writers

The Phoxes are on the prowl. Their most recent prey, McGlinn, fell victim Thursday night on a chilly Riehle West field, 36-0.

Pangborn hit the ground running, scoring on its first two possessions and overcoming both point-after attempts. The Phoxes’ defense never let the Shamrocks’ offense get into a groove, sacking the quarterback on the first play after the Phoxes’ second touchdown. McGlinn’s captain Maddie Boyer answered back a few possessions later, but Pangborn was already rolling.

Pangborn tops McGlinn; Carroll faces St. Ed’s

By MICHAEL BURDELL and AMY DIXON
Sports Writers

This weekend’s 1 p.m. game at Riehle Fields between the bickering Saint Edward’s and the Vermin of Carroll features two of the smallest male halls on campus. It also features two teams headed in completely different directions.

Carroll opened its season with a bang, beating the Sorin Otters with a spectacular passing game. However, they are coming off a bye, so the Stedsmen have the advantage of an
PRAYERFUL AND PROTECTIVE

Irish offensive lineman Ryan Harris balances his time on the field with his Islamic faith and aspirations for public service.
Time for backfield adjustments

When word got out freshman running back James Aldridge was preparing this week with the first-team offense — Notre Dame fans everywhere stopped, gathered their thoughts and breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Because on an offense where second and eighth are more common than second and sixes — the difference of which can't be emphasized enough — the highly touted, explosive freshman might be the solution.

He also might be the key to the rest of Notre Dame's season.

This is not a knock on Darius Walker — his elusiveness, the threat he poses on third down and his size make him a highly valuable commodity for the 2006 Irish. And so is the jury on Brady Quinn in situations where the player in question is out. And so is the jury on Tom Zbikowski, Irish strong safety.

Charlie Weis will not admit that Walker is a concern. He has praised the junior throughout the short season. And it's hard to argue against a guy with four Super Bowl rings and a 12-4 college record — especially when the player in question is third all time at Notre Dame in yards per game (89.8), behind Allen Pickett (89.9) and Dame in yards per game (81.8), Quinn.

But let's take a look at some first-quarter numbers in 2006.

Enter Aldridge.

It's an undeniable fact the more explosive a running back is, the quicker he can hit the holes.

And while Walker excels on cutbacks, draws and screens, Notre Dame needs another option at running back that can be more reliable in creating better situations on second and third downs.

Sure, James Aldridge might not be the answer. He's a true freshman with no college experience, and Weis would be putting a lot on his shoulders by expecting him to bear the responsibility of providing consistency in an offense that currently can't spell the word.

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Weis said in his press conference Tuesday he does not have to pound the ball, Aldridge might be able to hit the holes Walker has damed behind and give Quinn and Weis a viable chance to get to second and fourth with a first-down run. He could also allow Walker to be a bigger factor in sets where he does not have to pound the football. Imagine how dangerous Walker's delays and screens could be when he and Aldridge are spelling each other.

And, if anything else, it will give Notre Dame a look at what it has for the next four years.

Weis said Tuesday he is not in the business of making friends or enemies. If one player gives the team a better chance of winning. Well, if Aldridge has a breakout first game, the old ball coach will be forced to prove it.

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An anchor of the Irish offensive line, Ryan Harris has gone from reality show star to freshman All-American to aspiring politician.

By KATE GALES

Irrish Insider

MTV, ESPN. Next up, C-SPAN? Not this time. Senior left tackle Ryan Harris has started 36 games on the Irish offensive line and been featured on MTVs True Life series but he really wants a curtain call on the football field.

"It may not be the typical life path for a student-athlete, but Harris isn't typical.

He's devout Muslim at one of the nation's most famous Catholic universities, where he embraced living on campus and being part of the Notre Dame community. After football, he's thinking about law school and politics.

But right now, he's ready to help the Irish offense get back on track — even though his football career got off to an inauspicious start.

"I don't know how to hit"

The Minnesota native remembers watching the Minnesota Vikings at family events, sitting alone in front of the television and trying to make sense of the game.

"That's why, when MTVs True Life wanted to do a segment on me, I thought that was one of my most humbling moments.

"Being in an environment where they practice faith and appreciate faith and there's so many opportunities for people to exercise their faith really makes it easy for me to feel welcome.

Ryan Harris
Irish left tackle

"I needed to get stronger," he said. "I mean, all the time, especially when I first got here as a freshman. That was the joke, they were calling me names, MTV degree coming in as a freshman. They're just looking for a reason to get on you, that was definitely my reason.

Some onlookers told him he needed to gain 50 pounds to be successful as a college offensive lineman.

Maybe that's not quite right. He gained about 17 in the first four years and won several pre-season All-American award watch lists.

Over the most recent off-season, he focused on strength conditioning — particularly in his upper body, which he perceived as a weakness.

"I needed to get stronger," he said. "And that's still something I strive for, something I worked on all summer, from May until — well, I'm still working on it.

On down the line

Ryan Harris started at left tackle in South Bend in 2003 — an upset victory for the Irish and a memorable experience for the true freshman.

That was the night Julius Jones broke the school rushing record with 262 yards.

He played right tackle and started the final eight games of the season for the Irish, becoming only the third true freshman in Notre Dame's history to start for the unit.

Rivals.com rewarded him with a first-team spot on its Freshman All-American team, and The Sporting News had him as a second-teamer.

As a sophomore, Harris moved to left tackle, one of football's most challenging positions, to protect Irish quarterback Brady Quinn's blind side.

"I think there's a lot more expected of you," said Harris about the position. "I expect a lot of myself. I was very humbled because there's so many things that come with being the left tackle, so many things that I can take pride in, I just think being there's more responsibility.

Offensive linemen are judged by the success of the unit, and most of the facets of the offensive line depend on how strongly it plays. Harris has embraced the opportunity to excel as an individual and as a part of a group.

"We've got four other guys," he said. "If one of you makes a mistake, it can cause problems across the board. As a unit, you protect the quarterback — everything starts there. If we don't protect, Brady can't throw to (Jeff) Samardzija or Rhema [McKnight] or anybody.

Then there's the running game.

"If we don't block, Darius (Walker) can't run in the hole and the outside runs aren't there. We really take a lot of pride and confidence in our running game, and that's what makes it so special, to be part of a unit and also being an individual.

At times, left tackle is a lonely position. Harris often finds himself in one-on-one situations.

"Every play I'm going against somebody — and usually it's alone," he said. "There's a lot of responsibility resting on my shoulders but that's what I love.

Harris will graduate with a double major in political science and economics — a subject he says just makes sense to me.

Service work and volunteering are an important part of the time he spends in South Bend, and he said he made lifelong friends as a resident of Siegfried Hall.

But Harris' Muslim faith is also a central part of who he is. Being at a predominantly Catholic school, he said, doesn't make being Muslim harder.

"It's easier," he said. "Because people understand the religious component of life, people understand that faith is an everyday thing — not something you do just once a week. Being in an environment where they practice faith and appreciate faith and there's so many opportunities for people to exercise their faith really makes it easy for me to feel welcome and for me to do the same in my own way.

From faith to football, Harris has taken on every aspect of his life in his own way.

Harris has many goals for his life after this season and his graduation, but wherever he goes, Notre Dame will go with him, he said.

"The morals and principles that Notre Dame teaches — to be a Notre Dame man, he said. "For me it definitely means someone who is a contributing member to the community and who stands for ethics and good things.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

**Record:** 3-1
**AP:** 12
**Coaches:** 14

Charlie Weis
second season at Notre Dame

career record: 12-4
at Notre Dame:
12-4 against Purdue: 1-0

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COACHING

Weis kept his players focused when things got bad in East Lansing and made the adjustments to let the team come back. But the Irish haven't played well in the first quarter yet this season and have constantly played from behind. That needs to change this week.

QUARTERBACKS

Brady Quinn has started slow in most games this season but generally has improved as games have worn on, especially last week against Michigan State. He's dropped down the Heisman rankings, but he has still thrown for 11 touchdowns and just four interceptions.

IRISH PASSING

With the running game struggling, Notre Dame's passing game has carried the offense this season. Talented wide receivers Thoma McKnight and Jeff Samardzija have combined for eight touchdown catches, while tight end John Carlson is a big target in the middle of the field.

IRISH RUSHING

The Notre Dame running game has been a non-factor in most games this year, averaging just 74.8 yards per contest. Darren Walker leads the team with 227 yards on the ground. He might get some help with freshman James Aldridge ready to see his first action after being injured.

ANALYSIS

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Last year, Boilermakers defensive coordinator Brock Spack was immortalized on ESPN's look-ahead after Notre Dame's Week 7 win.

The Purdue coaching staff has the experience to avoid a similar meltdown, but they have their work cut out for them against Weis' playcalling.

Purdue has played well as in its first nine games as a starter, but Quinn is one of the best in the country. The Irish signal caller torched Purdue for four TDs through the air last season and can do it again, especially if he gets off to a fast start.

Quinn had his way with the Purdue secondary last season, and he should do so again, given its lack of experience and the fact that the Irish have the best quarterback and receivers Purdue has seen this year. Spack will need to disguise coverages and try to confuse Quinn.

Quinn is determined to improve in the run game, but this probably won't be the week it does. Purdue's front seven has started strong and Spack won't keep his team from getting through. As in recent weeks, the Irish rushing attack will need to rely on the legs of Spack's turnover defense.

Irish experts

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Do the Irish have anything left in the tank? Last week's emotional win in East Lansing might prime Notre Dame for a letdown ... if USC or Michigan were up next. But Michigan is in the past and USC is in the future. Right now, the Irish just have to focus on Purdue. And a game with Purdue means Brady Quinn gets to update his Heisman resume against one of the nation's worst pass defenses as the Irish burn the Boilermakers.

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 46
**Purdue** 23

Purdue is 4-0 but it hasn't played anyone yet. That changes Saturday when Notre Dame formally welcomes them to the 2006 season. The Irish need this one to begin building confidence for the rest of the year. Quinn doesn't disappoint with an efficient 350-yard, 4-TD game. The key question is whether or not the Irish get the running game going. If that doesn't happen, the score could be 100-0.

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 49
**Purdue** 24
BOILERS PASSING

Notre Dame's pass defense has been much improved over last season, giving up an average of 181.2 yards per game through the air this year and holding Drew Stanton to 114 yards on just 10-22 completions last week. It will need to play well again this week against Purdue's spread offense.

Painter has brutalized opposing defenses this year, throwing for over 1,100 yards in just four games.

Wide receiver Doreen Bryant is fast and agile and torched Notre Dame last year with 14 catches for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

Painter has played well, but Notre Dame's secondary will probably be the most tested he's faced.

While the Irish have looked better this year than last, they are still vulnerable to the play-action pass, especially against spread offenses and fast wide receivers like Bryant.

Junior Kory Sheets and sophomore Javon Taylor have split carries at tailback for the Boilermakers this year and combined for 553 yards. Painter has shown in the past that he's a threat to run, although he has only gained 29 yards on 19 carries this season.

Charlie Weis said the Irish front four "played hard" against Michigan State, especially in the second half. But for Notre Dame to stop the Spartans' ground game, it must be able to play football, especially against spread offenses and fast wide receivers like Bryant. Painter has played well, but Notre Dame's secondary will probably be the most tested he's faced. While the Irish have looked better this year than last, they are still vulnerable to the play-action pass, especially against spread offenses and fast wide receivers like Bryant.

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PURDUE

Boilermakers

Record: 4-0
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Joe Tiller
10th season at Purdue
career record: 106-73-1
at Purdue: 67-43
against Notre Dame: 4-5

Joe Tiller head coach


Purdue Boilermakers

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Sizing up the Irish and Boilers

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The Boilermakers have a lack of experience in their defensive backfield. Two freshmen and two junior college transfers start in the secondary, which means this unit has only been playing together since the start of fall practice.

Purdue has given up 284.8 yards per game through the air, and Brady Quinn and the Irish are the best passing team they've seen yet. In order for Purdue to win, they will have to slow down Notre Dame's aerial attack and make Darius Walker and the inconsistent Irish running game take center stage.

Brady Quinn has thrown for over 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns already this season, and he has three big targets to get the ball to — Jeff Samardzija, Rhema McKnight, and John Carlson.

But Quinn has struggled at times this season, especially at the beginning of games. With the Irish running game stuck in neutral, Quinn may have to carry the offense with his arm once again.

Against Purdue's high-powered offense, it will be important for Notre Dame to score early and often — and most of the responsibility for that lies on Quinn's shoulders.
Irish hope to exploit inexperienced Purdue secondary

A year after Notre Dame tore through Boilermaker defense, four new starters will play in defensive backfield

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

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It was a night Purdue would rather forget. Underneath the lights in Ross-Ade Stadium last Sept. 29, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn torched the Boilermakers secondary early and often. Notre Dame staked a 41-14 lead after three quarters and soundly defeated Purdue in its biggest game of the year.

Notre Dame scored four touchdowns on the ground, but the story of the game was the Irish passing machine. Quinn had streaks of brilliance, completing seven and 11 consecutive passes at different parts of the game, and set the program single-game completion-percentage record with a 29-of-43 (67.4 percent) performance.

"Brady picked them apart," Irish coach Charlie Weis said in the post-game press conference. "I think the difference between this year and last year is that Notre Dame is probably more efficient." Joe Tiller
Boilermakers coach

In Week 5 a year later, Notre Dame's passing game is once again the key to its offense. Quinn has thrown 11 touchdowns to four interceptions and is averaging 271.5 yards per game, and senior wide receivers Rhema McKnight (who was injured for the 2005 contest) and Jeff Samardzija each have four touchdown catches.

But the Irish won't have the opportunity to burn the same secondary they did a year before. Purdue enters the contest with two freshmen and two junior college transfers starting in the defensive backfield — none of whom were even connected with the program during the 2005 Irish win.

"Looking back at the 2005 game, we just try to dissect their defensive schemes (and any personnel you can watch from last season," Quinn said at his weekly press conference Wednesday. "Other than that, you can't take very much from it. It's a new year, a new circumstance."

Boilermakers starting cornerback Royce Adams is a 6-foot, 180-pound freshman from South Euclid, Ohio. His counterpart on the other side of the field is 5-foot-9, 175-pound Terrell Vinson, who transferred to Purdue from Saddleback College this year. Vinson was a corner-back at Wyoming in 2003 before he played at Saddleback. A broken right knuckle kept Vinson out for the 2004 season.

The inexperience continues at safety for Purdue.

Freshman Brandon Erwin starts at free safety, and junior college product Justin Scott, Jr. plays strong safety. Scott made 96 tackles and two interceptions at College of the Sequoias in 2005.

In fact, the only player on Purdue's two-deep with experience prior to this season for the Boilermakers is corner Zach Logan, who lost his starting spot to Vinson.

With that inexperienced secondary facing one of the nation's premier passers, Purdue coach Joe Tiller said continuous communication will be imperative for Purdue's ability to shut down the Irish air assault.

"I think the difference between this year and last year is that Notre Dame is probably more efficient," Tiller said. "The same guy is throwing, and with the exception of (McKnight), it's the same guys catching it. So identification and communication will be key."

But Purdue has shown problems in its first four games in shutting down teams with much less daunting passing games than Notre Dame. After games against Indiana State, Miami (Ohio), Ball State and Minnesota, the Boilermakers have the third worst pass defense in the country. They have surrendered 284.75 yards per game — including 355 to Miami quarterback Mike Kokal — against the 154th toughest schedule in all of Division I.

But don't tell Notre Dame that.

"They're a good team," Irish wide receivers coach Rob Ianello said Tuesday. "The play physical, they play aggressive."

Ianello said the Irish have studied tape of Purdue's first four game just like their usual routine and are focused on the shut-down defensive abilities of Adams, Vinson, Erwin and Scott.

Vinson and Scott each have one interception, and Erwin and Adams each have record-ed one pass deflection.

"These past few weeks, you'll see (Purdue) change up the defensive schemes depending on the type offense they're going against." Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

Inexplicable defense

But d o n 't t e ll N o t r e D a m e that. "They're a good team," Irish wide receivers coach Rob Ianello said Tuesday. "The play physical, they play aggressive."

Ianello said the Irish have studied tape of Purdue's first four game just like their usual routine and are focused on the shut-down defensive abilities of Adams, Vinson, Erwin and Scott.

Vinson and Scott each have one interception, and Erwin and Adams each have record-ed one pass deflection.

"These past few weeks, you'll see them change up the defensive schemes depending on the type offense they're going against," Quinn said.

"We've got to be prepared for a lot of different things." If Quinn prepares well, it could be a long day for Purdue's defense.

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Minnesota running back Amir Pinnix leaps over Boilermakers cornerback Terrell Vinson in Purdue's 27-21 win Sept. 23.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

11am-1pm

Cappy Gagnon
Notre Dame Baseball Greats

Fr. Monk Malloy
Monk’s Notre Dame

1pm-3pm

Sharon Bui
Future Domers: A Child’s Guide to Notre Dame

Tom Pagna
The Phantom Letters

2pm-4pm

Notre Dame Legend Rudy will be signing copies of the Sports Illustrated Notre Dame special issue*

3pm-5pm

Fr. Robert Pelton, CSC
Archbishop Romero: Martyr and Prophet For the New Millennium

Ted Mandell
Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys

Kerry Temple
Back to Earth: A Backpacker’s Journey into Self and Soul

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

9:30am-11:30am

Connie McNamara
Go Irish

Angie Jurkovic
Notre Dame Coloring and Activity Book

Robert Schmuhl
In So Many Words: Arguments and Adventures

Digger Phelps
Tales From the Notre Dame Hardwood

11:30am-1:30pm

Gerry Faust
Tales From the Notre Dame Sideline

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