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ND strengthens sexual discrimination policy

Title IX Grievance Procedure, harassment case timeline added to 2006 du Lac

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Addressing weaknesses in its sexual discrimination policies, the University drew up a Title IX Grievance Procedure and a 30-day timeline for sexual harassment cases, both now included in the 2006 du Lac: A Guide to Student Life and the Faculty Handbook.

The Grievance Procedure is a three-step process for a victim of sexual discrimination to voice a complaint: an informal discussion with the accused individual, a formal complaint sent to the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and, finally, the opportunity for the victim to appeal to the OIE's decision.

"Previously, students may have thought, 'Well, I don't know if this is harassment, so where do I go with it?" said Jill Bodensteiner, associate vice president and counsel for the Office of General Counsel. "We wanted to give them a clear point of contact and a clear indication of how it will be handled by the University."

"Probably best known for its application to athletics, Title IX (part of the 1972 Higher Education Act) prohibits all discrimination based on sex — like sponsoring more men's than women's athletic teams. Under its fairly loose guidelines, Notre Dame had established an Equity in Athletics committee and a sexual harassment policy, Bodensteiner said. But before the new Grievance Procedure was put in place, no University guidelines existed for registering other cases of sexual discrimination.

Professor examines Middle East conflict

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

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Burish prioritizes research growth

Provost outlines plan, says University must tackle challenge now to match peers

By MADDEE HANNA
News Writer

Notre Dame faces significant work in its quest to develop as a research university. Provost Thomas Burish told faculty members Tuesday about the University's drive to become a top research institution.

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"That's our challenge," Burish told the about 150 faculty members in DeBartolo 101. "It is to be and be recognized as a prominent Catholic research university."

He walked faculty members through the "cold hard facts" of Notre Dame's strengths and weaknesses, flipping through PowerPoint slides with data-loaded graphs, charts and tables that showed both external rankings of University departments and internal benchmarks with peer institutions — specifically, members of the Association of American Universities.

The AU includes "60-zone" research-intensive universities among its ranks. Burish said, with 26 of those private. Membership is by invitation only, and while Burish said the organization has "no specific formula" for admission, Notre Dame has never been invited.

"I would suggest we aspire initially to look like AAU institutions performing at the third quartile level," Burish said.

"While I was on the phone with the police he managed to shiney open the window and find a bucket to get into the house," Zeidler said.

She didn't get good look at his face, but said he about a 5-foot-8 black man, with short hair and be a leather jacket. The police sirens must have scared off the intruder, Zeidler said, because she heard the man leave the house and run away.

One of the house residents, Notre Dame senior Ryan Keckley said another neighbor called him to tell him police were surrounding his house. He said it appeared the intruder tried to stereo

Jenkins joins ROTC for early run

In Tuesday's chilly air, University President Father John Jenkins and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves ran with the Notre Dame ROTC students from all military branches in the second annual United States Notre Dame Tri-Military Command Run.

The run began and ended near Pasquerella Center and lasted a little under a half hour. Its purpose was to emphasize the common bonds that students in the Army, Navy and Air Force programs share.

"It's a wonderful morning for University President Father John Jenkins addresses members of Notre Dame's ROTC program after joining them on the annual Tri-Military Command Run early Tuesday morning.
Holidays here I come

You know those sometimes annoying, over-the-top people who decorate for every season, bake festive desserts and finish Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving? I'm one of them.

I realized my obsession with the holidays when I began humming "It's Snow" instead of counting the weather of South Bend as it started snowing in mid-October. The snow has made me excited because not only is Christmas well on its way, but Halloween and Thanksgiving are right around the corner.

I like to call these holidays "the big three." They truly encompass, to me, what holidays are all about: celebration, food and giving. Christmas is a great start to the season. Not only does Halloween allow you to dress up as something you're not and spend the night in care-free celebration, but it also begins the spirit of giving. There is something magical about the smiles on the young trick-or-treaters' faces as they receive their treats or compliments on the costumes they'd worked on for so long.

Once all of the fake tombstones, spider webs and jack-o-lanterns have been put away and all the candy eaten, I start gearing up for Thanksgiving.

There is no better way to a student to prepare for finals than to eat a good Thanksgiving meal. Turkey, stuffing, cranberries, mashed potatoes, Grandma's homemade apples, apple pie, pumpkin pie ... need I say more?

Although I thoroughly enjoy Halloween and Thanksgiving, Christmas is by far my favorite holiday, even love the smell — to me it's a mix of pine, gingerbread, and cinnamon. As soon as Thanksgiving is over, carols are on my radio, cards are being sent out, decorations put up and presents wrapped.

I give special consideration to the wrapping of presents, which includes coordinating ribbons and matching multiple gifts. It is one of my goals each year making mental notes about what people like, what they need and what they may need.

There is no greater satisfaction than giving someone a gift that they love. No matter its cost, or how long it took to find that perfect present, the smile on a friend's face really makes me feel the warmth of the Christmas spirit.

Now that the snow is here, I can begin looking for festive recipes, the perfect Christmas cards, wrapping paper and, of course, the perfect gifts.

Until I find them though, I'll be sure to give out plenty Happy Halloweens, Happy Thanksgivings and Merry Christmases.

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Outside

Alabama gov. candidate campaigns on clemency

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Everett Nall, the Libertarian Party's write-in candidate for governor of Alabama, is campaigning on his clemency and hoping that voters will eventually focus on her platform.

"It started out as a joke, but it blew up into something huge," said Nall, a 32-year-old with dyed blond hair.

Her campaign is offering T-shirts and marijuana stash boxes adorned with a photo of her with a plugging neck-piece and the words: "More of these bombs." Below that are pictures of other candidates for governor — including Republican incumbent Bob Riley and Democratic Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley — and the words: "And less of these boobs."

Toddlers get stuck in stuffed animal machine

ANTIGO, Wis. — Three-year-old Robert Moore went fishing for a stuffed replica of Sponge Bob and ended up trapped in a vending machine. The toddler's adventure began with a Saturday evening shopping trip with his grandmother, Fredricka Bierdemann, and three siblings.

Bierdemann ended the trip by giving each child a dollar and telling them to have fun in a retailer's game room. A stuffed Sponge Bob in a vending machine's bin caught Robert's eye. He tried without success to fish it out with a plastic crane.

"I told him I could get it for him," his grandmother said. "He's a character. He said, "Oh no, I can get it."" When she turned her back on him, his grandmother said, "It's all right."

The toddler then went to get another dollar for a second try, Robert took off his coat and squeezed through an opening in the machine. He landed in the stuffed animal cube.

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Conference considers happiness

By EMMA DRISCOLL
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Academics from across a wide range of programs gathered at Notre Dame last weekend to get serious about happiness. Notre Dame's department of economics and policy studies and the program in American democracy sponsored the conference "New Directions in the Study of Happiness: United States and International Perspectives," which sought to find the root of happiness, and how happiness can be increased and used.

The conference drew thinkers from universities throughout the United States and abroad. Professors traveled from the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, according to Benjamin Radcliff, professor of political science at Notre Dame. The 23 speakers from various States and International departments of economics and addressed different aspects of United States and abroad.

The whole Notre Dame community was invited to attend the day and, according to Radcliff, both undergraduate and Notre Dame students were there throughout the conference.

From Sunday evening until Tuesday afternoon, presenters addressed different aspects of happiness, divided into a variety of subtopics. Two to four speakers discussed each topic.

The subtopics included "What is Happiness?", "Theories and Empirics of Happiness," "Happiness and Economy," "Happiness and Justice," "Happiness and Politics," "Happiness and Society," and ended with "What is to be done?"

Officers typically presented their research and then answered questions and discussed their paper with the group of about 20 other professors.

The "Happiness and Society" portion of the conference, held Tuesday, featured Wendy Rahn, professor of political science at the University of Minnesota and Eric Oliver, professor of political science at the University of Chicago.

Rahn presented her research paper entitled "Matters of Life and Death," in which she studied suicide trends in the United States to see if there was a correlation between the amount of people who commit suicide and presidential election years.

Oliver's paper, entitled "Mental Health in Midlife in Suburban America: The Psychological Correlates of Metropolitan Place Characteristics," was a study of whether or not subcultures are the cause of unhappiness. He concluded that there is no evidence that the suburbs themselves make people unhappy, but that the process of suburbanization itself can have this effect.

Radcliff noted that the opportunity to share and interact over research was part of what made the conference so valuable. It brought together those studying happiness from a variety of different viewpoints, he said. Researchers were able to talk about their findings, not just read each other's studies in journals, according to Radcliff.

Radcliff said the field of happiness has become "one of the big research programs of social science," and it is being examined from perspectives of political science, economics, sociology, psychology and history.

Often, academics in these diverse fields do not have the opportunity to work together, even when they are studying the same issue. The conference remedied this situation.

"Here, you're getting questions [about your research] from a philosopher, sociologist and economist," Radcliff said.

Ruth Abbey, professor of political science and Acting Director of the Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA) also expressed an appreciation for the interdisciplinary conference.

"People from different disciplines and fields often go their own way, and when they are all working in the same field," said Abbey, who added that gathering such an interdisciplinary group is often rare.

The conference was funded primarily by a grant from the Annenberg Foundation.

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SMC squad cheers runners at Marathon

By MAGGIE DUNN
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Sunday morning, seven members of the Saint Mary's cheerleading squad braved the cold to cheer for a much bigger team than they were used to—a team of 40,000, in fact.

The women attended the Chicago Marathon as members of the event's official cheerleading squad, which encouraged participants on their 26.2-mile run.

According to SMC cheerleader junior Rocky Krivda, SMC was selected to participate along with 24 other schools and All-American/All-Star cheerleading squads by the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon board members.

The application included an essay about why their particular team should be chosen and what spirit means to them.

Krivda said she applied on the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Web site in June, and the SMC cheerleaders received confirmation in early August. They were the first of the 25 squads to be selected.

Fellow SMC cheerleader, junior Bridget Spore, said it is exciting to see the ledger squad try to cheer at the event's official cheerleading squad.

"The Saint Mary's cheerleading squad tries to cheer at least once for every Saint Mary's College sports team," Krivda said. "We decided we wanted to support the Saint Mary's students who ran in the Chicago Marathon, so I wrote the essays and applied for the team.

The 25 teams that made up the marathon's Spirit Squad placed themselves at different mile markers throughout the course to energize and motivate not only the runners, but the estimated 1.5 million spectators as well. Because SMC had been the first of the 25 selected, Krivda said they were allowed first pick of the cheering location.

The Belles squad chose mile nine at the corner of Clark and Belden Ave., where there was music and entertainment for both runners and spectators.

"We passed out spirit beads and led crowds in running chants," she said.

Spore said when they could read the runners' names, they shouted them out with encouraging words like, "stay strong, you can do it."

"We got such a great response out of the girls that went, and everyone was really enthusiastic," Spore said. "I feel like the runners really appreciated it. It was rewarding enough to try to do it again."

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Burglary

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receiver from inside the house, since this was on the floor when he came home. Nothing appeared to be missing.

This year's break as a whole had few reported burglaries at on-campus student housing complexes like Clover Ridge, Turtle Creek and Lafayette Apartments, perhaps due to increased surveillance, preventative actions.

Kramer Properties owner Mark Kramer said while none of his housing or apartment complexes (Lafayette Apartment and Notre Dame Apartments) were broken into, it is crucial to take a "proactive approach" and realize "anything can happen anywhere at any time."

Kramer said it was "not unusual" that very few break-ins occurred during break.

To help deter potential criminals, Kramer Properties' maintenance team patrols its properties daily and has hired off-duty Mishawaka police officers to serve as additional security at Lafayette Apartments, he said.

"The apartment complexes usually are the ones that get hit first," Kramer said. As an additional step to prevent potential criminal activity at apartment complexes, Clover Ridge Apartments installed new deadbolts on all apartment doors, Leasing Agent Lynn Buckley said.

Although two vehicle break-ins at Clover Ridge were reported earlier in the year, Buckley said students who left their vehicles in their parking lot during break had no problems.

"We ask that residents don't leave anything on their seats and lock their doors," Buckley said.

Kramer said his tenants who left their vehicles behind in the lot did not experience any problems, and believes cars parked near homes or apartments help deter crime.

"[There are] not as many cars as there would be when school is in session," he said. "Leaving a car helps because nobody knows if [residents] are home or not." Kramer said he also asks South Bend Police to increase patrols in student residential areas during break and reminds residents to secure their homes or apartments before they depart.

Kerckley said he figured a break-in was inevitable. He and his roommates gave the thief an opportunity to secure their homes and apartments before they left. Kerckley said it was "our fault," he said. "[We] should [have] know better than to leave a window unlocked, especially when we are gone for fall break."

The unsuccessful burglary was a warning to secure their house before they leave, Kerckley said.

Kerckley said the key to crime prevention is the ability "to disguise the fact that they have a student house. ... [It should] look like a home their mother and father live in."

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After she witnessed a man break into her neighbors' house, Zeidler says she feels a lot less safe, even though she and her roommates have an alarm and keep the blinds down and doors and windows locked.

"It is apparent that there are people watching our houses and they know when our breaks are," Zeidler said.

But the nearby break-in hasn't changed her desire to live at her off-campus house. "It worries me ... but it's not like I wouldn't live here because of it."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. officials consider Iraq options

RAGHAD: Iraq — Two weeks before U.S. midterm elections, American officials unveiled a strategy Tuesday to stave off a predicted bloodbath in Iraq. The government is working to take specific steps to calm the conflict in the country, but talks to end the war are languishing. More than 12,000 U.S. troops might be needed to quell the violence.

The officials previously said they were satisfied with troop levels and had expected to make significant reductions by year’s end. But a surge in sectarian killings, which peaked up this past summer, forced them to reconsider.

Lundgren said in his final statement before making landfill south of Las Conos early Wednesday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

Paul had maximum sustained winds near 65 mph on Monday, making it a severe flooding.

Associated Press

Gaza

AP photographer found alive

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Gaza City, Gaza Strip — An Associated Press photographer was freed unharmed Tuesday after a harrowing day in the hands of Palestinians who abducted him and dressed him in women’s clothing to spirit him from one secret location to another.

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In the small house where he was held, Morenatti said he heard the sounds of a family. He said he was given one meal of cheese and lunch meat early in the day and a portion of fruit later.

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Local News

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Thursday’s appearances by Hastert, R-Ill., and House GOP campaign chair Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., could signal that the four-member ethics committee is nearing the end of its testimony-taking phase. Both men testified behind closed doors as committee rules require.

Hastert said afterward that he had told the committee “that they needed to move quickly to get to the bottom of this issue, including who knew about the sexually explicit messages and when they knew about it.”

Hastert has said he first learned of Foley’s inappropriate e-mails to a former Louisiana page — and sexually explicit e-mails to another page — just last month as the matter became public and the Florida Republican resigned.

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te professional programs, AAU leaders "don't look at those things," Burish said. It's about PhD programs and research — especially sponsored research. And while AAU was able to struggle to prove itself to the AAU, Notre Dame has competition.

After listing "first benchmark" institutions — currently only Notre Dame to the AAU — including Brown, Columbia, Duke, and Northwestern — Burish displayed a slide with names of six "second benchmark" institutions that, like Notre Dame, are striving for AAU membership. Boston College, Boston University, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Tufts, and Wake Forest.

In comparisons between those six and Notre Dame alone, the University isn't at the top. Burish displayed tables that showed how Notre Dame ranked in various categories, often ranking in the middle of the AAU hopefuls. He was careful to acknowledge that "rankings have weaknesses, clearly," he said, "the perception of Notre Dame is similar" — meaning low rankings of Notre Dame's research programs are not anomalous.

The University, however, has made progress. Burish cited Notre Dame's No. 9 ranking on the National Research Council's "Most Improved List.

"We're in the game — and this is important. We're in the game," he said. "These are the very best research universities in the country."

To work toward the goal of research "preeminence," Burish focused on building the University's PhD program up from its current "plummet" while protecting its "exceptional" undergraduate program and strengthening its post-baccalaureate professional programs.

"We need an elbow, we need a kick," he said, referring to a line graph and indicating that Notre Dame would have to drastically step up its research growth in order to join its peers.

But while urgency is important, so is the long run. "Excellence requires sustained effort," Burish said. "There are no quick fixes. ... This is a five, 10, 15, 20-year investment program where we've got to stay the course.

Additional strategies are needed to meet this challenge, he said, and those new strategies "must build upon our current strategic plan and campaign goals.

Burish was not specific about the funding needed to progress toward this plan — "I'm talking about extra funds that are not yet identified," he later said — but said the project would involve "certainly 30, 40, 50, 60 million or more now. And some of that continued over time."

To start, Burish said he hoped to appoint a steering committee seeking nominations from faculty members by Nov. 10 — this fall and invite consultants to campus by next spring. Faculty members would also be encouraged to solicit advice during this process.

"You hope to have a better sense of what the project would be," he said — what the project would be "to affect students' lives more significantly, ... to keep Notre Dame's No. 9 ranking on the National Research Council's "Most Improved List."

"It's our time to join that conversation," he said.

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Skilling sentenced to 24 years

Former Enron CEO faces the harshest punishment of those involved in Enron's collapse

HOUSTON — Former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling was ordered Monday to serve 24 years and four months in prison, the harshest punishment for any of Enron's scandalous collapse and one that capped a string of tough sentences for top executives in corruption cases.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake Monday directed Skilling to serve a 20-year sentence for a broad range of crimes. He ordered the 52-year-old Skilling to remain in federal custody until Oct. 21, 2008.

 Prosecutor Roger W. Trachtman had argued Monday for a 22-year sentence, and Skilling's attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, called for a six-year term.

Lake said the 24-year sentence is an appropriate punishment for Skilling. He said the sentence would reflect that Skilling is not seeking to blame any of the other Enron executives for the company's fall.

 "You had an opportunity to tell the truth and you chose not to," Lake said.

While the 24-year sentence was less than the 30 years Skilling's defense attorneys had sought, it is still the harshest sentence for a former Enron executive. The longest prison term in the Enron case was 25 years for Skilling's former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow. Enron founder Kenneth Lay also was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

 Before Monday's sentencing, Lake denied Skilling's request to be released on bail while he appeals his conviction. Lake also directed Skilling to pay $500 million in restitution to Enron and forfeit $400 million in assets.

 "He is going to be a poster child for corporate fraud and corruption," Lake said.

Skilling, who was the company's chief executive officer from 2001 to 2002, was convicted on charges of conspiracy, securities fraud, making false statements in a bankruptcy proceeding, and obstruction of justice.

 Lake said Skilling's sentence is consistent with the punishment given to other Enron executives. The 52-year-old Skilling had sought relief from his sentence, calling it "excessive and unjust." He said he was "engaged in commerce with integrity and a belief in honesty, that I betrayed the trust of the company and the investors who relied upon me." He denied any involvement in Enron's collapse.

 "I did not have the heart to listen to his arguments," Lake said. "I would have pity on him if I didn't think that the penalty served as a deterrent. He was above the law, above the law."

Skilling vowed to appeal his conviction. "I will be determined to take this case all the way to the Supreme Court," Skilling said.

 "The government has no intention to stop the investigation," Lake said.

Lake said Skilling's sentence is in keeping with the punishment given to other Enron executives. "I believe that I am sending the message that there will be no sympathy for corporate crime," Lake said.

 "I am not going to allow anyone to say that this is not a punishment for this crime," Lake said. "I am not going to allow anyone to say that this is not a punishment for this crime."
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not begin as such.

"The conflict began with two peoples occupying one small piece of land," he said.

Describing both Palestinian and Israeli society as "fractured," Burrell said the major distinction between these two societies is that the Israeli people believe the Holy Land belongs to them, while Palestinians believe that they "belong to the land." In order to overcome this disparity, Burrell said Palestinians must develop as "civil society."

Burrell also said it is essential for anyone who examines this conflict to be able to differentiate between "good religious groups" and "bad religious groups."

"Good religious groups," Burrell said, "work for reconciliation between Jews, Christians and Muslims."

Additionally, Burrell focused on the violence and unrest that occurred in the Gaza Strip this summer, which has escalated the already heated conflict.

The Israeli response [to Palestinian attacks] was to destroy electrical generators and this was a totally disproportionate response," Burrell said.

Also, in playing the cease-fire agreements in this region and using untargeted weapons, Burrell said, the Israeli response to groups like Hamas and Hezbollah was disproportionate.

Burrell argued that the United States as well as Lebanon is at fault for creating a "major divide" between the western world and the Middle East due to their involvement in the recent conflicts. However, he said the American presence is extremely important in bringing peace to the Middle East.

To move forward in this conflict, Burrell said he thinks non-governmental organizations will be essential in bringing greater awareness to the situation. He also argued that peace requires Israeli cooperation and continued dialogue.

"Israelis make it more possible for Palestinians to develop an infrastructure [...]," Burrell argued, "more progress can be made towards a two-state solution," he said.

During his 25 years in Jerusalem, Burrell has worked with the Ecumenical Center for Theological Studies in Tantur to help build peace in this troubled region.

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a run, [with] a little snow on the ground [to] get your butt moving," Jenkins said. "We look forward to this run."

As the tri-military command­er, Captain Michael Neller was the official organizer of this year's run — though he said the credit should go to the ROTC student organization that put it together.

Lt. Col. Kelly Jordan, who is in charge of Army ROTC, said the run was created to increase inter-branch unity, and he hopes it becomes a tradition at Notre Dame.

"We started it last year as a way to develop camaraderie and to emphasize not the differences among the different ROTC programs but the similarities we all have," he said. "The Navy does different things, the Army does different things, the Air Force does different things, but when you look at us in terms of the entire University, we are far more similar than we are different." Neller explained that the ROTC branches normally compete against each other, rather than holding a unifying event.

"[Jordan] was a big advocate last year of trying to do more group [unity] things [instead of] having a football game against each other," he said. "So we tried to create a balance of both."

Jordan said he was grateful for the special guests that ran alongside the ROTC students.

"The ROTC students really work hard so it's wonderful to have the administration come out and support us," he said.

After the run, Jenkins gave a short speech to the ROTC students, emphasizing Notre Dame's mission of service and duty.

"At Notre Dame, the ROTC program has always been a part of this University and has an important place to play at this University," he said. "I think the major reason is that Notre Dame's student body is about service, serving the community, serving the Church, serving the world in important ways. Your lives — as candidates for military service are about service too."

Jenkins reminded the group of its continuing commitment to leadership, both at Notre Dame and after graduation.

"During your time here in ROTC, always remember that Notre Dame spirit of service and duty. Those are high ideals," he said. "We expect you when you go forth from Notre Dame, to be leaders in your various branches of service, to be leaders in your communities, and to be leaders who have a sense of service and duty."

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SMC students discuss experiences in service

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Stressing the value of helping people and building relationships, the second lecture of the three-part "What Difference Does it Make?" series featured Saint Mary’s students sharing service experiences — an encouraging reality to campus minister Regina Wilson who said “all of our decisions and choices in life affect us in some way.”

Seniors Rachel Stowe and Angelie Johnson presented two separate sides of service work by sharing their volunteer experiences and detailing how they became inspired to volunteer.

Stowe began serving through the Saint Mary’s Office of Civic and Social Engagement’s (OCSE) Summer Service Project at the South Bend Refugee and Immigration Services office. At the office, Stowe said she has had “a lot of different experiences with a lot of different people.”

“It’s hard to think about how it has changed me at this point because service work has had so many different effects on my life,” she said.

Johnson echoed Stowe’s feelings about the worth of volunteer work.

“Before I got into service work, I was at least always conscious of issues that were going on with other people,” Johnson said, “but I never really got directly involved, and I think that is the big difference for me, seeing from afar versus doing something.”

Johnson said the most challenging part of her work — which includes civil rights protests against Taco Bell and McDonald’s — is getting people to listen and change their attitudes.

“Oh this campus particularly there hasn’t been a lot of support of the causes I promote, but it makes me realize there a definitely people out there who need to be informed and have their attitudes changed,” she said.

While the lecture featured the work of two students, director of OCSE Carrie Call said around 50 percent of students participate in volunteer activities while they are at Saint Mary’s.

Call said the most important reason to become involved in service work is the opportunity available to help people.

“The things that I worry about are so small compared to the acres of need,” she said. “I think one of the things we don’t talk enough about is that service reminds us what life is really about and what’s really important, that it’s the relationships that it’s really all about.”

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Mayor: NYC hurried through 9/11 cleanup

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg acknowledged Tuesday that the city hurried through the World Trade Center cleanup five years ago but said the fast pace was an effort to return remains to victims’ families as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, more bones were found Tuesday in subterranean cavities along the edge of the site as workers continued burrowing into areas that were apparently missed during the initial cleanup.

Bloomberg spoke a day after The Associated Press reported that some officials handling the cleanup in 2002 had recommended a more thorough search for remains but felt rebuffed by a city agency that just wanted to finish the job.

The agency in charge of the excavation, the Department of Design and Construction, was applauded for its efficiency in 2002 after it whisked away the ten-story pile of trade center rubble in less than a year.

"Were we under time pressure? Absolutely," Bloomberg said Tuesday. "I don't know any family member that didn't want to find out whatever they could about the loved one that they lost. And we did it as fast as we could, consistent with safety and completeness."

Some victims' relatives dismissed the mayor's explanation for the quick cleanup.

"It had very little to do with the families," said Monica Gabrielle, who has no identified remains of her husband, Richard. "This is another spin — it's a diversion away from the issue, which is that management failed, not the workers. And management needs to be held accountable."

Among the officials who said they raised objections during the nine-month recovery effort was Lt. John McAdoo, ground zero commander for the New York Police Department.

"There came a point in time when they said, 'We gotta try to wrap this up,' and they tried to expedite it as much as possible, and they jumped the gun, and now you have all of these families hurt, and they're finding all these body parts," he said.

Several large bones were accidentally discovered over the past few days, including an upper body, a thigh bone and a pelvis, after a utility crew opened up a non-working manhole. Since then, the city has been clearing up the pavement and examining other underground pockets in the same vicinity, which is a service road along the western edge of the 16-acre site.

In the past few days, more than 100 bones and fragments have been recovered. The medical examiner's office is working to match them to victims.

Thousands of pieces recovered during the main excavation still have not yielded matches, leaving more than 40 percent of the attack's 2,746 victims without any trace of remains.

Firefighters charged with arson

Associated Press

TIPTONVILLE, Tenn. — The city’s fire chief and three volunteer firefighters, including the chief’s grandson, appeared in court Tuesday on arson charges stemming from a string of fires over the past two years.

The men, all members of Tiptonville Volunteer Fire Department, were arrested Monday. All four were in the Lake County jail Tuesday afternoon after a judge set bond at $100,000 for Fire Chief James Blackburn and $25,000 or more each for the others.

Police Chief Norman Rhodes said the investigation had been going on for about two years.

"We've been pretty sure who it was for about the last year," Rhodes said. "He didn't give a motive for the arsons beyond saying the suspects had formed a clique.

All the buildings were vacant when they were set on blaze and no one was hurt.

Blackburn, who is also superintendent of the city water plant, was charged with 10 counts of arson. His grandson, Brandon Blackburn, faces two counts of arson; firefighter Floyd Joe Kilburn was charged with four counts; and firefighter Chris Burris was charged with two counts.

Rhodes said he called on the state for help with the arson investigation, and James Blackburn, the fire chief, knew about the probe.

"He was actually giving me static about calling in bomb and arson investigators — said that was his job," Rhodes said.

Police said the men are suspected of setting several fires since 2004. Among the buildings burned was an abandoned Victorian-style house.

"There have been quite a few people who have been upset because this has been going on. They haven't been able to sleep at night," state bomb and arson investigator Ron Powers said.

Tiptonville, 90 miles northeast of Memphis, has about 2,400 residents.

Judge forbids boy’s circumcision

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A judge in a case closely watched by those who oppose circumcision sided Tuesday with a divorced man who did not want his 9-year-old son to undergo the procedure.

Circuit Judge Jordan Kaplan said that circumcision is "an extraordinary medical procedure" for a 9-year-old and that the boy can decide for himself when he turns 18.

The boy’s father sued to block the operation in a dispute with his ex-wife. The couple’s 2003 divorce decree gave the father the right to be consulted before the boy underwent any "extraordinary" non-emergency procedure.

The father said he believed surgical removal of the boy’s foreskin could cause long-term physical and psychological harm. The child’s mother wanted the procedure to prevent recurring infections. She testified that the boy had suffered five bouts of painful inflammation and had begged her to help him.

Newborns in several mainstream religions are routinely circumcised as part of their faith, but religious beliefs did not figure in the ruling.

The Associated Press is not identifying the parents to protect the boy’s privacy.

Alan Toback, the father’s attorney, said the man is extremely upset with the judge’s decision. A telephone call to the mother’s attorney was not immediately returned.

Most U.S. newborn boys are circumcised, but a growing number of parents are opting against the surgery. The percentage of male babies circumcised has fallen from an estimated 90 percent in 1970 to about 60 percent today.

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Shedding some light on airline security

Katie Palmitier
A Word to the Wise

I admit it, I’m afraid of the dark. When I was younger there would be occasions when I needed to stay home alone or had to babysit my little brother and sister. In these situations, I would turn on every light in the house. I truly believed that a robber or a “bad guy” would not go near my house if it were well lit. Yet I now know that turning on all the lights was not keeping me safe; my illuminating house was scaring me that I was young, home alone and scared.

U.S. Homeland Security is currently turning on all the lights in America. This false sense of security and display of fear needs to be turned off and light needs to be shed upon areas where our national security is truly at risk.

The public has always complained about airport security. Recently, security restrictions at the airport were updated after the discovery of explosives at Heathrow Airport. So now not only do we have to remove all shoes, belts, jewelry and wallets, we also must consolidate all carry-on liquids into a one-quart plastic bag. While these new regulations increase complaints and create hassles for vacationers and business men and women, they provide a sense of security for all flyers, as well as the rest of America: we find comfort in the fact that, because these irritating, tedious restrictions are in place, there may be no way a terrorist could possibly board an aircraft. But our enemies do not even have to go on a plane to cause harm. In a recent CBS News special, a two-month investigation discovered that five out of six major airlines did not x-ray or open cargo, cargo that could possibly contain a bomb or other explosive device, and cargo that could possibly be flying beneath you as you ride in coach. So what is the point in making the middle-aged man sitting next to me on the plane check his desodorant? I think we would all be better off if we were allowed to bring it on board.

These restrictions are just a false sense of security. The government has encouraged the American public to believe that because strict TSA restrictions are in place, terrorism is being prevented. Yet the security line at O’Hare is not where the breeding of terrorism is taking place. Terrorism is being bred in Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and as Will Ferrell speaking as George Bush so eloquently said, in “one of them Koreas”. Therefore, my Chanel lip-gloss, even though it is French, should not be placed on the Axis of Evil. Making the American public consolidate or check all their liquids and remove their shoes is not making for a safer America, especially when cargo is being shipped unscreened and nuclear weapons are being tested abroad. The TSA restrictions are in place so America feels safe while our true safety and national security is still at great risk.

Thankfully, Americans are now beginning to realize this false sense of security as well as the deceptions of the Bush Administration. Instead of trying to find a terrorist among a random group of citizens trying to get to South Dakota, our anti-terrorism efforts should be in places where we know a threat to our national security exists. While this type of preventive measure may not be the most comforting and personal to Americans, it would be more effective in protecting our national security.

North Korea is currently testing nuclear weapons, which could be a severe threat to U.S. security. Our current efforts in the Middle East are not working and Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind 9/11, is still hiding in a dark cave. We need to turn the lights on in Osama’s cave and stop terrorism at its source. Only then will America be safer.

The lights are on in the White House, but no one is home. So far for now, we will still have to submit to the TSA regulations and long security lines at the airport, but hopefully soon the government will come to grips with the current situation we are facing in the Middle East. When this happens, America will no longer have to turn on all the lights. Our national security will be restored, our soldiers will be home, and the American people will no longer be left in the dark.

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Editor's note. This is the second of three columns calling for greater attention to the global health crisis as discussed in the academic forum earlier this semester. It will appear tomorrow.

In the last month, Notre Dame has brought the world a little closer. The recent Notre Dame Forum on Global Health assembles a group of intellectuals from the medical and economic fields to discuss the global poverty crisis. University President Father John Jenkins responded in the following week with a campus-wide announcement that Notre Dame would become closely involved with the Millennium Development Initiative in Uganda. Also, the latest issue of Notre Dame Magazine is entirely devoted to bringing this global problem to a wider audience beyond campus. I am impressed that the University is actively confronting an issue most Americans tend to ignore, but there is much more to do. My own perspective on extreme poverty changed drastically from blissful ignorance to compassion concern while working in southern Africa, where I realized we in the United States have the resources to alleviate the misery of millions, but as a society lack an understanding of both the situation and solutions. We must change our collective perspective and become more involved in and committed to the crusade to end poverty.

Notre Dame can demonstrate that ending global poverty is possible by investing in development projects within impoverished nations. The Forum and subsequent events have started the discussion, but now we must actively involve ourselves. In particular, I articulated that a 0.7 percent donation of developed world Gross Domestic Product would solve extreme poverty by 2015. While 193 nations agreed to support Sachs and the Millennium Development Initiative, very few nations have come close to the necessary level of financial aid. Notre Dame can be an influential leader by committing a 0.7 percent donation toward the Initiative.

Notre Dame is financially secure with a solid donor base and large endowment. According to the 2005 Annual Report, $2.3 billion were available to the University in unrestricted net assets. These funds are available for Notre Dame to allocate as the University sees fit. A 0.7 percent donation, or $16.1 million, could provide 1.6 million bed-nets to people in sub-Saharan Africa, protecting 3.2 million people and saving an estimated 80,000 lives. Alternatively, a Millennium Village of 23,000 people would be supported for 10 years with the same donation. This support would allow the village to generate income and become self-sufficient. A financial donation of 0.7 percent from the University's unrestricted net assets is a bold commitment; however, the benefits to Notre Dame are greater than the financial costs. Jenkins clearly stated the intellectual and societal benefits in his campus-wide email, which include "assisting[ing] villagers in implementing the interventions central to the Millennium Village Project, and [providing] faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate, with research opportunities that contribute to human development." While Notre Dame has the opportunity to work with the Millennium Village established by Board of Trustees member Ray Chambers in Uganda, there are many other people and villages suffering from extreme poverty. I recommend that we support a new Millennium Village Project as an exclusive for the wealth of our students and faculty and will receive.

In addition, a 0.7 percent commitment from Notre Dame may result in more money coming into the University. Firstly, donors have strong loyalty to Notre Dame and, being a Catholic institution, know that the University chooses programs to support with moral and spiritual merit. Donors reading this might reason that Notre Dame Magazine will have many reasons to contribute, but none more wisely and simply stated than by Jerry Temple in the Editor's Note. His reason for action said that "we are all God's children" and "it is time to live as if we really believed in social commitment by the University would show that we believed it and other donors would respond in turn.

Secondly, with our own Millennium Village Project, faculty and students would be encouraged to write multi-disciplinary grants for research in the village. Agencies and institutions, awarding grants are seeking more projects that cross discipline boundaries and offer solutions to broad, global scope. Thus, while the $16.1 million required to support the Millennium Village in Uganda would be indirectly repaid monetarily through donations and grants, but also provide great opportunity for the Catholic community.

Notre Dame is capable of being a powerful role model in ending global poverty, not only among those directly involved with the University, but at institutions throughout the country. The benefits of intellectual knowledge, increased donor support and grant opportunities will prompt other institutions to follow the movement started by Notre Dame. We can continue to bring the world closer with students, faculty, alumni and others throughout the University broadening their perpectives and expertise while involved with the Millennium Village Project. The discussion initiated by the Forum opened a door for us to see the end of poverty through. Now we must follow the path articulated by Dr. Sachs and compliment our intellectual action with financial action.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reconsidering the papal vote

My colleague and good friend, Charles Rice, wrote a column recently advising us to vote as Benedict XVI would "Vote with Benedict." (Oct. 10), presumably in the forthcoming congressional elections. But if you are an independent voter appalled by the nation's descent into an unjust war, horrified by the loss of life and limb in Iraq, ashamed of America's complicity in the bombing of Lebanon, shocked by the use of torture, or scandalized by tax policies favoring the rich over the backsliding on global warming, distressed by a deepening commercialization of culture, terrorism, worried by an out-of-control national budget deficit, angered by the attempt to privatize social security, and embarrassed by a national health policy that has left 40 million people uninsured and dismally low, then Benedict would in fact cast his ballot on Nov. 7.

I'm inclined to think Benedict would vote much as this independent voter is likely to vote.

Donald P. Krommes
professor political science
Oct. 24

Football fans impress

I am a 1978 graduate of UCLA and was privileged to come to the football game last Saturday night. I just wanted to describe how incredible your fans are. From the moment we entered the stadium, we were greeted with warmth and open-handed hospitality, but never experienced anything less than friendly. Although I am a grad student, I even thanked you for coming, thanked you for bringing the weather (when the sun appeared) and opened up their tailgates for us. After the game, several Notre Dame fans almost immediately apologized for the game ending. We left the game disappointed, yes, but richer for the experience. I cannot stop singing the praises of the class and dignity of the Irish fans and tomorrow's second favorite college football team!

Tim O'Neill
Torrance, Calif.
Oct. 23

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Regensburg, Notre Dame and Catholic identity

I came to Notre Dame for the crucifixes. When I visited, these ubiquitous wall fixtures said to me, here, the reasoning is this: they have to do with the classroom. This is essentially what Pope Benedict XXVI's Regensburg address has to say about our current worries over Notre Dame's Catholic identity. Skin past the infectious para-graphs about Islam to find the point: for Christianity, faith is rational because God is rational. The Gospel of John says that in Jesus, the Logos was made flesh. In his address, the pope remi-niscent of the "living exchange" between the theologians and other faculty at Regensburg. If faith had nothing to do with reason, it would rest content in its own rationality, the Baslica, happily ignoring the intellectual goings-on around it. I dare say, the Logos grows exactly because it is remitted to a rationality outside the classroom is sufficient to sustain the Catholic identity of Notre Dame: if faith is reasonable, as the Church teaches, then it must have a place at the aca-demic table. I'd if not, some-thing essential to Catholicism is lacking, no matter how many Masses are celebrated on campus. One way to keep Catholicism in the classroom is to hire Catholic professors. Someone who is per-sonally committed to both their academic field and to their Catholic faith will inevitably be concerned with the ways in which both their commitments make a claim to reason. Such a struggle must be present and public at a Catholic university. Of course, non-Catholic faculty are important, at the very least, for keeping the Catholic intellectuals honest. More importantly, however, truth is truth wherever — and by whatever — it is found. But the mission of a Catholic university to see the fullness of truth within the context of the fullness of faith requires that we strive for a deep-er engagement of faith with rea-sion than mere hiring practices.

This does not mean that all other departments should take their orders from the theology faculty. It does, however, mean that these different departments should be in "living exchange" with the theology faculty. This generous, meaningful, concrete for each area of study must be determined by its own practitioners, but one thing is sure. The incarnate Logos hangs critically in the tension be-tween reason, biology, archaeology, and history. The fullness of a truly Catholic university hinges on the fact that this makes a diff-erence.
New DVD worth going ‘Over the Hedge’ for

By ERIN McGNIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Aside from “Shrek,” DreamWorks has struggled to keep up in the animated movie arena. This summer, it is powerhouses Disney and Pixar. With mild audience enthusiasm for last year’s “Madagascar,” DreamWorks came back with another animated animal movie that outdoes its predecessor. “Over the Hedge” is a delightful and entertaining film that is hard not to love with its fun storyline, excellent acting and gorgeous animation.

The basic premise of the movie follows RJ the raccoon (Bruce Willis) as he tries to replace the large stash of food that he destroyed while trying to steal it from Vincent the bear (Nick Nolte). He only has one week to replenish the supply, or else he becomes food for the bear. He heads out to the suburb of El Rancho Camelot to get the job done.

On the way there he runs into a family of animals who have been hibernating all winter. Versus the turtle (Gary Shandling), the hammy the squirrel (Steve Carell), the skunk (Wanda Sykes), Ozzie the possum (William Shatner) and his daughter, Heather (Avril Lavigne), Lou the porcupine (Eugene Levy), his wife Penny (Catherine O’Hara) and their three kids. They discover that the new suburb has been built where the woodland of their forest used to be. With only a hedge separating the wilderness from the metropolis, RJ cons the animals into believing that they should steal the human food products as their food source. He insists on not telling them that he will secretly be taking it all from them to pay back the bear.

Based on the “Over the Hedge” comic strips created by Michael Fry and T. Lewis, the movie works well on just about every level. Directors Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick created a film that is pleasant for all ages. It contains everything from references to such classic as “A Streetcar Named Desire” and “Silence of the Lambs” to the silly, semi-violent humor expected in cartoons.

And as the latest trend is to insert some type of moral into cartoon movies (like “Ice Age 2: The Meltdown”), “Over the Hedge” follows suit with plenty of commentary on consumerism, the expansion of suburbs and the everyday habits of people which seem odd to outsiders. When RJ points out an SUV to the naive animals he says, “Humans drive around in them all day long and they are slowly losing their ability to walk.” When one of the animals ask how many people ride in them, RJ replies, “Usually one.”

The cast also performs in great fashion. Willis is well-suited as the fast-talking con man as he leads the animals into the comical world of humans. Shandling is excellent as the whining turtle who is ultimately ousted by RJ as the leader of the group.

Although they are the lead roles in the movie, the supporting cast often steals the show. Carrell is perfect as the hyper-active squirrel who brings many of the low-brow laughs to the screen. Shatner does what only Shatner is able to do as the possum who melodramatically “plays possum” throughout the film.

The animation by the DreamWorks team is the best animation that they have produced since “Shrek.” A big part of why the film works so well is the character models they used to create the animal counterparts. They are fantastically well done, from their fur to the way they move. The character models have been deliberately tweaked to make them look a bit more cartoono, but there is so much realism in the animation of the film’s creatures that it is a delight to simply sit and watch them hop around the screen.

While not quite reaching the status of animated classic, “Over the Hedge” is a cute and clever little movie that gets on the screen, entertains, and then gets off. With its incredible cast and adorable animals, it is hard to not have a good time watching this film.

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Streep, Keillor anchor fictional character study

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

With a Midwestern comfort, a celebration of the fun and foibles of the American popular culture that is new to many. The film is enjoyable even if a person is not familiar with the weekly radio show, and then gets off. With its incredible cast and adorable animals, it is hard to not have a good time watching this film.

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The problems with horror’s new subgenre

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

There’s a disturbing new trend in horror films, punctuated by recent pictures like the “Saw” movies, “Hostel” and, most recently, “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.” These movies represent the torture film, a bleak, disturbing sort of horror that depends on watching men and women as they are brutally tortured by various assailants. The original “Texas Chainsaw Massacre” was reactionary, but at least it had reason to be. Released in 1974, its horrific violence and inversion of American values was a grotesque response to the social upheaval of the previous decade; a response to Watergate, to Vietnam, to the Summer of Love. “The Beginning” pays lip service to those issues but the façade of its topical awareness quickly falls to the wayside once the torture begins.

It’s been argued to me that these films are, in a way, cathartic. That in the age of the mass-producing media, of the internet, of 24/7 news coverage, of constant depiction of violence both fictional and real, of watching reporters being beheaded, that those issues but the facade of its topical awareness quickly falls to the wayside once the torture begins.

“Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning” tries to build on the foundation of its mythology, but no insight is given into why it happened. We don’t learn more about Leatherface. We aren’t given motivation for why these people kill. We just watch and wait for unassuming teens to stumble into their trap.

The violence in a film like “Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning” is effective precisely because it is so unexpected and so brief, and the violence in a film like “Saw” or “Hostel” isn’t really any kind of effective commentary on anything and the plots are window dressing for the torture, which is the real draw.

The horror genre has endured because it appeals to our darkest nature, our most fearful beliefs; it cuts to the core of our deepest instincts, to the point that we are electrified, horrified, and most importantly, galvanized. The problem with the modern horror film, the modern torture film, is that our primary reaction is not fear or terror, but disgust. The torture subgenre leaves little to the audience’s imagination, which actually makes them less scary and less effective. Nowhere is this more evident than in “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning,” which pales in comparison to the classic 1974 original. The feeling is different. Now we are too sick to look, whereas once we were too scared to look away.

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FILM REVIEW

‘Infamous’ a solid but unspectacular biopic

By CASSIE BELEK
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It is impossible not to compare “Infamous” to last year’s Academy Award Best Picture nominee “Capote.” The two films capture the life of notorious author Truman Capote as he investigates the horrific 1959 murders of the Clutter family, a farming family from Holcomb, Kan. “Capote” ultimately portrays the “Infamous” frontman: the role of juicy gossip and glamorous gatherings is far more accurate, I don’t want to believe it. We see the realness of their relationship, whether that hits too close to home and bringing know that his friend Perry — a Clutter murderer — will be put to death. “Infamous” attempts to do the same, but the result is merely “Capote”-Lite. “Infamous,” directed by Douglas McGrath, is a solid biopic about the life of Truman Capote and the relationships he held with the people in his life. Each relationship offers insight into Capote’s complex character. We see his complicated and sometimes distant relationship with his lover Jack D Diphy (John Benjamin Hickey) at odds with his ever growing closeness to sensitive murderer Perry Smith (Daniel Craig). His superficial friendships with New York socialites played by Sigourney Weaver and Hope Davis demonstrate his cold love for gossip and a glamorous lifestyle. In contrast, his relationship with childhood best friend Harper Lee (Sandra Bullock) is genuine.

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“Infamous,” starring Toby Jones (left), is the second recent film about Truman Capote, the socialite and author of the controversial book “In Cold Blood.”

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Toby Jones convincingly portrays Capote with the nasal voice and flamboyant dress and mannerisms. Bullock delivers a notable performance as the “To Kill a Mockingbird” author, but has little to draw from since Lee has lived a private life.

An out of place but exceptional performance comes from Gwyneth Paltrow as lounge singer Kitty Dean. She appears in the film’s opening scene, singing a song that hits too close to home and bringing the room to a halt as she loses composure only to recover and glorious finish her number. Paltrow’s short presence can perhaps be explained by her starring role in the entire story.

While “Infamous” offers a few variations from 2005’s “Capote,” it may not fill the need to view both films. “Infamous” dishes more gossip about Capote’s personal life and slightly portrays the effect that writing “In Cold Blood” had on Truman Capote.

We see a more Capote drinking more, but still embellishing stories to feed to the gossip hounds. In the end, “Infamous” provides another piece of the Capote puzzle, but falls to solve it.

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Man in Black’s ‘Legend’ resonates on new CD

By MARTY SCHROEDER

Some bands are one hit wonders. Others, especially many from the 1970s and ’80s, can be termed “several hit wonders.” Journey is a band that falls into this category. While well-known and loved for such hits as “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Any Way You Want It” and “Wheel in the Sky,” ask most people to name several other Journey songs and they will be at a loss.

Most of the songs on Journey’s 1983 album “Frontiers” are the obscure, unknown type that can cause fans to wonder just how Journey had any hits at all. “Frontiers” was Journey’s eighth album release, no doubt intended to capitalize on the success of the “Escape” album, which debuted “Don’t Stop Believin’.”

Much of this success was due to lead singer Steve Perry, famous for his wildly long black hair and the outrageous costumes he wore on stage. Perry’s talent goes without question, as he is able to consistently hit impossibly high notes with an ease that defies most. The other musicians in the band at this time were also talented in their roles, as their previous albums had demonstrated.

Unfortunately, the band does not capture that same success but rather portrays a journey as a trip through the war, the uses too many synthesizers. The album begins on a good pace with “Separate Ways (Open Arms),” a second tier journey song that is still likeable and catchy. After this, however, the album falls into an abyss from which it can hardly recover.

Songs such as “Chain Reaction” and “Edge of the Blade” should give some indication as to the quality of the music in the middle of the disc. Journey will always be known as a band that liked to use synthesizers, but they are overused here. Other futuristically-sounding instruments make many of the songs sound more like background music for a sci-fi theme park than as songs on an album of a hit band.

The lyrics for these songs, which are at times few and far between, are unimaginative and dull, which does not help the excessive use of instruments. The title song, “Frontiers,” is one of the worst on the CD. Perry’s vocals often get overlaid on top of each other and several sound effects help make this a truly awful song.

In spite of all this, there are several songs listed as “Bonus Tracks” at the end that are not as bad as the rest. “Only the Young” and “Ask the Lonely” are two songs that sound much more like the Journey that gives us hits like “Wheel in the Sky.” The only problem is that these songs are so far towards the end of the CD that many listeners might switch it off before even getting this far.

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Don’t start believin’ in reissued Journey album

By SEAN SWEANY

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From trippy artwork to photos of Journey on tour, one can tell that the band members clearly enjoyed themselves while on tour for “Frontiers.” One photo even shows the band freefall skydiving, perhaps symbolizing their careers.

When Journey reaches the end of “Frontiers,” many listeners will wish they could have back the 45 or so minutes spent trying to appreciate Journey. The album is slightly entertaining at it harkens back to the wild years of the late 1970s and early 1980s, but aside from “Separate Ways,” better Journey can be found to suit this same purpose.
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NFL

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is carted off the field in the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 41-38 overtime loss in Atlanta on Sunday. Roethlisberger passed for 238 yards and three touchdowns before leaving with a concussion.

Concussion may not sideline Big Ben

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger's second concussion in slightly more than four months may not keep him out of the Pittsburgh Steelers' lineup Sunday or prevent him from practicing this week.

The Super Bowl-winning quarterback is questionable for Sunday's game in Oakland, but Bill Cowher sounded Tuesday very much like a coach who expects to have his starting quarterback ready to go this week.

"He had an MRI done on his brain and neck, and both of those came back normal," Cowher said. "We also did the concussion test, and we're very encouraged by the results. We'll monitor his progress as the week goes on, but again, I emphasize that we're very encouraged by where he is.

"If Roethlisberger would practice Wednesday, Cowher said, "We'll see how he feels."

Roethlisberger was briefly knocked unconscious during a helmet-to-helmet hit with the Falcons' Channing Crowder midway through the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 41-38 overtime loss in Atlanta. The injury came in Roethlisberger's best game of the season — he was 16-22 for 238 yards and three touchdowns.

"Cowher styled the NFL to review the hit for a possible fine or disciplinary action, as the league does with almost any play that involves a quarterback's head injury.

Roethlisberger was woozy and appeared dazed a few minutes later while being taken to the locker room on a motorized cart, but returned later to watch the rest of the game on the sideline.

His replacement, Charlie Batch, threw two touchdown passes during a day that the Steelers passed for 413 yards in 60 minutes — the most they've had in a game in which their quarterback never stepped on the field for the fourth quarter. Their only better passing day was Tommy Maddox's 473-yard effort in the Steelers' previous game against Atlanta, a 34-34 tie in 2002 that lasted 75 minutes.

Roethlisberger was deemed well enough to fly home on the team plane Sunday night, and he drove his car to a team meeting Monday. Later Monday, he met with a neurosurgeon and took the IMPACT concussion test used by many NFL teams to determine the severity of a concussion and when a player is fit to return.

In Brief

Hurricanes WR Moore may return from suspension

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Ryan Moore stood on the sideline on a breezy Tuesday, tossing a football around with Miami teammates before practice began. The practice only seemed insignificant.

Moore's return from an indefinite suspension may be looming. Hurricanes coach Larry Coker said the senior could see his first action of the season Saturday, when Miami visits No. 21 Georgia Tech, Coker said. "He's in good enough shape that he expects to have his start­

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"He's in good enough shape that he possibly could play against Georgia Tech," Coker said.

Coker stopped short of saying Moore has been fully reinstated, but said after Tuesday's workout that he has been cleared to resume practic­

Moore was suspended indefinitely by the NCAA and took the field past the fourth down in the second half of the game against Arizona State on Saturday.

Moore is only the top eight ATP Tour players...

Top two seeds fall in first round of Lyon Grand Prix

LYON, France — Top-seeded Marcos Baghdatis and second-seed­

ed Gaston Gaudio lost in the first round of the Lyon Grand Prix on Tueday, a defeat that could damage Baghdatis' bid to qualify for next month's Masters Cup.

Arnaud Clement of France defeated Baghdatis 6-2, 7-6, 6-3, and Simon Greul of Germany routed Gaudio of Argentina 6-2, 6-2.

Baghdatis is ranked No. 10, and only the top eight ATP Tour players qualify for the Masters Cup in Shanghai, China. This was his third straight defeat in four matches since he won in Beijing last month. His last chance to qualify will be in the Paris Masters next week.

The losses by Baghdatis and No. 8 Tommy Robredo in St. Petersburg, Russia, allowed Ivan Ljubicic and Andy Roddick to make the Masters Cup. Four berths remain open.
Ace throws eight shutout innings as St. Louis beats Detroit

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter was well on his way to a World Series win when, all of a sudden, people swarmed the mound and began examining his hand.

No smudge, no scuffs. Just a cramp, and it wasn’t about to blemish his outing.

Carpenter looked every bit a Cards’ ace as he threw the Detroit Tigers a curve, pitching St. Louis to a 2-3 victory Tuesday night for a 2-1 Series edge.

“I came out tonight and had my good stuff,” Carpenter said.

He used big breaking balls to spin three-hit, three-ball for eight innings. And with Jim Edmonds hitting a key double and St. Louis taking advantage of a poor throw, the Cardinals returned their focus squarely to the field.

“Tigers’ ace as he threw the...”

Players, owners finalize 5-year bargaining agreement

New deal, completed Tuesday, will last through 2011 season

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Baseball players and owners proclaimed an unprecedented era of labor peace, finalizing a new five-year collective bargaining agreement Tuesday night before Game 3 of the World Series.

Lawyers struck the deal last weekend during negotiations in New York, then worked on putting it in writing. The agreement, which runs through the 2011 season, is subject to ratification by all sides.

The economics of our sport have improved dramatically, and that’s good. That, after all, made for a more wholesome atmosphere. We didn’t have to quarrel about a lot of things. So overall, it was a very, very important part of the environment that continues peace,” he said.

The current contract, reached in August 2002, was set to expire Aug. 15, opening eight work stoppages between 1972 and 1995, baseball will be assured of 16 years of labor peace.

"This is the golden era in every way," said commissioner Bud Selig, sitting in the middle of a dusky room at Busch Stadium that included five officials from each side.

The minimum salary increases, from $327,000 this year to $391,000 in 2004, to $454,000 in 2005, for all classifieds with content within issue; $15.8 million in 2003, $30 million in 2004 and $34.1 million in 2005. Boston paid $1.1 million in 2003, $1.4 million last year, and the Angels paid a $50,000,000 in 2004.

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Hasselbeck out at least three weeks, angry with situation

Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will miss at least three weeks with a strained ligament in his right knee. And he’s not happy about how it happened.

Hasselbeck believes Minnesota’s E.J. Henderson had a personal foul, and he may have missed a tackle leading to a touchdown. "I don’t think it was unavoidable, but only he would know," Hasselbeck said of Henderson and his hit, which was not penalized.

The play occurred when the Vikings’ linebacker came off a block by fullback Mack Strong and swung his torso into Hasselbeck’s leg, which was planted after he had just thrown an incomplete pass. "I’m sure he didn’t try to put me out for a long period of time — but they didn’t want to penalize him, either," Hasselbeck said.

An MRI taken Monday showed the Pro Bowl quarterback strained his right medial collateral ligament. Coach Mike Holmgren said Hasselbeck has a Grade 2 sprain on a three-grade scale and will miss "around" three games. He will return no sooner than the Nov. 19 game at San Francisco. "I guess it’s kind of good news for me," Holmgren said. "It could have been worse, certainly." Seneca Wallace, a fourth-year veteran, will make his first NFL start Sunday at Kansas City (3-3). The Seahawks (4-2) are already without league MVP Shaun Alexander, who is out with a broken foot. Holmgren said the 2005 league rushing leader is on track to return Nov. 6 against Oakland.

Hasselbeck said he is constantly aware of people at his feet to guard against injuries, "within a certain amount of time after I throw." He said he relaxed in this case, thinking the pass was over. "I guess I learned my lesson," he said.

After Sunday’s game, Hasselbeck was apologetic and pointed to the ground and Mack Strong kind of pushed, "but that didn’t mean to do it," said Henderson, a fourth-year veteran from Maryland. "It was definitely an accident, I hope he gets back soon." 

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles down Tri-State in a tight road contest

Team defeats MIAA rival for seventh consecutive time

By MICHAEL BRYAN

The Belles history of success against MIAA rival Tri-State continued Tuesday as Saint Mary’s pulled out a close 3-2 victory on the road against the Thunder.

Saint Mary’s has never lost in seven matches with Tri-State, including three this season.

The Belles looked strong in their 30-21 first-game victory. But Tri-State quickly rallied, tying the match with a 30-23 win in the second game. A 30-24 win in the third game gave the Thunder a chance to clinch the upset.

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Saint Mary’s showed its strength on the road against the Thunder, with a 30-25 win that gave the Belles a chance to clinch the upset.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek had mixed feelings about the team’s performance. "I was very proud of the way we never let up, but I didn’t like the way we fell behind and lost the lead," she said. "They’re a very good team, and this win was huge for us." The Belles will play one final regular season match Saturday against third-place Adrian before the MIAA Tournament.

Schroeder-Biek, however, is confident her team will not look past their final opponent. "We always play one match at a time, and we place more importance on that now than ever," Schroeder-Biek said. "We will do what we can to tighten up our game and be ready for the next match." 

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Merriman appeals 4-game suspension

Pro-Bowl linebacker tested positive for a banned substance

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Shawne Merriman’s attorney said the Chargers’ outside linebacker failed a drug test because of a tainted supplement and will continue to play while appealing his four-game suspension.

Attorney David Cornwell said he believed Merriman tested positive for the steroid androstenedione, which is prohibited under the NFL’s substance abuse policy. Cornwell said the substance was in a supplement Merriman has been taking.

“He did not go into the back alley somewhere and put a needle in his butt for steroids,” Cornwell said at a news conference Monday, after two hours after Merriman practiced with the Chargers a day after their 30-27 loss at Kansas City.

Merriman said he spoke with teammates and coaches earlier in the day, and “apologized to them for this being a distraction, especially the critical time we’re going through as a team.”

“Hopefully, nobody makes any kind of judgment or anything that basically makes me guilty for anything, because nothing has been done wrong on my part,” Merriman said. “And I will try to get it straightened out as soon as possible. As of right now, I’m not missing any time.”

The 22-year-old Merriman was the 2003 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and started in the Pro Bowl after leading the Chargers with 10 sacks. Nicknamed “Lights Out” because of his punching hits, Merriman has 5 1/2 sacks this season for the Chargers (4-2), who host St. Louis on Sunday.

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“All of us are familiar with the sting of losing a teammate,” Cornwell said. “We love the guy and he’s sticking with him.”

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Ultimate, rowing teams continue fall season

Special to The Observer

Last weekend Notre Dame organized a 24-hour game of Ultimate to raise money for the Robinson Center. Play began Saturday Oct. 21 at 8:00 p.m. and continued until Sunday Oct. 22 at 8:00 a.m. More than 30 players participated in the event. The game plan was an even balance between the dark and light teams, which was referred to as Hunting and Fishing, respectively. At 7:58 p.m. Friday, the final score was 319-319 and freshman Katie Morin caught the game winning spike.

Close to $1,000 was raised to help the Robinson Center through the donations and hard work of Notre Dame students.

The Ultimate team would like to thank everyone who showed up to organize, playing and donating to this event, especially sophomores Danny Colton, the event organizer.

During the first weekend of fall break, the Notre Dame men's squad traveled to Columbus to participate in Ohio State's Fall Brawl Tournament, while the women's squad competed in the best of the Midwest in Ann Arbor, Mich. The men's squad started the day strong with a 13-11 victory over section rival Indiana. The Irish and the Hoosiers traded points all game long with Notre Dame capitalizing on hard defense by freshman Bill Carson. Notre Dame capitalized by being able to locate Colton and sophomore Daniel Reimer deep.

Notre Dame had only three upperclassmen traveling this weekend and the experienced squads of Ohio and Michigan State proved to be too much. The Irish played good games against both, and focused on resting issues on the handle. Notre Dame hung with James Madison but lost 13-11. The Irish finished 1-3 in pool play, which pitted them then against Miami of Ohio in the knockout round Sunday.

On Sunday, captain Steve Kurtz led the Irish to a first round victory. Once again, the game was close, and hard defense from Ryan Gorman and others proved to be the difference in the win. The Irish advanced to the top 16 in a field of 35. They lost another close game to Chicago, effectively ending their weekend. The Irish played one last game against Penn State, and they focused on gaining experience for the freshman lads squad.

In the women's season opener, the Irish dropped a close 9-7 match against Michigan State. The Irish fell behind early, 3-0, as the offense struggled to find its rhythm. No one stood out in her debut performance as a consistent receiver in the field, while classmate Jenna Adas's intensity on defense slowed down the Spartan attack. Although the Irish were able to tie the game at seven, the Spartans closed out the match, and now lead the all-time series 4-3.

Notre Dame learned its lesson well in its opener, and proceeded to win its final three games, 13-7 over Michigan B, 11-9 over Michigan A, and 11-7 over Northwestern. Captains Rachel Meeks and Shannon Morrison ran the offense, mixing short, swift passes with long downfield hucks. Sophomores Elizabeth Crosby and Jean Whitney, both in their first year as handlers, contributed to the growing confidence of the defense against Michigan B. In the final two games against Michigan and Northwestern, defensive layouts by Meeks and freshman Erin Maxwell highlighted the action, assisted by Kathryn Florack, another freshman.

The Irish women will return to action this weekend in the Illinois Invitational.

Men's Rowing

At the end of fall break, twelve Notre rows along with coxswain Gigi Gutierrez raced in the most prestigious regatta in North America, Boston's Head of the Charles. The experience was a first for all twelve Notre Dame rowers, although Gutierrez had previously raced in the event.

Notre Dame entered three boats in two events. The two Irish sculling boats of Nick Kloesner and Michael Giordano along with Steve Mahler and Michael Luci raced in the 23 and under men's sculling double event. Gigi Gutierrez's crew of Scotty Campbell, P.J. McAward, Todd Hawkins, Karol Griesiak, Matt Degnan, Andrew Baker, Kate Pethey and Ray Schleck raced in the Men's Collegiate eight-plus event.

After having their bids accepted in early September, the Irish crews concentrated their training on the Head of the Charles. Their preparation was completed with two-a-day training over fall break. The training paid off as all three of the crews turned in their best races of the season. Kloesner and Giordano finished 11th in the sculling event after navigating their way down the winding course. Mahler and Luci were the 10th place finishers, but were pushed back to 16th as the result of receiving time penalties for one instance of aggressively passing another crew and two instances of dangerous steering and racing.

Mahler and Luci raced closely with three other boats the entire race, and were involved in minor crashes going both under a bridge that was a part of a turn, and during a 180 degree hairpin turn. Kloesner and Giordano raced a cleaner course in turning in their performance.

Gutierrez' eight man crew was also involved in dramatic racing. The Irish eight raced incredibly well for the first two and a half miles of the three mile course. After the 180 degree hairpin turn, Gutierrez's crew was preparing to go under the last of six bridge archways at the infamous "dead man's curve." Unfortunately for the Irish crew, a Chinese junior national crew from Peking University had been involved in a boat collision approximately one kilometer before the final bridge. By the time the Peking boat reached the final bridge they sank due to a hole from the crash, leaving a sinking boat, eight Chinese rowers and a coxswain swimming under the only bridge archway that Notre Dame could pass under. The Notre Dame eight-plus stopped until the Chinese could get out of the way, and then Notre Dame performed a sprint to catch the boat they had been chasing before they were forced to stop. The unoffical results placed Notre Dame at 32nd in the race. Factoring in the estimated 25-30 second stoppage time, the Irish crew would have finished approximately 16th place and within five percent of the winner's time.

The results are being reviewed to determine whether to move the Notre Dame boat in the range within five percent of the winner's time, which would grant the Notre Dame eight-plus an automatic bid to next year's race.

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Men's Tennis
Parbhu, Keckley win ITA doubles crown
Notre Dame junior
advances to finals of ITA singles bracket
By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

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Parbhu was able to turn it around and finish the match forcing Moneke into a
7-6(2) tiebreaker. Assistant coach Ryan Sachire praised Parbhu's efforts in the first set, but felt he had the
potential to win.

"Sheeva had opportunities to win the match and let them slip away," he said.

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last four, including 1-0 losses to Syracuse and Cincinnati to end the regular season. Their last win came Oct. 14, when they topped St. John’s — the No. 3 team in the Big East red division. With 11 total defeats, DePaul is tied with Georgetown for the second-highest tally of losses this season behind Marquette (15), and it has the worst record of any of the 12 Big East teams advancing to the conference’s postseason tournament.

Irish coach Bobby Clark feels that the Blue Demon squad coming to South Bend tonight will be stronger than the one Notre Dame faced earlier in the season. "They were a young team then," Clark said. "They’ve had a few interesting results (in the last few weeks, and) they’re a team that has improved."

When DePaul last visited Notre Dame Sept. 10, the Irish dominated the game from whistle to whistle, outshooting the Blue Demons 26-4 on their way to a 3-0 victory. Clark anticipates Notre Dame will still come out sharp against DePaul.

"If they [overlook their opponent], on their heads be it," he said. "I hope this team has enough respect for every opponent on our schedule to know that each team can beat us if we’re not properly focused."

DePaul is spearheaded by freshman forward Alex Mangan. Mangan leads the Blue Demons with five goals and 10 points. Notre Dame is led by senior midfielder Greg Dalby and junior striker Joseph Lapira. Dalby, a preseason All-American, was named a player to watch for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, which is given annually to the best college soccer player. Lapira leads the nation with 19 goals this season, half of Notre Dame’s conference-best 38 goals.

Senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill has nine of Notre Dame’s 12 losses this season, half of Notre Dame’s conference-best 38 goals.

Senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill will anchor the Irish defense. Cahill has nine of Notre Dame’s Big East-leading 10 shutouts this season and is second in the conference with a 0.71 goals against average.

Freshman striker Michael Thomas, who has been named Big East rookie of the week for the past two weeks, should also contribute to the Irish effort. Thomas is currently third on the team with three goals. "Michael needs to keep going the way he’s been going since the start of the season," Clark said. "Suddenly someone scores a few goals and people notice them, but that doesn’t mean he’s playing any different than he was earlier."

Clark reiterated that the team’s primary objective would be to keep improving. "If we are focused, we needn’t fear any team in the league, or in the country," he said. "If we’re not (focused), we can suddenly slip to being a very ordinary team."

With the way the Irish have played for most of the season, Clark expects them to continue their winning ways.

"You have to take it one game at a time and work on it and make that game a masterpiece," he said. "We want to make (each game) as good as it possibly can be."

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well," Louderback said. "She came [Friday] and played big points well."

Ciobanu took all of her matches straight sets until falling to Brieley in the finals.

"Cosmina has a great all-around game," Louderback said. "They both can come in and volley. That will help them both in matches down the road.

Junior Brook Buck and sophomore Kelsey Tefft claimed the doubles title for Notre Dame, defeating Northwestern's Georgia Rose and Alexis Prusis 6-4. The performance qualified the pair for the ITA National 1 and 2 Doubles Championships.

We played really aggressive. We won the first five games and then let them get the next four. But on the change over we said 'OK, let's get back to how aggressive we were in the first five.'"

Brook Buck Irish player

Catrina Thompson entered the singles event as the No. 1 seed, but fell to Northwestern's Lauren Liu 6-2, 6-2. Buck competed in singles play as well after winning the doubles tournament, entering as the No. 4 seed, but fell to Northwestern's Sui Le Matznerauer in the first round 6-4, 6-2.

"Catrina relies a lot on her serve and she just didn't serve well," Louderback said. "She missed a lot of first serves. Christian played alright, she just lost a close match.

"They and Brook have been playing a lot of doubles matches and haven't had many singles matches lately and that hurt them a little bit," Brieley and sophomore Katie Potts, along with Ciobanu and freshman Kali Krisik each advanced to the round of 16 in doubles play.

Next up in the ECK Classic in Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavilion starting Nov. 3.

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Tops

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Rock returned to the Irish lineup Tuesday after missing Sunday's 1-0 win over Georgetown with a leg injury.

"Having her really makes our offense flow," Waldrum said. "She makes Hawks better, she makes Weissenhoff better, she makes [junior] Amanda Cinnali and [junior] Susan) Pimick and everyone else we play up front better."

Rock opened the scoring with a goal 34 minutes into the game off a pass from Hanks. Barely 10 minutes later, Hanks put the Irish up 2-0 with her team-leading 15th score of the year.

Weissenhoff added her 10th of the year in the second half to provide the final margin.

The game was the third contest in five days for Notre Dame and the team's fifth straight road game. Waldrum said the Irish will not practice Wednesday or Thursday so they can rest before their first Big East tournament game, Sunday at Alumni Field.

"Being on the tail end of being on the road these past few weeks and with midterm exams, mentally, I think they need a day or two away from soccer," said Randy Waldrum Irish coach.

Freshman forward Michelle Weissenhofener performs a flip throw-in during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Rutgers Oct. 8.
Cincinnati kids ing

By CHRIS HINE
Associate Sports Writer

Irish win over No. 14 Connecticut.

Men’s Basketball — Recruiting

ND grabs two verballas for 2007 class

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame secured two high school verbal commitments for the class of 2007 early this week — New York forward Tyrone Nash on Monday and Kentucky guard Ty Proffitt Tuesday — according to recruiting Web sites Scout.com and Rivals.com as well as an article in The (Louisville) Courier-Journal.

Nash — who is listed between 6-foot-6, 210 pounds and 6-foot-7, 215 pounds — is a senior at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Northfield, Mass., but is originally from Woodmere, N.Y. Nash narrowed his choices to Notre Dame, St. John’s and Kentucky before making his decision.

Nash received a late summer offer from Kentucky, but chose to exclusively himself to the class of 2007, opting for a final year of high school eligibility. As a senior in 2006-07, Nash averaged 17.6 points and 15.0 rebounds per game before transferring from Lawrence Woodmere Academy in Long Island to his current prep school.

Proffitt — a senior at South Laurel High School in London, Ky. — is listed between 6-foot-3 and 6-foot-4, and weighs 195 pounds. He averaged 12.9 points per game on 44.3 percent shooting as a junior.

Men's Soccer

Irish begin Big East tournament

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame will see a repeat opponent for the first time this year today.

But the stakes are a bit higher this time around as the Irish (17-0-1, 10-0-0 Big East) will take on DePaul at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field in the first round of the Big East conference tournament. Notre Dame finished the season in third place in the Big East Blue division after finishing its season with a 2-1 loss at No. 4 West Virginia and a 1-0 win over No. 14 Connecticut.

The Blue Demons (5-11-2, 4-7-0 Big East) limped into the playoffs, losing three out their final four games.

Smc Soccer

Belles end year with MIAA foe

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finishes the regular season today with a 4 p.m. home game against Tri-State. The Belles (4-6-1, 3-3-1 MIAA) hope to gain some momentum heading into the postseason with a win over the winless Thunder.

We are very confident in a win," senior goalkeeper Laura Heline said. "It's important for us to continue playing at the level we have been and not to drop to the level of a struggling Tri-State.

The small, 13-player Tri-State team has been dominate all year, scoring only six goals to their opponents 62. Senior Jenny Sharkley and freshman Jackie Havenaar are tied for the team lead with two goals apiece.

Sharkley is responsible for the team's lone goal in MIAA play this year. The unassisted strike came with 10 minutes remaining in a 1-7 loss to Hope on Oct. 11.

The Belles have won the past four meetings between the two teams by a combined score of 26-4. The streak dates back to an 8-1 victory on Oct. 5, 2004.

Heline has given up one goal in each of the contests, but she

Smc Tennis

Rielley defeats teammate in win

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Men's Tennis

Sheva Parakh and Ryan Keckley win ITA Midwest Regional Doubles Championship.

Club Sports

Ultimate Frisbee’s women’s rowing teams continue their fall seasons.

NFL

San Diego linebacker Shawne Merriman appeals four-game suspension after violating the NFL’s substance abuse policy.

Nfl

Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck complains about F.J. Henderson's tackle.

Smc Volleyball

Saint Mary's 3, Tri-State 2

Belles eke out tight victory on the road.

Mlb

St. Louis 5, Detroit 0

Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter pitches eight shutout innings to lead Cardinals to Game 3 win.