Business school earns top-30 national ranking

By KATIE PERRY  
News Writer

For the third straight time, Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business ranked among the top 30 in BusinessWeek magazine's biennial survey of MBA programs nationwide. The rankings feature — which highlighted Notre Dame at No. 26 — is in the Oct. 23 edition on newsstands now. BusinessWeek placed the program at 24th in its 2002 survey and 29th in its 2004 survey.

Finance department chair Robert Huang said Notre Dame is consistently recognized by such rankings because the MBA program is "never satisfied." "We never stop improving ourselves," he said. "Both the faculty and the staff are united in making our students' top priority.

The magazine also named Notre Dame to its list of the top 10 schools for fastest return on investment.

Irish fans pleased with road victory

Historic competition entices loyal crowds despite lengthy traveling distance

By PATRICK CASSIDY  
News Writer

The last time Navy beat Notre Dame in a football game, John F. Kennedy was still President and man had not yet stepped foot on the moon. The Irish dominance over that span has remained unaltered as Notre Dame improved to 7-1 with a 38-14 victory over Midshipmen.

Freshman Brendan McQuay attended the game and said M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md. was "mostly in favor of the Irish."

"However there were obviously pockets of Navy support," he said. "The atmosphere was unbelievable and was well worth the ten-hour drive."

Notre Dame's consecutive win streak over Navy — 43 games — is the longest such streak in not only division-one college football, but any sport. "It's not even a challenge anymore," freshman Jeremiah Herman said. "I enjoy the tradition the game brings, but we should play a team that will help us more in the rankings."

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn had an efficient day, passing for nearly 300 yards and scampering for a 19-yard touchdown.

"I didn't know he could run that fast!" freshman Brock Hermann said. "If Quinn continues to take over games like he has the past couple weeks, his chances for the Heisman Trophy will only continue to increase."

After giving up over 200 yards in the first half to the Midshipmen's option offense, the defense made adjustments and helped the Irish cruise to a lopsided victory.

"Navy's offense became too predictable and it was just a

Diverse dinner aids needy

By ROHAN ANAND  
News Writer

McGillin Hall's First Meal of Nations event filled more than just stomachs Sunday — it also filled a need to raise money and awareness to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Hondo Valley, Dominican Republic.

The event was hosted by the Vietnamese Students Association, the Filipino American Students Organization, the African Students Association (ASA), the Hawaii Club and the Caribbean Students Association.

The campus-wide event hailed exotic food from all of these cultural organizations and seemed to promote its cause in a unique way, said junior Lauren Gambou.
Inside Column

Weis uninhibited

I’m sure you saw it. And in case you didn’t, I’m sure someone in your dorm taped it:
“I edited ‘50 Minutes’ essentially advertised their piece last night on Charlie Weis as ‘Weis Uninhibited’ and starting out, that’s what it seemed to be. But after the first few minutes, the portrait changed. It was still ‘Weis Uninhibited’, but it had a very different kind of frankness.”

There are many complicated people in the world, but Charlie Weis will never be one of them. His behavior focuses on two simple goals: 1) Complete, utter and undisputed victory and 2) Family. Sometimes you have to prove a point. One way to make your case is to reason with someone. Example: “Hey, I told you guys to work hard in practice because if you do you can get stronger and win more games, so pretty please, could you run a littler faster today?”

OK, I’ll stop back a bit. Appeals to reason are not necessarily that wimpy and ineffective. After all, Weis has been known to use simple math to encourage recruits. Example: Four Super Bowl rings X you = you = NFL. But everyone, by his human nature, will have periods in their life where they are tired, lazy, or just a little too comfortable when they shouldn’t be. So, how does one solve a simple problem of human nature? Using very loud, but yet very basic methods!

Offbeat

Black cat adoptions banned on Halloween

BOISE, Idaho — No black cat will cross your path this Halloween, not if a northern Idaho animal shelter can help it. Like many shelters around the country, the Kootenai Humane Society in Coeur d’Alene is prohibiting black cat adoptions from now to Nov. 2, fearing the animals could be mistreated because of the whole satanic-pranks — or worse, sacrificed in some satanic ritual.

The risk may be remote, said the shelter’s executive director, Phil Morgan. “It’s kind of an urban legend. But in the humane industry it’s pretty typical that shelters don’t do adoptions of black cats or white bunnies because of the whole satanic sacrificial thing.”

Weis said he was a brutally honest father. And though he might lack those of The Observer. Column are those of the author and I believe it.

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New laws restrict trick-or-treating

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sex offenders on probation or parole in Tennessee are banned from Halloween costume parties this year and aren't even allowed to put up decorations like jack-o-lanterns that might attract youngsters.

The new state guidelines are meant to clarify policies that prevent offenders from interacting with children, said Board of Probation and Parole spokesman Jack Elder, and were not enacted in response to any specific problems the board has seen during the Halloween season.

Tennessee isn't the only state keeping close watch on sex offenders during Halloween. New York issued similar Halloween restrictions for sex offenders this year and imposed a 3 p.m. to 6 a.m. Halloween curfew on them. Sex offenders in Lima, Ohio, and Gaston County, N.C., were ordered to attend meetings with authorities that coincide with the prime hours for trick-or-treating.

Maryland has even told sex offenders on parole or probation to keep their porch lights turned off Tuesday night. In addition, Baltimore County will pay about 20 plainclothes officers overtime to work the streets and look for sex offenders who have contact with children other than their own, said county police Cpl. Michael Hill.

The Tennessee restrictions prohibit sex offenders from attending special Halloween events like corn field mazes and haunted houses, holding out treats, displaying Halloween decorations, accompanying trick-or-treating children or wearing costumes.

They apply to all sex offenders on probation or parole — about 2,000 of the 8,100 registered offenders living in the state — and not specifically to those offenders whose crimes involved minors.

"No matter what their sex offense might have been, they must adhere to the same rules," Elder said. "Any sex offender is not supposed to have contact with minors. They all sign the same directives."

That even means that offenders with children must find someone else to accompany them on trick-or-treating walks, he said. And if other children knock on their doors on Halloween, the offenders must not answer.

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Meal
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McGlinn's multi-cultural commis­
sion.
"We gave patrons the opportu­
nity to enjoy dishes ranging from
Malawi Chicken from the ASA to
Hal Pio from the Hawaii Club," she said. "So that people
people can afford to buy any groc­
ery items whenever they need it.
Many grocers in the Dominican
Republic only sell certain prod­
ucts when they exist in excess."

McGlinn Hall President junior
Taryn Lewis felt the event
"brought authenticity to McGlinn" and was pleased with
its success.
"Our residents and other Notre
Dame students are really getting
a feel for the situation down in
the Dominican Republic and
we're really happy to be
involved," she said.
The cultural groups, such as
the ASA, were also glad that
their contributions — such as
preparing Cameroonian Poulet
du directeur general (Chicken of
the CEO) — put them on the
map.
"We're a really quiet organiza­
tion on campus," said sophomore
club member Theophilus Ossei-
Anto, from Ghana, "but our con­
nections with [Gamboa] and the
help of McGlinn are getting our
voice out on campus, and we're
also glad to be a help in any way
that we can."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Militants kill 23 Iraqi policemen

BAGHDAD — Suspected Sunni Arab gunmen killed 23 policemen Sunday morning during a one-on-one battle in predominantly Shiite neighborhoods, signaling immediate onset of a new and intense cycle of violence that is likely to bring Iraq closer to civil war.

Political tensions deepened in Baghdad when Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, the country's highest-ranking Sunni politician, threatened to resign if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not act quickly to end two feared Shiite militias.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, depends heavily on the backing of the two Shiite political parties that run the militias and has hesitated American pressure to expel the private armies — the Mahdi Army of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Badr Brigade, the military wing of Iraq's biggest Shiite political bloc, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Serbia resolves to reclaim Kosovo

BELGRADE — Serbian voters have approved a new constitution reasserting Serbia's claim over the breakaway Kosovo province, independently observers and Serbia's prime minister said Sunday.

The Belgrade-based Center for Free Elections and Democracy said their sample count after polls closed in the two-day vote indicated that 96 percent of those who participated in the referendum supported the draft charter.

At least 50 percent of the country's 6.6 million voters had to participate for the results to be valid and the group estimated turnout at 51.3 percent.

The final result is expected on Monday.

**National News**

Audit highlights missing weapons

WASHINGTON — Nearly one of every 25 weapons the military bought for Iraqi security forces.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Program to boost Hispanic business

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's Hispanic Business Council has launched a new initiative to increase the number of long-term Hispanic-owned businesses around the Indianapolis area.

The Mentor-Protege Program aims to provide leadership for the creation, growth, development, and retention of Hispanic businesses throughout the Indiana area.

The program is designed to develop and grow three to five Hispanic-owned businesses each year for a three-year period and foster the establishment of long-term business relationships between protegés and majority corporations.

**Nigeria**

Nearly 100 dead in plane crash

Abuja — A Nigerian airliner with 104 people on board slammed on the ground in a sudden hard landing after takeoff on Sunday — the third deadly crash of a passenger plane in two years in this West African nation known for its notorious safety at air industry.

Six people survived, and the rest were believed dead.

Among those killed was the man regarded as the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims, and thousands of people gathered at a regional airport to receive his body.

The Boeing 737 crashed one minute after taking off from Abuja airport, said Sam Aduragboye, an Aviation Ministry spokesman.

Rescue workers found debris from the smashed plane, body parts and luggage strewn over an area the size of a football field.

The plane went down inside the sprawling airport compound about two miles from the runway. Smoke rose from the aircraft's mangled and smoldering fuselage, its tail hung from a tree.

Emergency workers pulled blackened corpses from the wreckage, then covered the bodies with white sheets and hauled them away in stretchers. An Associated Press reporter counted at least 50 cadavers, though other bodies had been transported early to local morgues.

Through the day, airport security officials kept back anxious people seeking information about friends or loved ones.

Aduragboye said 104 passengers and crew had been aboard the doomed flight, and he knew of six survivors who had been taken to a hospital. "Obviously the rest are feared dead," he said.
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 investment, or the number of years it takes former students to reach a well-paying job, is a required component for the graduate program.

Students can get a quicker return on investment by "choosing a program that is strongly oriented toward internships," said associate editor Tori Lavelle on the magazine's Web site. "The mid-tier schools such as Wisconsin, Notre Dame and Rochester did very well in the return on investment analysis. You can recoup your investment in five years or less," she said.

Kevin Dowd, Senior Director of Career Development at Mendoza, said the MBA program’s focus on "leadership in thought, action and management" prepares graduates not only in the classroom, but after graduation, but also later on as their careers progress.

"Some graduates are recruited into positions that aren’t really career opportunities, but substantial opportunities that allow them to use their skills and add value to companies and organizations immediately," she said.

The central mission of the MBA career development team is to connect students with career opportunities, Dowd said. The team provides tools that can be used in all stages of career decision making: "figuring out what major you want to pursue, pinpointing career market positions, evaluating alternatives, making decisions and re-assessing Continuing education that encompasses both business and ethics."

"The most important thing is not just to teach them the financial tools of the trade, but you also teach them how to do the right thing," Dowd said. "It is not just about preparation, it is about how you act, for the world. After all, we are business students so it’s our responsibility to manage our careers in a way that is consistent with them for the long run.

"Our students have to know about the early voting, but they also have to know about the routine from last year. The procedure for buying basketball tickets is very similar to purchasing tickets overall.

"It seems really easy, well structured, and pretty convenient," he said. "So far they appear strong and have a bright future." Conw ay also said fans can look forward to a great season with a full house.

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"Our defensive line got it together in the second half and decided to play within their assignments instead of just flying to the ball."
The Irish, now with seven wins, look toward their next game, Saturday in South Carolina.

Future Notre Dame opponent Maryland is a tough, unranked Oregon State. Notre Dame still controls its own destiny as it seeks to secure its second consecutive BCS bowl.

"The rise of our schedule looks good," junior Matt Berio also said. "I think we are pretty much set up to be successful season, but we will still need some help around the nation to keep their championship dreams alive."

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"One thing about our guys ... they live with you, they eat at North and South Dining Hall, they do the same things (aka- dad) Brey. Said. "And then) they have to go out and compete in the Big East."

Entertainment for Thursday's event was provided by the Pop Squad, members of the band, cheerleaders and a video showing highlights from past games. Students in the audience were selected to participate in free three contests and a relay with players, and prizes were given out to some of the winners.

At the conclusion of the event, students were able to redeem their vouchers and purchase season ticket books.

"The process is a little bit convoluted, but it’s worth it because I’m a sports fan," freshman Kia Johnson said. "And for basketball [the price] is pretty reasonable."

Josh Berio, director of ticket operations, said that this year’s procedure for buying basketball tickets is very similar to the routine from last year.

"We did streamline it a bit for buying with wireitrans and making tickets available immediately following the event or on subsequent days to better accommodate student schedules." Berio also said fans can look forward to a great season with a full house.

Freshman Joseph Nacho was pleased with the process for purchasing tickets overall.

"It seems really easy, well structured, and pretty convenient," he said. "(And the price) is really good — sixty bucks and you’re going to get a full season."
Scientists resign to avoid crackdown

WASHINGTON — Nearly 40 percent of the scientists conducting hands-on research at the National Institutes of Health say they are looking for other jobs or are considering doing so to escape new restrictions on private consulting that allow them to compete at a market rate and want to stay independent.

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Board of Health weighs potential benefits of trans-fat ban

NEW YORK — There are plenty of things in Kentucky Fried Chicken’s menu that might harm your health — cholesterol, saturated fats, you name it. But only one has the potential to get the colonel’s recipe thrown out of town.

That ingredient is artificial trans fats, which are so common that the average American eats 4.7 pounds a year, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service announced last week that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is to hold its first public hearing on a proposal to make New York the first U.S. city to ban restaurants from serving food containing artificial trans fats.

Eateries are scrambling for ways to get trans fats out of their foods.

KFC Corp., said it was planning to phase out its artificial trans fats because it had been “thought to be “healthy”” in New York on Monday about a change coming to all 5,500 of its U.S. restaurants. Franchise owners told several newspapers and magazines that KFC would stop using partially hydrogenated vegetable oil in its trans fats.

Representatives of the company’s parent, Louisville, Ky.-based Yum Brands Inc., declined to comment on the possible switch was applauded by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which sued KFC in June over the trans fat content of its chicken.

“Assuming KFC goes through with it, it would be a tremendous improvement for the nutritional quality of their foods,” said the center’s executive director, Mike Jacobson.

Inventor in the early 1960s, partially hydrogenated vegetable oil was initially believed to be a healthy substitute for natural fats like butter or lard. It was also cheaper, performed better under high heat and had a longer shelf life. Today, it is used for deep frying and as a shortening in baked goods like cookies and crackers.

Ironically, many fast food companies became dependent on hydrogenated oil about 15 years ago when they were pressured by health groups to do something about saturated fat. McDonald’s emptied its fryers of beef tallow in 1990 and filled them with “heart healthy” partially hydrogenated vegetable oil.

Trans fats significantly raise the level of “bad” cholesterol in the blood, clogging arteries and causing heart disease. Researchers at Harvard’s School of Public Health have estimated that trans fats contribute to 30,000 U.S. deaths a year.

If approved, New York’s ban would only affect restaurants, not grocery stores, and wouldn’t extend beyond the city limits. But experts said the city’s food service industry, with 24,600 establishments, is so large that any rule change is likely to be seen nationwide.

“It’s going to be the trendsetter for the entire country,” said Suzanne Viets, director of the culinary nutrition program at San Francisco State University in Providence, R.I.

Richard Linsky, a spokesman for the National restaurant Association, said many New York restaurants fear that the city, which has already prepared elsewhere, and aren’t always aware whether their suppliers sell them trans fats.

Consumer reaction remains to be seen.

New Jersey state Sen. Ellen Krowinski introduced a similar bill in the legislature in early October. A proposed ban in Chicago was sidelined by some as government paternalism run amok.

Energy drinks create dangerous tendencies

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Early outlook for future benefits

New packaging will prevent contamination

San Francisco — A woman said at a reception for Natural Selection Foods LLC, the maker of a supermarket line of natural foods, that her daughter was allergic to tomato juice.

“Regardless of the source or method of contamination, we’re better prepared to catch it,” the woman said.

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This past week White House Press Secretary Tony Snow changed his tune on the war strategy. This is clearly an interesting turn of events as "stay the course" has been hammered into our psyche for months and months, often in response to a recently released casualty or intelligence report which would seem to indicate that our current strategy is not working. This is particularly interesting as "stay the course" was the Bush Administration's and also Bush supporter's means of contrasting their strategy in that of the Democrats: the cowardly "cut and run" tactic. However, this revelation of strategy and semantics works to a larger phenomenon of lying complicated maimed issues to as few words as possible and then repeating that phrase over and over until America believes that the issue is that simple. However, no issue facing America is simple enough to be reduced to a three or four word treaty. The utter failure of the government to control the situation in Iraq and to come up with a feasible strategy for both Iraq and American success deserves more than three words and obfuscation, confusing rhetoric which insists that if we simply keep doing what we're doing, we will win. This simplistic facade which has repeatedly been presented to the American public is additionally reflected in a grossly insidiously way through the midterm election campaign commercials that have begun to dominate television screens across the country. The ad campaigns have taken simplifying a message to a new low, simplifying the opponent's platform to a few mind-numbing words and atrocious analyses of positions. For example, any stance which attempts to determine if there is a way to integrate already prevent illegal immi- gration into our society is automatically considered "amnesty." Any politician who agrees with President Bush the majority of the time is made out to be a puppet of the current administration. Anyone who has ever shaken the band, as would be the responsible thing to do when meeting someone of any kind of objectionable figure, will undoubtedly have that picture included in their opponent's campaign ad if all opinions, issue stances and agenda are magically transported from the questionable party to a candidate through a simple handshake. Personally I'm sick of it. And even worse than my personal disdain for the lack of ethics in political semantics these days is that those who are perpetrating these damaging, misleading, and ultimately useless messages are those who we are forced to choose between. Each day we hear the dirtiest and grossest misrepresentations of candidates' character and policies and ultimately one of them will win. What is being perpetuated is a cycle of distrust and loss of faith in politicians and while there certainly is no lack of scandals, cheating, lying and incompe­ tent representation in Congress, neither party should have to spend tens of millions of dollars to point out their potential for failure as opposed to their own candidates' reasons for inevitable success. What I propose is a contract which oblig­ ates the majority of a candidate's approved ads to be positive. Call it the "Integrity in Campaigning Agreement." Essentially it would curtail negative campaign­ ing officially sponsored by candi­ dates, by forcing them to spend more money and minutes of airtime on positive campaigns ads than on negativity. Such an agreement could be signed by the major candidates in any election and quite frankly would put the spotlight back on the candidate, their achievements and why they would be a good public official. In addition, I hope that one day both the Republican and Democratic National Committees will collaborate and form a campaign oversight committee whose sole purpose is to analyze the claims of candidates and to diligently fact-check and explain the sources and details of each claim. Perhaps if there were a central non-partisan authority whose sole purpose is to bring truth back into politics, more Americans would have a better understanding of the political process, those who take part in it and what they achieve. Maybe then more Americans would turn out to vote. Such a committee will never be formed. But, hey, I can dream.

What it comes down to is this: Americans deserve better than to have their vote courted by sound bites and catch phrases. Americans deserve better than gross misrepresentation of crucial issues on serious issues. Americans deserve better than the hollage of negative campaign commercials that flood their living rooms with doubt and anxiety over whether any candidate is acceptable. It's time to bring truth and ethics back to the forefront of political campaigns. It's time for Americans to demand something better. This midterm election season, vote based on the facts — not based upon the distortions and oversimplifications of issues inherently found in negative campaigning.

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

*STAY THE COURSE!!*

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

*"A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I get the feel of each­ one living on its own. So I fall in love with the feel of each. . . . What I began by reading I must finish by acting."

Henry David Thoreau

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**Observer Poll**

Does Halloween falling on a Tuesday affect your plans to celebrate?

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com
Support for ‘Bras Around the Bend’ display

Bras for a cause

In response to Lauren Galgano’s “Downtown display inappropriate,” I find her statements like a bra with no wire — lacking support.

She should really “push up” her opinion with some facts. In eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer sometime in their life (American Cancer Association). This translates into about 212,920 women who will be found to have breast cancer this year, and about 40,970 of those women will have died from it.

How can you bash a display that is intended to bring awareness and raise funds for research that can reduce the number of women dying every single year from breast cancer?

This disease will even affect many of the women on the Notre Dame campus in one way or another. I am one of them. My mother is still in remission after being diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago. She is a woman who has been stressed about being a conservative, upstanding woman. After being diagnosed, she quickly realized that there is no shame for her body. This is coming from a woman who was afraid to take her bra off for mammograms in front of a female nurse! After surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, hundreds of check ups, needing the help of her daughter to bathe, she is not ashamed — not ashamed of her bra or her breasts.

Even more so, my family and I used humor to help her forget about the pain, about the sickness that came with chemotherapy, about the loss of her hair, about the trouble getting in and out of bed, about the struggle to get healthy so she can enjoy her life once again with her family.

The “Bras Around the Bend” display does not have an underlying innuendo about sexuality. It is meant to raise awareness through something that helps thousands of individuals forget about their pain — through humor. And Lauren Galgano, if you cannot be mature enough to see beyond this display, then you are marginalizing the pain, the struggle, the love and the support of what that display means to hundreds of thousands of people.

LaLu Meraz
sophomore
McGlinn Hall
Oct. 28

Sexual innuendo not goal in display

I would like to respectfully disagree with a letter by fellow graduate student Lauren Galgano in which she suggests that the “Bras Around the Bend” display in downtown South Bend is a wrong-headed and provocative attempt to use sex appeal to publicize a good cause.

While I am not a big fan of much of the music played on U93 and think that many current pop and R&B hits objectify women and sex, I simply don’t think that the radio station was implying a similar message with the “Bras Around the Bend” campaign (which is also cosponsored by LaSalle Bank and Unity Surgical Arts).

Neither the advertisements I heard on the station nor the advertisement on its website carry any sort of sexual connotation. They simply say, donate a bra, and for each bra donated, monetary contributions will be made to RiverBend Cancer Services. They don’t say bring your biggest, raciest bra so we can spice up the downtown scene (for a good cause).

The website graphics include a simple pink ribbon, not a scantily clad lingerie model. As for Lauren’s idea that bras themselves are a sex symbol and therefore make the display inappropriate, I would have to reply that I think most anything can become a sex symbol if the viewer intends for it to be one.

By stringing brass around trees and lightpoles, I don’t think U93 or the town of South Bend is attempting to conjure up images of cleavage-bearing Victoria’s Secret models. Instead, I think that the bra display intends and should bring to the minds of millions of women who are affected with breast cancer, many of whom have to deal with the physical and emotional side effects of having a mastectomy.

Rebecca McManus
grad student
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Oct. 27

U-Wire

Deep in the drink

Last year, I attended a small, private college in a middle-sized Iowa town. Students at this college drank, but the drinking was rarely out of control. When I transferred to Iowa State University, I was fully aware that the alcohol consumption would increase, but I was completely oblivious to its level of severity.

I don’t drink. I never have and most likely never will. Although I don’t understand or agree with the obsessive need for college students to drink in excess, I don’t have a problem with students who choose to do so. That is, however, until I am disregarded by intoxicated individuals who have lost control of themselves.

Unfortunately at Iowa State, this happens more often than not.

Although I may not drink, I am no stranger to parties. I don’t mind making an appearance at a house or apartment basting with friends who are consuming alcohol because I can leave the party the moment I feel uncomfortable or annoyed. The problem begins when drunken individuals find their way into my residence hall.

My residence hall is my home. I shouldn’t have to want to escape my own home because drinkers lose control, but I do. On the weekends, it is normal for the hallways to be exceedingly loud at three or four in the morning when I am trying to sleep.

When I finally ignore the noise long enough to drift away into my dreams, I am usually suddenly woken up by an irritating fire alarm pulled by someone under the influence who thinks the stunt is absolutely hilarious. After descending down and climbing up nine flights of stairs in the wee hours of the morning, it becomes clear why I don’t appreciate drinking in excess.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, I’m afraid to support or smell the interior of the elevators. Multiple times this semester, the elevators doors have been disgustingly caked with beer, vomit and garbage. After I try desperately not to touch anything in the elevator, the doors open to a main floor covered with ripped newspaper and more beer and garbage.

By Sunday, my home is completely trashed by out-of-control drinking. I did nothing to contribute to the destruction, yet I suffer from the consequences.

At my small, private college, the rules regarding drinking were strictly enforced. Because the rules were enforced, I was able to go to my own residence hall — my home — to escape the rowdy students. At Iowa State, little is done in the residence halls to prevent the destruction from off-campus drinkers. Instead, people seem to turn their heads and ignore the damage as if it’s normal, acceptable behavior for 18-, 19- and 20-year-old underage drinkers. People act as if nothing ever happened.

Something destructive does happen, however, every single weekend. For some, it may be entertaining to see their drunken accomplishments from the previous night’s adventure.

For me, it’s not only frustrating but sickening as well. Obviously my choice to not drink is not a popular one among students at Iowa State, but I shouldn’t be forced to suffer because of that choice. My choice is the legal choice, yet my home is destroyed.

I understand underage drinking will happen. After all, we are in college. I don’t support drinking, but to an extent, I can accept its presence in my life.

When my home and comforts are violated, however, this is crossed. Since I’ve arrived at Iowa State, I have constantly felt violated. I know I am not alone, but the only way the problem will be fixed is if it can no longer be ignored.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

I DON'T THINK THE HOUSING MARKET IS GONNA CRASH.
THE OBSERVER
SCENE
WINTER MOVIE EDITION

STRORIES BY THE OBSERVER

The dry spell following the end of summer is finally over as the winter months usher in a bounty of must-see movies just in time for awards season to begin. There is a general call for quality films releases in the months of September and October as summer blockbusters end and studios hold their Oscar hopes for a release time closer to Oscar season, lest those films be forgotten come January and February. This winter sees a crop to it all — the disturbing and riveting dramas, well-acted and flat jokes-comedies, a Boyen-old musical and blood-haired, blue-eyed Daniel Craig as the newest 007.

A Good Year (Nov. 17, 2006)
According to its tag line, “Everything matters…eventually.” While the main character, Max Skinner (Russia Crowe), might, this film might have enough impact to deserve praise usually reserved for a mature French wine. “A Good Year,” directed by Ridley Scott and written by Marc Klein, is based off a book written by Anthony Tyler. It is set in the Bahamas, it is based on the first book written by Ian Fleming, author of The Man With the Golden Gun, which is one of the Bond novels which inspired the film franchise. The narrative weaves itself through a poker game that Bond is sent to infiltrate in order to prevent a terrorist banker from seeing the bond. Martin Campbell, director of “Goldeneye,” takes the helm from Pierce Brosnan, who many consider the best Bond since Sean Connery.

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For Your Consideration
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Deja Vu (Nov. 22, 2006)
“Deja Vu,” directed by Bill Marsilli and written by David Vann, featuring Denzel Washington as a going-on-40, drinking, smoking, talking, smoking, drinking kind of hero who has a talking dog named Max. Martin Campbell, director of “Goldeneye,” takes the helm from Pierce Brosnan, who many consider the best Bond since Sean Connery.

Although the governing body’s “time viewing” rules film, time travel has been a science, and the film’s world — a place where different events have entwined. In order to be successful, one must learn how to shuffle the cards and prevent the inevitable. The movie opens with a scene in which 40-year-old Martin Campbell, director of “Goldeneye,” takes the helm from Pierce Brosnan, who many consider the best Bond since Sean Connery. The previews draw in the audience and the movie looks as if it is...
By ERIC RETTER  
Associated Press Staff

Baltimore — Notre Dame scored on five of its first six possessions, but that wasn’t good enough for quarterback Brady Quinn.

“We wanted to go six of six and make them all touchdowns,” Quinn said after Notre Dame’s 38-14 victory over Navy Saturday in Baltimore — its 43rd straight over the Midshipmen.

“That’s our goal every time, especially when we’re in the red zone.”

In the seven Irish possessions with Quinn in the game, Notre Dame scored six times — five touchdowns and one field goal.

Notre Dame’s lone non-scoring drive during the stretch occurred when running back Darius Walker was stopped on a fourth-and-goal from the three-yard line at the start of the fourth quarter.

“I think you see a lot of frustration on some guys when we don’t score a touchdown when we’re in the red zone,” Quinn said.

Notre Dame finished with 471 total yards on offense, and Quinn had another standout day for the Irish, completing 18-of-25 passes for 292 yards and three touchdowns. He also added a 19-yard rushing touchdown midway through the third quarter.

“I thought [Quinn] played pretty darn well,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “He’s not just one of the best quarterbacks in college football, he’s one of the best players in college football.”

Notre Dame opened the game with a seven-play, 40-yard drive that resulted in a career-long 40-yard field goal by Carl Gioia.

The possession — which stalled on the Navy 23 yard line — was the only Quinn-engineered drive that didn’t advance into the red zone.

It didn’t take long for the Irish to fix that problem.

Notre Dame pushed the score to 10-0 with the following drive, as David Grimes capped off the possession with a 36-yard touchdown reception — his first career score. Weis said the play was especially important because the Irish faced third and 18 at the time.

“That early touchdown was a really big play in the game, because it was third and forever,” Weis said. “I was hoping to just get some of it back so we could kick a field goal, but Brady stepped over to the left and saw [the defense] there.  This is a couple games in a row now that [Grimes] is making some plays for us.”

Navy broke onto the score-board on its second drive, marching 80 yards on nine plays using its patented triple-option attack. Quarterback Kalu-Nea Kahauku-Enhada finished the drive with a one-yard sneak.

But Notre Dame responded with its own nine-play, 80-yard drive, when Travis Thomas — who starts at linebacker — scammed into the end zone from 16 yards out to make the score 17-7.

The touchdown run was his first carry since a one-yard score against Penn State on Sept. 9.

Notre Dame established its running game — which has been inconsistent for much of the season — early on Saturday. The Irish ran the ball 37 times for 176 yards, compared with just 41 yards on 35 carries last week against UCLA. Quinn was sacked only once on Saturday, while UCLA got to him five times.

Darius Walker led all rushers with 20 carries for 106 yards, his third 100-yard game of the season and the 11th of his career.

“I was much more pleased with how things went in the running game,” Weis said. “I think that across the board we were more physical at the line of scrimmage. I had a lot more hardball runs where you go smash them in the mouth.”

Navy again replied to a Notre Dame score with a sustained drive, covering 65 yards in 13 plays. Kahauku-Enhada finished Navy’s scoring drive with another one-yard touchdown run to make the score 17-14 with 2:43 left to play in the half.

Notre Dame scored the final points of the half on its last possession. The Irish covered 80 yards in just 1:24 playing mostly out of the no-huddle, with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to receiver Rhema McKnight with 1:19 to go in the half giving the Irish a 24-14 advantage.

It was the sixth time in eight games this season that Quinn has led the Irish to a score on their last possession of the first half.

“Our entire offense is pretty comfortable with [the hurry-up offense],” Quinn said. “We’ve been used to coach Weis’s style and philosophy for the past couple years now. I don’t want to say it’s a backdoor for us, but we definitely feel comfortable in the two minute [offense].”

While effective offensively in the first half, Notre Dame struggled to stop Navy’s option attack early in the game. The Midshipmen picked up 211 of their 271 rushing yards in the first half, and they had a running play of ten or more yards on nine separate occasions before the half.

“You just got to get caught up with the speed of the game how fast they’re pitching that ball [and] getting outside,” Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said.

Notre Dame made adjustments at half time, limiting Navy’s production in the second half and not allowing a score. Meanwhile, the Irish offense kept moving.

Notre Dame brought together a nine-play, 83-yard drive on its first second-half possession, capped off by Quinn’s touchdown run.

And after Walker failed to punch it in on fourth and goal from the two-yard line, Quinn responded with a six-yard touchdown strike to McKnight to make the game 38-14 on the next possession.

“I’m really happy to be leaving here the way things played out today,” he said. “I was happy the way our defense sucked it up in the second half and played well. I thought the offense played pretty good most of the day and we’re looking forward to moving on to North Carolina.”

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**Exhausting Navy’s options**

**Irish score on five of first six drives to overpower the Midshipmen rushing attack**

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Baltimore — If the 38-14 Irish victory over Navy Saturday reaffirmed three things, they were as follows: quarterback Brady Quinn is pretty good, the Midshipmen offense is pretty exciting and, most importantly, the Notre Dame family extends far beyond students and alumni.

Let’s start with the first point. Quinn puts the Irish on his shoulders when it matters most game after game. The quarterback was poised against UCLA when his team needed a late-game score, surprising nobody when he delivered under pressure.

And Saturday, amidst questions regarding Notre Dame’s offensive inconsistencies and lack of a big play ability, he led the team to scoring drives on 3 of 4 possessions to start the game. Two of his touchdown passes came on throws of 30 or more yards — 33 yards to Rhema McKnight and 36 yards to David Grimes.

“Sometimes you don’t realize he is that good, but he continues to impress us each and every game,” McKnight said of Quinn after the game.

On the other sideline, Navy showed why it has one of the most intriguing defenses in the country. Of course, Midshipmen coach Paul Johnson (and his .742 career winning percentage) didn’t invent the option — but his team used it well.

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dominate as it could have been against Navy. The line was not as productive seasons.

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Abiamiri, Wooden return to Baltimore

Grimes scores first career touchdown; Aldridge gets late-game action; Vernaglia suffers injury

By ERIC RETTER

BALTIMORE — Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri and senior cornerback Ambrone Wooden had the opportunity to play in front of their hometown crowd in Baltimore for the first time since joining the Irish Saturday.

"It means a lot, especially being able to come back to my hometown and play in front of the home crowd," Abiamiri said. "I had all my family and friends and extended family there in the crowd. It was really exciting to come up with 12 or 13 [extra] tickets but I had a lot more friends and family there in the stands.

"Sometimes we forget, because we're sitting in South Bend, Ind., how special it is for guys to have games in their hometown," Wooden said. "He had adrenaline flow all week long.

• Saturday's sellout crowd of 71,851 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore marked the 61st time in the previous 66 road games Notre Dame has played in a stadium with a capacity exceeding 61,000.

• "I think there's a strong following of Notre Dame on the East Coast!," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think half of them might have been my family.

• Quarterback Brady Quinn has not thrown an interception in his last four games - his last coming with 9:04 left in the first half of Notre Dame's 40-37 win at Michigan State Sept. 23.

• He now has 168 consecutive passes without an interception. He has four interceptions - half of them coming on Sept. 11 against Michigan - compared with 21 touchdowns on the season.

• Weis jokingly knocked the Associated Press podium at his post-game press conference when asked about the recent streak.

• "He's a really good player. And last game he had the one game [against Michigan] earlier in the year," Weis said. "There's a little bit of luck sometimes involved. I don't think there were any balls that were close to being picked today, but we've had some balls that were close to being picked off in the past two games.

• Freshman running back James Aldridge had 10-plus carries for the first time in his career. He rushed for 33 yards on 12 fourth quarter carries. Aldridge — who missed much of the first half of the season with a knee injury — had four carries for 26 yards against Stanford Oct. 7.

• Coming into the game, Weis had hoped Aldridge would have opportunity to carry the ball between 10 and 15 times. "We wanted to start building his stamina," he said.

• "Fortunately we got him in there and got him a little bit too, which is a good thing for him," Weis said. "Now he's been bit a little bit, (and it means that) he'll physically and mentally keep on gaining some confidence.

• Sophomore wide receiver David Grimes' 36-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was his first career touchdown. The reception was also the longest of his career. Grimes finished with three catches for 72 yards, and he now has 16 receptions for 206 yards this season. Weis said he is pleased with Grimes' progression over the last few weeks.

• "This is a couple games in a row now that he's making some plays for us," he said.

• Freshman running back Munir Prince did not travel with the team to Baltimore. Weis would not give the specifics pertaining to Prince's absence.

• "Munir [Prince] didn't make the trip because he didn't deserve to be on the trip," Weis said.

• Prince has 12 carries for 99 yards this season.

• Linebacker Anthony Vernaglia was injured on the kickoff following Notre Dame's first touchdown early in the second quarter, and did not return. Weis was not sure of the specifics of his injury immediately following the game.

• "He did something with his knee," Weis said. "I saw him wrap an ice bag on halftime.

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A fired up Brigade marched on the field and made noise as Navy's crisp option attack kept the game close for a half. But Notre Dame's resurgent running game and efficient passing by Brady Quinn, who tossed three touchdowns and ran for another, allowed the Irish to score at will. Effective defensive adjustments shut down the option in the second half and Notre Dame pulled away for its 43rd consecutive victory over the Midshipmen — its fifth straight win since losing to Michigan Sept. 23.
The Fountain (Nov. 22, 2006)

Realizing his dream, a harrowing look at the shattered dreams of four drug addicts, Darren Aronofsky set out on a mission to film one of his own: an epic for Warner Bros. With Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and a $75 million budget in tow, the talented young director was six to eight months away from creating his first mainstream masterpiece.

Five years later, the latest iteration of Aronofsky's amplying passion project - "The Fountain" - is barely recognizable from the film it once was. But it still holds all the same promise.

An imaginative tale of one man's thousand-year quest to find the Tree of Life and save the life of his beloved, "The Fountain" has been recast with enchanting leads Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz. Although the budget was cut to $35 million — meager by the bloated standards of current Hollywood fare — Aronofsky put his burgeoning career on hold for years just to see this film through.

Now that "The Fountain" is on the cusp of its final unveiling, a very simple question remains for Aronofsky. After his exhausting odyssey, will it have been worth it? The answer to that query lies with the film's ability to do more than just astonish the senses. It needs to resonate within hearts and minds.

Blood Diamond (Dec. 15, 2006)

For the upcoming drama by the director of "The Last Samurai," "Blood Diamond" is barely recognizable from the film it once was. But it still holds all the same promise.

A mercenary, enters into an unlikely alliance with a fisherman who has lost his family. He team up with Jennifer Aniston's in a movie that has lost its family because of diamond mining, to obtain control of a rare diamond.

The setting of civil war in Sierra Leone in the 1990s provides a social and political backdrop against which this action thriller will try to deliver a message. Early reviews of the film call it anywhere from award-winning material to another standard Hollywood blockbuster. Director Ed Zwick ("The Last Samurai, "Glory") has a penchant for making movies that audiences either love or hate, and it appears this will be no different. It is almost certain, however, that the star power of DiCaprio will make "Blood Diamond" a highly watched and commercially popular movie, regardless of its critical success.

Dreamgirls (Dec. 22, 2006)

"Dreamgirls" promises to be an intriguing film, full of spectacular music, a talented cast and the feel-good ideal that dreams do live forever.

Rocky Balboa (Dec. 22, 2006)

Sixteen years after "Rocky V," the Italian Stallion steps back into the ring for what's been billed as "one final round." "Rocky Balboa" follows the titular character (Sylvester Stallone), who challenges young fighter Mason "The Line" Dixon (Antonio Tarver) in an exhibition round. With Adrian dead, the heart and soul of the series may have gone out of Stallone's beloved franchise, and it may be hard for "Rocky Balboa" to recreate the financial and critical success of the initial 1977 release.

Sylvester Stallone wrote this film along with "Rocky," and he is also returning to the director's chair. However, his creative capacity may have gone the way of the dodo as he gets on in years. Unless he can find the next inspirational song to pair up with great cinematics ("The Eye of the Tiger") with the new famous steps scene, this one will not stand up to the greats of this franchise. Nonetheless, an early Christmas present may be in the works from one of America's most beloved stars and hearing that familiar Bill Conti tune. The trio, consisting of Deena (Beyonce Knowles), Lorrell (Anika Noni Rose) and lead singer Effie (Jennifer Hudson), receives its big break when the singers are discovered by talent manager Curtis Taylor Jr. (Danny Glover). As "The Dreamettes" start to gain in notoriety, Curtis Taylor Jr. exercises increasing power over the group's musical direction. The girls struggle with the changes made in exchange for success, eventually jeopardizing the group's survival.

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Children of Men (Dec. 25, 2006)

The eagerly anticipated futuristic drama by director Alfonso Cuaron ("Y Tu Mama tambien," "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban") has already garnered early award buzz. Based on the novel by P.D. James, "Children of Men" stars Clive Owen as Theodore. Rose as Fugitives and envisions a future in which women are no longer able to bear children. When Fugitives discovers a pregnant woman, he tries to help her escape to a sanctuary at sea that may preserve humanity.

The obvious Christian allegory may generate some controversy as this film is set to debut on Christmas Day. However, "Children of Men" comes just in time for this year's Oscar nominations, something the producers surely had in mind. Cuaron may be looking for his break into the inner circles of Hollywood and Cuaron is assuredly hunting for that Best Actor statue.

Supported by Julianne Moore and Willem Dafoe, "Children of Men" promises to be one of the more interesting films released this winter.
Oregon State survives late rally by No. 3 USC

Tennessee, Texas and Florida narrowly avoid upset weekends

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Turns out No. 3 Southern California was vulnerable.

Oregon State capitalized on four turnovers to upset the Trojans 33-31 on Saturday, sending No. 10 Southern California sliding to 2-4 with 12:09 left in the fourth.

The Trojans made a 2-point conversion to narrow it to 33-31 with 11:02 to play, but they failed to convert their onside kick. Ten seconds later, the Beavers were up 36-31 after a 1-yard TD pass to Vollmer. On the next play, the Beavers stopped USC short of the goal line on another fake.

No. 5 Texas 35, Texas Tech 31

Colt McCoy threw for 256 yards and four touchdowns, and Texas erased a three-touchdown deficit to beat Texas Tech 35-31 on Saturday night.

The Longhorns (8-1, 5-0 Big 12) have won eight straight conference games and 17 consecutive road games, but didn't take their first lead until early in the fourth quarter when McCoy hit Dorsett for a 4-yard touchdown.

The Horns (6-2-3) lost in the first 6:14.

Twice the Red Raiders fell on fourth down inside Texas 35. Both plays—a completion to Joel Filan and a quarterback sneak by Graham Harrell—came up just short and were reviewed but the officials' spots were upheld.

The second opportunity came after Charlie Strong fumbled a second time, this one coming at his own 24, and Tech recovered. But Tech failed to take advantage of the second chance when Harrell's sneak came up short.

Harrell completed 42-of-62 passes for 549 yards and four touchdowns. He threw one interception, his first since throwing five in games against Missouri and Colorado.

The defense made more pressure on Harrell in the second half, enabling the Longhorns to hold the Red Raiders scoreless.

Whatever you want to call it, it's been all Gators.

With the latest victory, Florida remained atop the Southeastern Conference East Division and moved a step closer to returning to the conference title game for the first time since 2000.

The Gators (7-1, 5-1) need to beat Vanderbilt and South Carolina to make it happen.

The Bulldogs (6-3, 3-3) last lost for the third time in four games and essentially dropped out of the division race.

Although Andre Caldwell scored two early touchdowns—a 12-yard run and a 40-yard reception from Chris Leak—Florida's defense got the credit for this one.

The Bulldogs managed just 6 yards rushing, and freshman Matthew Stafford compiled only 13 of 151 yards for the third time in four games and essentially dropped out of the division race.

They are a great defensive unit that sometimes get overshadowed because of their offense," Stafford said.

Not Saturday. Florida's defense made several key plays.

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A's to interview internal candidates, Hershiser

Oakland, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have scheduled interviews with their two internal candidates about the club's managerial opening. Bench coach Bob Geren is set to meet with general manager Billy Beane and other team officials Monday, then third-base coach Ron Washington will follow Tuesday. Beane also has an interview set up with Orel Hershiser, currently an ESPN baseball analyst, in Phoenix for sometime the following week.

Beane fired fourth-year manager Ken Macha on Oct. 16, two days after Oakland's season ended in a sweep by the wild-card Detroit Tigers in the AL championship series. The A's won a playoff series for the first time since 1990, ending a string of four straight first-round exits from 2000-07.

Beane has other business aside from finding Oakland's next manager. Federer wins fourth in a row at Swiss Indoors

Basel, Switzerland — Roger Federer beat Fernando Gonzalez 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (0) Sunday to win his fourth straight title and 11th of the year at the Swiss Indoors. The top-ranked Federer hit a forehand return for a winner on the first point of the third-set tiebreaker and cruised from there to win his home-court tournament for the first time in seven attempts.

Federer overpowered the defending champion, hitting 14 aces and breaking Gonzalez's serve three times. "It is indeed magnificent," Federer said the event he used to work as a ball boy. 'Different countries, different titles, they all have a different meaning. Winning Basel, my home tournament, it's one of those moments I'll never forget.' The final was a rematch of last week's Madrid Masters final, also won by Federer in three sets.
Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew is tackled by Philadelphia linebacker Matt McCoy during the third quarter of the Jaguars' 13-6 victory Sunday.

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By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The season came to a dramatic end for the Belles Saturday afternoon as they lost 4-3 in a shootout in the first round of the MIAA playoffs.

Fifth-seed Kalamazoo came in to the game as an underdog to the fourth-seeded Saint Mary's club. After 110 minutes of scoreless play, the Bulldogs buried four of their five penalty kicks to advance to the semi-final against the Calvin Knights.

"We were obviously disappointed because we all played so hard," senior captain Colleen Courtney said. "But we were happy with how well we played."

Senior defender Kari Brodsky scored the final goal to break a 3-3 tie and end the Belles' season.

Kalamazoo jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the shootout when shots from Ashley and Laura Hinton both missed wide right.

Kelly Legger, Jenn Bussart and Paige Howell rounded out the scoring for the Bulldogs in the first three rounds. Senior goalkeeper Laura Heline made a diving save on the fourth shot, giving the Belles a chance to stay in the game.

Courtney and freshman Bridge Ronayne had scored for Saint Mary's at that point, giving Heline an opportunity to tie the game as she came out of the goal to take the team's final attempt.

"I wanted to be in that spot and I knew I was going to score because we deserved to win," Courtney said.

She converted but was unable to make the final save to send the contest into sudden death.

Heline, who started all but two games in her four-year career, finished the game with eight saves for the Belles. She is one of six seniors who played their final game at Saint Mary's Saturday.

Heline, along with fellow tri-captains Courtney and senior Ashley Hinton, end the year with a 5-8-2 record because the loss technically counted as a tie.

"We had a lot of freshness this year and I think that we showed them how important team unity is. I hope that they can continue that next season and in the future," Courtney said.

She had one of the team's five shots on net during regulation. Ashley Hinton — who had 24 shots on goal during the regular season — led the team with two on Saturday. Freshmen Colleen Ferguson and Micki Hedinger had the other two shots but opposing goalkeeper Kassandra Johnston was true to the task on all five shots.

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By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Belles fell just short of a stunning come-back Saturday, losing to visiting Adrian 3-2 at the Angelo Athletic Center.

The win improved third-place Adrian's MIAA record to 12-4-1 (17-5 overall). Saint Mary's dropped to 10-7-1 in conference play (16-9 overall). The Belles finished the regular season in fourth place in the MIAA.

The Bulldogs took control of the beginning of the match and won the first two games 32-22 and 30-28. But when it looked like Adrian would cruise to victory, Saint Mary's stormed back, taking the third game 30-26.

The Belles then fought off match point in the fourth game to win 32-30 and send the match to a fifth and deciding game.

After chipping away at an early Bulldog lead in the fifth game, Saint Mary's closed to within a point before falling 15-13 in the clincher.

The match was the Belles' second five-set match in a row — the first came with a 3-2 win Tuesday over Tri-State.

"We were definitely disappointed by the final result," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

"But even though we lost the match, we cannot let the outcome overshadow all of the positives. We fought with incredible spirit and talent."

Junior Lindsay Eshelman led Adrian with a match-high 24 kills and nine digs. Senior Abby Siker also turned in a strong performance with 28 digs and 66 assists.

The Bulldogs will face off against Tri-State in the first round of the MIAA tournament Tuesday. For the Belles, Kristen Playko posted her 19th double-double of the season with 23 kills and 20 digs. Libero Anne Cusack led the way defensively with a match-high 32 digs.

"The comeback and intensity we showed was just the beginning," Schroeder-Biek said. "We need to carry over that same determination into the conference tournament."

St. Mary's will begin play Tuesday in the MIAA Tournament against fifth-seeded Alma. The Belles split the regular season match-up, winning 3-0 at home Oct. 8 and falling 3-1 at Alma.

Coach Schroeder-Biek said the team is looking forward to the match.

"We are definitely excited to be hosting the first round," she said. "This will be a tough match, but we have to have team work and desire to win, and we are ready to compete."

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**Hope, Carthage down Belles in dual meets**

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's lost two dual meets this weekend — a close conference contest to Hope and a lopsided away match with Carthage.

The Flying Dutch swam past the Belles at the Rolfs Aquatic Center 132-112 Friday, and the Lady Reds kicked their way to an easy 121-79 victory over the Belles at the Koenitzer Aquatic Center in Kenosha, Wis. Saturday.

In the first of Saint Mary's two contests, Hope won nine of the meet's 11 events. Flying Dutch freshman Kate Williams led the way, capturing two titles — the 50-yard freestyle (26.15) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.46). But there were a few bright spots for the Belles.

Saint Mary's won both 200-yard freestyle relays over the weekend.

The combination of freshmen Sara Nimann and Lindsey Nells, sophomore Melissa Gertsbach and junior Kelly Tighe captured 18 points, finishing in 1:49.39.

The following day, the group won their event again over Carthage.

Saint Mary's also captured individual breaststroke events both days. Tighe took first in the 100 breaststroke against Hope with a time of 1:16.69, and sophomore Katie Carroll won the 200-yard discipline against Carthage in 2:46.48.

The Belles had two other winners against Carthage. Sophomore Melissa Gertsbach won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 11:16.49, and Nells took the 200-yard freestyle in 2:06.92.

Carthage won the rest of the events, but even then Saint Mary's found a bright spot in one of its swimmers.

Freshman Kady Ferguson was the Belles' top finisher in the freestyle sprint events against Hope. Ferguson finished fourth at 27.30 in the 50-yard free and second in the 100-yard event with a time of 59.32. Ferguson's time in the 50 free was 0.7 seconds slower than Tighe's team-low for the 2005-06 season, and her 106-yard time was just .31 seconds off Tighe's team-best time in that event last season.

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**SWIMMING**

**Irish leave A&M in their wake**

By GREG ARBOGAST
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No. 17 Notre Dame made a big splash in its first dual meet of the season, beating Texas A&M 169-129 Saturday at the Student Recreation Natatorium in College Station.

The Irish won nine of the 16 events, and took three of the five scoring spots in 12 of the 14 non-relay events.

Sophomores Jeff Wood and Sam Pendergast, who each picked up two wins in their first dual meet performances for Notre Dame, led the Irish.

Wood, a transfer from Indiana, won the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. Pendergast, who didn't compete in a meet during his freshman season, finished first in the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke.

Irish assistant head coach Matt Tallman was not surprised at the breakout performances of his two sophomores.

"It was the reason they were brought here," Tallman said. "It was expected, and we hope to see a lot more of it."

Wood and Pendergast were also part of the victorious 200 medley-relay team that included seniors Tim Kegelman and Louis Cavadini.

Kegelman also tallied a victory in the 100-meter butterfly.

Junior Jay Vanden Berg (1000-meter freestyle), senior Ted Brown (200-meter freestyle) and freshman John Lytle (100-meter freestyle) also picked up first-place finishes.

Lytle's performance offered a preview of what Tallman hopes to be strong performances from the freshman class this season.

"Our freshman class is — top to bottom — one of the best classes we've ever had, and it's the best class we've ever had on paper," Tallman said.

"We're just glad they dove in and turned what they do in practice into races."

Tallman also credited the team's hard work in training as a contribution to Notre Dame's performance on Saturday.

"The guys have worked real hard since they got on campus at the end of August, especially since we started official practice in September," Tallman said. "They've been waiting for this day, and they put it all together."

The Irish will return home Friday to face Purdue in their next dual meet at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Irish men, women take third in Big East meet

Olding finishes in top 10 for second season

By DAN MURPHY
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Notre Dame’s men and women had the same result in Friday’s Big East meet, but with two very different reactions.

Both teams finished third in the conference championship, with the No. 12 men’s team finishing behind No. 20 Providence and No. 16 Georgetown while the women also finished behind the No. 12 Friars and No. 18 Hoyas.

The third place finish was especially uplifting for the women, who had experienced back-to-back disappointing races in the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Meet.

“I was very proud of our team’s performance,” junior Sunni Olding said. “We had our two seniors, I felt, really stepped it up. It was definitely a confidence builder going into Regionals.”

Olding finished in the top 10 for the second straight year, leading the Irish across the line in sixth place (21:00).

“I wasn’t disappointed with my performance but I wasn’t ecstatic either,” she said. “Basically I was going for the least amount of points possible to help the team because we were looking for a great team finish.

“I hoped to improve upon my finish from last year and I wasn’t able to do that, so that was a bit of a disappointment.”

But Olding could not have earned the third place finished better.

Maurer and Amy Kohlmeier. Maurer and Kohlmeier ran well together throughout the race, finishing only seconds apart as Maurer placed 12th (21:27) and Kohlmeier crossed the line 14th (21:31).

Both of them definitely had the best race of their careers,” Olding said. “I just really think that’s a reflection of their determination and hard work and how much they really were dedicated to the team and wanted to do really well.

By finishing in the top 10, Olding, Maurer and Kohlmeier earned All-Big East honors, making this the fifth consecutive year the Irish have had three runners earn all-conference honors.

Rounding out Notre Dame’s scoring runners were freshmen Lindsey Ferguson (21st, 21:51) and junior Julie Opet (21st, 21:58).

The Irish hope to use this strong finish in the coming meets, with the Great Lakes Regional Meet approaching on Nov. 11.

“Brock had a great race. Jake Walker a little tired after a hard week of training and then the race. I think they’ll both be alright by the next meet.”

The race was the final tune-up for Notre Dame going into the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet Nov. 11. Even with the disappointing finish in the Big East championship, Smyth still thinks they have a shot at finishing near the top of the regional race.

“I think we can use this as motivation. We need to perform better come race time and really concentrate on what we need to do.”

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Megan Gray finishes sixth to earn first-team MIAA honors

By BECKI DORNER

Megan Gray posted the best individual finish by a Belle harrier Saturday at the MIAA Championships, leading the team to a fifth-place finish in the conference meet at Alma College.

Gray's time of 23:44 on the 6K course earned her sixth place and a spot on first-team MIAA. Her performance was a history-breaking one — since the 1998 season, when Saint Mary's cross country first joined the MIAA, no Belle has ever finished in the top ten at the conference contest.

Sara Otto also turned in a stellar performance, earning second-team MIAA honors with a time of 25:11, good enough for 14th place in the overall individual competition.

Round out the top five for the Belles was Megan McClowry with a 27:00 mark for 32nd place, followed closely by Emily Graf in 35th with a 27:20 time and Caitlin Stevenson in 38th at 27:39.

Sara Otto said that a fellow teammate really stepped up.

"It was especially pleasing with one of our first-years, Emily Graf, who ran fourth for the team," she said. "She's worked hard throughout the season, but I feel she really stepped it up in this meet to help contribute to the team."

The Belles runners did well to stick together, Belles coach Jackie Bauters said.

"The pack needed to move up in order to compete with Kalamazoo and Albion more," she said. "They had real solid packs together, ahead of our [third to fifth-place runners]."

Yet the teamwork that had become the team's goal was realized with the third to ninth Belles runners parking very close to each other.

Despite her stellar time, Gray said that she and her other team members didn't watch their times.

"We're not really worried too much about times," she said. "Our goal was to position ourselves individually in order to place as a team."

As a team, the Belles' fifth-place finish ties last year's performance at conference, the team crown and swept the top five spots.

Calvin was led by Camille Medema with a time of 22:58, followed by Kerin Overbeck, Lydia Singer, Calah Schlabach and Lauren Bergstrom. Hope College came in second, followed by Kalamazoo and Albion in third and fourth.

The weather proved to be a test too for the Belles, Bauters said.

"It was definitely a cold, wet, and windy day," she said. "I think the conditions may have contributed to slightly slower times across the board, but nothing drastic."

Weather and the team's youth were both factors in the Belles' season-long performance. For Bauters, the team's progress through trials such as the elements as well as inexperience helped season her squad.

"I'm pleased with my team," she said. "We are very young and there is still a lot for them to learn in so far as competing, getting used to the 6K at the end of the season and just collegiate athletics.

One particular highlight came at Ispela, where almost the entire team ran their personal best times, despite the hills and overcrowded course and at Benedictine. Saint Mary's came in fourth overall, but was the first Division III team out of 24 teams total. Finally, at Manchester the Belles placed third and only five points away from second.

Gray was disappointed that the season was coming to a close and said the team would especially miss the seniors. Otto, a senior herself, echoed her sentiments.

"As a senior, I wish this wasn't the end of cross-country," Otto said. "But still I'm excited to see how these women do in the future. I hope to one day watch them compete on our home course too.

The Belles will next compete in the regional meet in Hanover in two weeks, where they hope to improve and register solid times.

"Saint Mary's is definitely making some heads turn and I'm confident we'll see even greater improvement in 2007," Otto said. Bauters, however, knew the Belles had come a long way.

"I believe this was a successful year for the Belles," she said. "I couldn't be more proud to coaching such a fine group of young women."

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Irish's Golf

Irish senior Noriko Nakazaki prepares to tee off during the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 24.

"Hopefully we can keep the momentum from the play in the last round of the last tournament, coach Susan Holt said. "It'd like for them to finish the season on a strong note."

Notre Dame enters the tournament ranked 66th according to Golfstat.com. Out of the 20-team field, six are ranked higher than the Irish, with Campbell being the highest ranked at No. 43. "This is a real opportunity for the team to prove to themselves how good they are and show others how good the ND program is," Holt said.

Playing from the No. 1 slot is senior Noriko Nakazaki, who enters the tournament playing her best golf of the season. Nakazaki finished fifth in the Taylormade Classic with a one-over par 145, her best season of the season.

In the No. 2 slot is sophomore Lisa Maunu. Maunu finished tied for 31st in San Antonio early in the season with a 148.

"I worked a lot on my short game because it was really cold this last week," she said. "It's a good field so we hope to move up in the rankings."

Freshmen Kristen Wetzel and Annie Brophy will also compete in the team play this week. On the season, both Wetzel and Brophy have had nine of their first 11 rounds as members of the team count toward the overall team scores.

"I've been working a lot on my putting," Brophy said. "It's been a constant struggle for me."

Junior Jane Lee rounds out the Irish lineup. Lee is participating in her fourth tournament for the Irish and is carrying a stroke average of 78.63.

The tournament will take place at the Oak Pass Golf Club at the College of Charleston.

"It's a lot of marsh land and it's quite narrow. We had a good practice round [Sunday]." Holt said. "It's a course that requires you to respect it. It's easy to let your focus drift.

Irish senior Noriko Nakazaki prepares to tee off during the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 24.

The Irish will once again be without junior Alejandra Diaz-Calderon and freshman Julie Kim, who both missed the entire fall season due to injury.

The team will play 36 holes on day one, with the final 18 coming on Tuesday.

Live scoring of the tournament will be available on golfstat.com.

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Irish sophomore Lisa Maunu strikes her ball during the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 24.
ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish extend losing streak

Team falls to Big East's Louisville, Cincinnati

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

The Irish couldn't halt their downward spiral weekend this weekend.

Two conference losses rounded out the team's longest losing streak since Sept. 2004. Falling to Cincinnati (17-5, 7-3 Big East) and Louisville (16-6, 9-1 Big East), the Irish (13-10) are now one of three teams in the Big East with a record of 7-3.

Notre Dame has lost its last nine games, and was swept on three consecutive occasions. Previously Notre Dame had not lost three games of a conference freshman.

Cincinnati 3, Notre Dame 0

Notre Dame had not lost three games of a conference since Sept. 2004.

Cincinnati won the final game in the same fashion that they won the first. Putting six unanswered points up right from the start, Cincinnati would not lose its lead for the entire game.

Notre Dame attempted to gain control late in the game with a 7-2 run, coming within four points of Cincinnati. This was not enough to fend the Bearcats off, and in the end, a kill from sophomore Jessie Nevitt sealed the match.

Sophomore Mallorie Cread tallied six blocks and 10 kills at a hitting percentage of .261 to.169. Louisville as a team out hit Notre Dame .476 to .292.

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Mallorie Cread and sophomore Justine Strmick each recorded ten kills in the 30-14, 30-22, 30-19 loss to Louisville.

The Irish worked well to keep up with the Cardinals in the third match, but a kill from freshman Tatjana Kolesnikova kicked off an 8-2 run for Louisville that Notre Dame was unable to recover from.

A final kill from senior Stephanie Marsh ended Louisville's sweep of Notre Dame.

Cread led the team with eight digs. The Notre Dame defense, which averages 17.3 digs per game only averaged 11.3 digs per game in their match against the Cardinals. This effort was not nearly enough to contain Kolesnikova's 19 kills, which she hit at a percentage of .692. Louisville as a team out hit Notre Dame .476 to .169.

Co-captain Adrianna Stasiuk, who is the team points leader at 4.06 points per game did not play in either match this weekend.

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since 1998, when they won their first six games.

Christian Hanson, who was named the tournament MVP, scored the game-winner three minutes into the second period when he tapped in a rebound off a Jason Paigo shot.

Paigo increased the lead to 2-0 less than 10 minutes later when he beat Air Force goalie Ian Harper with a wrister shot on an Irish powerplay.

Harper finished with 23 saves on the night. Opposing him in net, Brown was able to stop all 28 of the Falcons' shots.

The senior netminder suffered an ankle injury in a CCHA playoff game with Alaska-Fairbanks last March, but he has had no troubles this season after a summer of rehab.

"He's playing extremely well and I want to make sure he continues to do so," Jackson said. "I need to give him a break once in a while." Brown had the night off on Friday night when Notre Dame blanked Army 3-0 to reach the tournament championship. Sophomore Jordan Pearce was between the pipes for the Irish and had seven saves in his first start in 2006.

Freshman Ryan Thang started off the scoring at 10:58 in the first period with his fourth goal of the season — one behind Mark Van Gulder for the team lead.

Kyle Lawson found Thang with a pass in the center of the ice, which he one-timed past Army's Josh Kassel for the power play goal.

The Black Knights held Notre Dame off for the next 30 minutes until Hanson got loose and put a wrister in the top corner to give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Hanson broke out of his slump with a big weekend at just the right time. "It was kind of a key weekend for Christian because he was in jeopardy of being taken out of the lineup. He practiced hard last week and did a lot of things better," Jackson said. "He practiced hard last week and did a lot of things better."

Garrett Began rounded out the scoring with two minutes left in the game when he and Paigo capitalized on a 2-on-1 opportunity. Notre Dame will rest up this week in preparation for the opening of CCHA regular season play as they travel to Columbus to take on Ohio State.

The two-game series will wrap up Notre Dame's seven-game road trip, the longest of the season.

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defense as it trickled over the line and past Red Storm keeper Jenine Berini for the game’s first score.

Four minutes later, Bock’s brow capitalized on another set piece — powering a Kerri Hanley header kick into the back of the net to go ahead 2-0 and weather the Storm’s threat to keep the Irish from advancing to next weekend’s Big East semifinals in Storrs, Conn.

“We really wanted to focus on dead ball situations and set pieces because in our [2004] championship run that was such a big, big,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “In this point in time of the year it’s so important, and Bock was unbelievable in the air all day long today. We continue to say how important she is how to

Weis

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cesses “Sunday through Friday.”

“My pet peeves with our players are to go to class, be there on time, be prepared, use our academic resources and do the best you can.”

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“We haven’t finished on a lot... Any chance I had wanted to make sure I made a statement and got after the balls.”

Brittany Bock

Irish forward

Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen, right, protects the ball from St. John’s midfielder Nicole Pascolla in Sunday’s 3-0 win.

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CBS features Weis in Sunday’s ‘60 Minutes’

Irish coach profiled by Kraft on news program

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Charlie Weis often says he’s a ‘straight talker until mentally honest’ — and he furthered that image in a CBS ‘60 Minutes’ feature that aired Sunday Night.

In a segment by longtime reporter Steve Kraft, Notre Dame’s second-year coach said he does not care what people outside his family think about his coaching and believes that any coach will do a better job for his team than he does.

“You only feel the pressure if you really care what everyone else thinks,” Weis said. “And I don’t care what anyone thinks.”

The 15-minute segment, which aired on CBS affiliate WSBT-TV (Comcast channel 12) and began at 7:57 p.m., highlighted Weis’ use of foul language and in practice, including a clip of Weis screaming at Irish special teams coach Brian Polian to “get the (expletive) off the field” and complaining about a “bull-(expletive) call.”

At one point, Weis complains to an assistant coach about a blown blocking assignment.

“We’ve got a defensive end and we’ve got two tight ends and we don’t touch the mother-(expletive),” Weis said.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said Weis can be a jerk at times, a comment the senior said he would never repeat to Weis’ face.

The segment also noted Weis’ focus on player academics. Kraft said Weis found players on the team in a state of “complacency about winning, going to class and their potential.”

This stands in contrast to prior statements by athletic director Kevin White, who praised former Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, who Weis replaced, for the team’s success.

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St. John’s can’t pull off upset win over ND

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While the rest of America was falling back Sunday, sophomore forward Brittany Bock sprang forward — knocking in two headers to lead Notre Dame over St. John’s 3-0 in the Big East quarterfinals at Alumni Field.

Bock netted her two scores in the seventh minute, Michele Weissenhofer’s flip throw-in landed softly on Bock’s head before the forward touched it over the bar.

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Rutgers eliminates ND from tournament

Scarlet Knights come from 1-0 deficit to end Irish hopes in Big East championships

By GREG ARBOGAST
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Two late goals by Rutgers forward Adam Sternerberger were enough to send No. 8 Notre Dame home while the Scarlet Knights advanced in the semifinals of the Big East tournament by the score of 2-1 Saturday evening at Yurcak field.

The loss drops the Irish’s record to 13-5-2 in the season, but Notre Dame’s season resume all but ensures them a spot in next month’s NCAA Tournament. The Irish will learn their first round destination and opponent on Nov. 6.

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