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When over 50 representatives from academic, athletic, cultural, media and service clubs come together, what do they do next? They consider contribution options to the response to the global health crisis.

The issue of the global health crisis was the subject of the Notre Dame Forum of this year and the question of what the student body can do was the subject of Wednesday night's 10 p.m. meeting in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

"If we all work together we're going to come up with something great," Golababai said.

Golababai and Hambley put forth several goals in a handout to attendees, namely "to have a series of events and initiatives in response to the global health crisis that all student organizations would sponsor together."

The student representatives present at the meeting do not constitute a formal organization. No name has been given to the collection of leaders participating in the health crisis response and a separate bank account for funds raised for the response will not be created, in accordance with student activity rules.

The goals and initiatives of the response will cover five areas: faith, curriculum, student education, political action and fundraising.

In terms of fundraising, organizers said money would go toward building a medical clinic for the Bandar on the Mambo-sponsored Millennium Village in Uganda. The figure of $118 million was mentioned as a starting goal, though the cost of the medical clinic is expected to be higher.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Out of the mouths of babes

Politics are about passion — political campaigns, even more so. But there is a point at which the passion becomes too much.

When partisan differences turn into throw-down dirty brochures, it’s time to step back and take a look at why we’re doing this. When attacks turn away from the greater national issues and latch onto the throats of individuals and their families. When campaigns ads say nothing about political platforms, and instead are intent on showing how "unfunny" an opponent is.

After each election, there are always some "civilians" in need of washing. One of the most unsavory elements of this kind of over-the-top anti-anti for the "other guy" is the way in which children are pulled down into the mud with the rest of us.

Late Tuesday night during CNN’s election coverage, a woman called to speak on behalf of her 12-year-old daughter. The girl, she said, was distressed about the election. She told the analyst that what was really upsetting about the election was not so much the President-elect’s party’s loss, but that she knew that the winning Democrats were "all really immoral people.

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SU TENT S E N A T E  
Group addresses student-alumni relations

By MARY KATE MALONE
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After a disappointing turnout at the three student-alumni receptions this fall, the Student Senate examined what went wrong with the event and brainstormed ways to make it better at its meeting Wednesday.

University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner headed the gatherings, which she said were meant to cultivate a better relationship between alumni and current students.

Student turnout, however, was dismal. The first reception, held on Sept. 28 before the Purdue game, drew about 50 people—and that was the most popular. The second, on Oct. 6 before the Stanford game, had just 20 people. At the final one, held Nov. 4, Baumgartner counted about 30 visitors.

"We didn't get as many students as we would have liked," Baumgartner said.

Breen-Phillips senator Maris Brown said senators, given their role as student leaders, "did a really poor job" attending and promoting the event.

"I was really disappointed with the Senate's showing," Brown said. "I think we have a responsibility to go to this. ... I mean if we don't come, and we're student leaders, then how are we going to expect anyone else to come?"

Some senators said the time of the reception — late afternoon on a football Friday — was inconvenient for most students.

St. Edward's senator Brian Lan suggested making the reception more public, which would probably draw in students passing by, he said.

"If they smell food, they'll come over sooner or later and check it out," Lan said.

Baumgartner said tailoring the receptions for specific majors could also attract more students. That tactic was used for the final reception, when alumni in the entertainment industry attended the event. Film, Television and Theatre majors were especially encouraged to visit that reception.

Baumgartner and student body vice president Bill Andrichik will meet with representatives from the Alumni Association later this year to discuss the receptions. After that, the responsibility to plan and prepare them again next year will fall on the Student-Alumni Relations Group, a student club on campus.

"We can hand this off so it's not a student government initiative but an issue that can keep going regardless of student leadership," Andrichik said.

In other Senate news:

♦ It's possible that Saturday's football game against Air Force will be aired at the Stepan Center, Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin said. His office is "looking into the possibility" of renting a temporary satellite truck that would attach to the Stepan Center, he said.

♦ Last week's Senate resolution calling for more on-campus resources for Native American students will be presented to the Campus Life Council Nov. 13, student body president Lizzi Shappell told senators. Another resolution passed last week, which called for Holy Cross students to have access to the Rockne Memorial until the completion of their new athletic facility, was given to the vice president of student affairs at Holy Cross.

♦ Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood asked what measures were being taken to make student government more accessible to those who want to get involved.

Andrichik said the revamped student government Web site, which is not yet finished, will be an easy way to get information about student government.

Director of Communications Alex French said members of his department reported that, for the most part, they had little trouble getting information they needed about student government.

"But it never hurts to advertise more," he said.

Lockwood said he could not determine who Siegfried's Judicial Council member was. When he contacted the Judicial Council, he was told the Siegfried representative was not attending Judicial Council meetings.

Shappell said she would discuss attendance at Judicial Council meetings with the Council of Representatives Nov. 14.

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Adding its voice to those of established campus publications, newly reworked The Thatcher encourages literary innovation. The Thatcher is Notre Dame's only independent, online literary magazine. Edited by senior Alexa Recio, it was started last year for student writers to collaborate and produce publishable stories. “Our literary magazine, The Thatcher, is the only one available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior Claire Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.” The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior, Alexi Recio, and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change “the way people thought about writers” and could introduce the idea of “writing as a community.”
Secretary of Defense resigns

President accepts Rumsfeld's resignation, names Robert Gates as replacement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Humor was not Donald H. Rumsfeld's best-bet trail during his tenure at the Pentagon. But on the day he resigned as secretary, he cracked a telling joke.

"It recalls to mind the statement by Winston Churchill, something to the effect that, 'I have benefited greatly from criticism, and at no time have I suffered a lack thereof,'" Rumsfeld said with a slight grin.

That from a man who was a lightning rod for criticism of the Iraq war and other Bush administra-
tion defense policies. After fending off the crit-
ics for much of his nearly six years at the Pentagon, Rumsfeld said Wednesday that he and President Bush decided it was time to start fresh, with per-
haps new ideas on Iraq.

Iraq was the central issue. Rumsfeld's tenure, and unhappiness with the war was a major element of voter dissatis-
faction Tuesday — and the main impetus for his departure. Even some GOP lawmakers in Congress became critical of the war's management, and growing numbers of politicians were urging Bush to replace Rumsfeld.

Bush said Robert Gates, 63, a former CIA director who has served in numer-
ous national security jobs under six previous presi-
dents, would be nominated to replace Rumsfeld.

"Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that some-
times it's necessary to have a fresh perspective," Bush said in the abrupt news conference.

Bush thanked Rumsfeld for his service and predicted that Gates would bring new ideas.

"The secretary of defense must be a man of vision who can see threats still over the horizon and prepare our nation to meet them. Bob Gates is the right man to meet both of these critical challenges," Bush said.

But showing he would not roll over to those pushing for a quick U.S. withdrawal, Bush also said, "I'd like our troops to come home, too, but I want them to come home with victory."

In brief remarks, Rumsfeld described the Iraq conflict as a "little understood, unfamiliar war" that is "complex for people to comprehend."

Upon his return to the Pentagon after appearing with Bush and Gates, Rumsfeld said it was good time for him to leave.

"It will be a different Congress, a different environment, moving toward a presidential election and a lot of parti-
sanship, and it struck me that this would be a good thing for everybody," Rumsfeld told reporters.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Rumsfeld was not leaving immediately. Rumsfeld planned to deliver a speech Thursday at Kansas State University on the global fight against terrorism.

Just last week Bush told reporters he expected Rumsfeld, 74, to remain until the end of the administration's term.

President Bush shakes outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's hand at a press conference Wednesday afternoon at the White House.


PATRIOTIC PICTURES

42 killed in Pakistan suicide attack

Associated Press

DARGA: In the deadliest suicide attack on the Pakistani military, a remote-controlled bomb strapped to his body ran up to soldiers doing calis-
thenics Wednesday and blew himself up, killing at least 42 troops and wounding 20.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on pro-
Taliban militants who had vowed to kill U.S. forces in the country.

About 200 soldiers were exercising at an army training center in Dargai, a town 60 miles north of the capital of the North West Frontier Province, when the attacker struck.

"A man wrapped in a cloak came running into the training area and exploded himself where recruits had gathered for training," a military statement said.

Information Minister Mohammed Ali Durrani said 42 soldiers died and 20 were wounded. The army said some

of the wounded were in critical condi-
tion.

Dargai is considered a stronghold of the outlawed Islamic group Tehrik-e-
Nifaz-e Shariat Mohammad, whose fugitive leader, Faqir Mohammed, is a close associate of U.S. and Pak-
istani forces.

The Washington Post assembled the suicide attack and offered condolences to families and friends of the dead and wounded.

"We applaud the government of Pakistan's determina-
tion and resolve to fight against ter-
rorism," White House spokesman Gordon Johnrode said. "We stand with the government and people of Pakistan in this struggle."
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In the entering class of 2004, the most recent year for which Preacher has figures, there were 470 law school applicants from Notre Dame, of which 182 were seniors and 288 were non-seniors.

In the 2004 entering class, the average LSAT of all applicants was 159, for seniors the average was 160.4 and for non-seniors 158.2. Preacher said.

Despite the high numbers—which Baran said places Notre Dame high nationally among numbers of law school applicants—Preacher said the University is experiencing a decrease.

"By all accounts, it's dropping," Preacher said. "We had a peak in 2003 or 2004, but now we're seeing a drop."

Preacher said the drop in law school applicants from Notre Dame may have something to do with the economy. "And that people "tend to apply to law school because it is a secure profession."

"It may be the only time in your life that you have the freedom to do what you want to do without any strings," she said. "I think it also gives you the chance to be absolutely certain that law school is what you want."

"I'm seeing more and more students who are taking time off, but we still have people who go directly in."

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Unplanned Pregnancy?
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- Sr. Sue Dunn, OF, Student Affairs, 1-7819
- Sylvia Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7163
- John Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7165
- Dr. Susan Stebl-Pashlich, Counseling Center, 1-7336
- Ann E. Kleva, Health Services, 1-8286

South Bend Community Resources:
- Women's Care Center, 234-0363
- Catholic Charities, 234-3111
Pelosi presents economic agenda

Democrats propose lower prescription drug costs, increase of minimum wage

Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi smiles during a post-election news conference Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — The new masters of the House, the Democrats, are proposing an economic agenda that would put more money in the pockets of ordinary citizens and government, while leading to greater oversight of defense.

California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who is in line to become speaker, has promised to fight early on in the next Congress to lower the price of prescription drugs available through Medicare.

Efforts to curb military spending are also likely, political and financial analysts said, following an election whose outcome was influenced in large part by voters' dissatisfaction with the handling of the war in Iraq.

But with the two parties stalemated in the Senate, where it usually takes 60 votes to pass major legislation, the pharmaceutical and defense industries may find themselves beset more by unwelcome rhetoric in Congress than any hurtful changes in law.

To be sure, few major changes in corporate America are expected to result from Democratic-led initiatives over the next two years — with the exception of a proposed increase in the minimum wage that may get substantial Republican support.

The long-term outlook for companies in the biotechnology and homeland security businesses may benefit, analysts said, from anticipated Democratic efforts to promote stem-cell research and support more aggressive investigators at ports. And the alternative energy sector could also get a boost.

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volunteers, calling them "true anonymous heroes."

"They always want to learn more so that they are able to save more lives," she said.

The Office of Farmworkers Ministry (OFWM) and Cristo Rey Network — two other Opus Prize finalists — were each awarded $100,000 for their charitable work.

OFWM received an award for its work with struggling farm workers in Apopka, Fla. and Cristo Rey Network was rewarded for its work in providing a first-rate high school education for economically disadvantaged youths in cities across America.

Sister Ann Kendrick was presented the $100,000 award for OFWM.

"Tonight all of us honoring the people ... who are making a difference ... who look at the reality of the material poor who say we can do better than this," he said.

Rev. John Foley accepted the award for Cristo Rey Network, and said he never thought the Network, which is on track to educate 12,000 students annually by 2012, would achieve such a level of success.

"The first day we opened school, I wanted to hide under the desk because I had no idea whether it was going to work or not," he said.

The Student Opus Prize was awarded to junior Benjamin Gunty for co-founding Artisan Ministry (OFFM), which is on track to educate 12,000 students annually by 2012, would achieve such a level of success.

University President Father John Jenkins had words of praise for the award winners and encouraged everyone present to be inspired by them.

"They are people of faith ... who have faith, a real joy and thankfulness in their service," he said.

Jenkins said the award recipients are a living witness of Jesus’ words in that giving one "heals," Brooks said.

But in his experience from talking to victims’ families, the death of their loved one’s murderer doesn’t heal their pain, he said.

"I hope each of you were inspired by these awardees," he said. "And I hope (that) you will go forth this year and the rest of your life following their example."

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between former divorce cases he handled and death penalty cases. In the divorce cases, he risked disbarment if he suggested to his clients that she get revenge for adultery by harming her husband or destroying his belongings, he said.

"All of a sudden, when it comes to a murder case, we are saying revenge is good — it heals," Brooks said.

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because he does not believe the government has the right to kill people to punish them for their crimes.

"They are a child of God, and we don’t have the right to take the life of another human," Brooks said. "Scripture — as far back to the story of Cain and Abel — makes a case against use of the death penalty when read in context, Brooks said.

"We have a history of people led astray who turn their lives around," Brooks said. "Had they been executed, what would have happened?"

"Now why the death penalty should not exist in the U.S. was clearly expressed in Pope John II’s 1995 encyclical, “Evangelium vitae,” Brooks said. In this document, the pope said the death penalty should not be used unless it was otherwise impossible to protect society from the convicted criminals.

In the United States, the prison systems are capable of containing threats, Brooks said.

But these religious arguments can fail to persuade people who support the use of the death penalty to alter their convictions, he said.

"That’s why anti-death penalty advocates need to give them the facts," Brooks said.

"I think once people know the facts it is almost impossible for any reasonable person to be in favor of the death penalty," Brooks said.

Many death penalty opponents fall into the trap of portraying the person on death row as a hero, he said.

"Some of them just aren’t," Brooks said.

An indisputable argument against the death penalty, he said, is that executing someone costs over a million dollars more than to imprison a convicted criminal for life without parole.

Brooks said he believes the death penalty is not a deterrent to potential murderers or rapists. Crimes happen spontaneously, he said, and most criminals don’t expect to be caught.

Another argument against capital punishment is that inaccurate eye witness accounts and lack of DNA evidence can lead to irreversible sentences, Brooks said.

"We have flaws in the system that are so deep that the likelihood of an erroneous conviction is very high," he said.

Brooks was involved in establishing a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois. He served as the president of the Illinois Coalition against the Death Penalty from 2000-02.

Brooks received a Special Award for Work on the Issue of Capital Punishment from the Association of Chicago Priests and was named Catholic Lawyer of the Year by the Chicago Catholic Workers Guild in 2000.

NDASK will hold four more lectures to discuss the death penalty this fall. Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan will speak Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. Kernan will discuss his decision to commute two death sentences while he was governor.

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Fundraising ideas included co-sponsorship of events ranging from benefit concerts to special athletic activities. Faith initiatives, led by senior Andy Laughton, are expected to include Theology on Tap relating to the global health crisis and a campus mass at the Basilica.

Senior Teresa Hagen said there is a possibility of developing a global health minor in the Notre Dame curriculum, which might fall under the College of Arts and Letters. Similar programs are currently in existence at Northwestern and Emory.

Politically, organizers expressed interest in working with residence halls to write letters to congressmen or senators on the health crisis. In a similar vein, organizers said they hope to have letters "If we all work together we're going to come up with something great." Amanda Golbabai

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withmer yourself (as I have). I would like to propose that being busy — even being too busy — has the potential to be a very good thing. Your choices give a much more honest accounting of our true values, to decide which ones you value and which you do not. Even in our multi-multi-tasking society, we must make choices. These choices give a much more accurate accounting of our true priorities than what we claim to hold dear.

In any environment filled with successful people, as Notre Dame is, a person's level of busy-ness can often become false pride. We can go to extremes to show the world how busy we are. But, then again, what is the true value of it all? Is it worth it? Are we sacrificing our families, our relationships, and our own health for the sake of being busy? I believe we must all ask ourselves these questions and make choices that reflect our true values.
The only documentary in the Holocaust Film Series, “Into the Arms of Strangers” explores the children who escaped Nazi controlled territories.

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Beginning today, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) will host the film series, “Through the Eyes of Children: A Holocaust Film Series.” The series examines perhaps the most tragic event of the 20th century through the eyes of those affected the most: the children who had to hide from — and, in some cases, confront — the horrors of the Nazi “final solution.”

The films selected depict children who were “plucked from their homes and stripped of their childhoods, the children who had witnessed the murder of parents, siblings, and relatives,” reads a release from the film, television and theatre department, which is hosting the event. “They faced starvation, illness and brutal labor, until they were consigned to the gas chambers.”

An exploration of the guiltless in a period of history fraught with guilt, crime and shame, this series will be an emotional and analytical event. How the lives of the children were changed and how modern audiences view their situations will be two of the multiple issues presented during this series. The films slated for screening include:

_Fateless (2005)_
Directed by Lajos Koltai, this recent film based in the teenage mind of Ferik. When his family is slain and the reality of the Nazi invasion, his initial beliefs of battlefield glory and fighting for his homeland soon become images of horror and terror when his family is slain and the reality of war sets in. While countless films have been made from the U.S. standpoint, exploring World War II from the Russian viewpoint is not something American audiences are used to seeing. A film from the perspective of the Eastern Front, which betrays the images of heroism and glory commonly associated with World War II films, is a perspective worth seeing.

_Au Revoir Les Enfants (Goodbye Children) (1987)_
At a French boarding school in Vichy France, two boys become friends — one Catholic, the other Jewish. Based on the childhood experiences of director Louis Malle, this microcosm of stories about Christians hiding and giving new identities to Jews during World War II is as moving as it is exploratory of the relationship between the two religions. While the Vatican is often condemned for its inaction, many Christians tried — successfully or unsuccessfully — to hide Jews from the Gestapo. As the Catholic boy befriends his Jewish classmate, the Catholic comes to realize what it means to be Jewish during this period of history.

_Into the Arms of Strangers (2000)_
The only documentary in the film series, “Into the Arms of Strangers” explores the story of 10,000 Jewish children rescued from Germany, Austria and then-Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Holocaust. Directed by Mark Jonathan Harris and narrated by Judi Dench, it promises to give a more historical view of World War II and its impact on Jews, specifically Jewish children. The “kindred transport” which saved these children was a type of underground railroad bringing Jewish children from their home country to Great Britain where they lived through the duration of the war. It uses archival footage and interviews to tell the stories of the thousands saved.

_Europa, Europa (1990)_
“Europa, Europa” is based on the life of Solomon Perel, a Jew who hid his religious identity by joining the Hitler Youth to save his life. The film is based on Perel’s autobiography and directed by Agnieszka Holland. Also written by Holland, it was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Writing Adapted Screenplay. Most of the film takes place on the Eastern front, so the German-Russian interplay, ignored in American cinema, plays an important role. This film also focuses on the Jewish situation after the war and the Jews’ mass migration to the British Mandate, which would become Israel in 1948.

“Through the Eyes of Children” will be an important film series for the study of the Holocaust at Notre Dame. It brings in narrative film from Europeans only one or two generations removed from the horrors that plagued the European continent less than 70 years ago. Perhaps most importantly, it includes perspectives from American Jews with all-too-fresh memories of the time period.

Exploring the Holocaust across national, religious and generational divides, the series reminds us lessons learned from the Holocaust are ones that should not be soon forgotten.

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_Everything Is Illuminated (2005)_
Starring Elijah Wood and directed by Liev Schreiber, “Everything is Illuminated” is different from other films in the series in that it does not take place during the Holocaust. Wood plays Jonathan Safran Foer, a Jewish American who travels to Ukraine to find the woman who helped his grandfather flee Europe during World War II. Part comedy, albeit more drama, this film paints a somewhat fantastical world based in the teenage mind of Foer. However, some critics claim this only strengthens the emotional impact. Based on the eponymous novel, this film is not quite as ambitious as its source material but still succeeds in its own right.

_Come and See (1985)_
Directed by Elem Klimov, “Come and See” is, according to its press material, “a brutal condemnation of war.” When a 15-year-old enlistee in the Russian resistance to the Nazi invasion, his initial beliefs of battlefield glory and fighting for his homeland soon become images of horror and terror when his family is slain and the reality of war sets in. While countless films have been made from the U.S. standpoint, exploring World War II from the Russian perspective is perhaps the most important event. However, some critics claim this only strengthens the emotional impact. Based on the eponymous novel, this film is not quite as ambitious as its source material but still succeeds in its own right.

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Celebrating Wendy, Saint Mary’s style

College to host humorous show honoring late playwright

By MANDY STIRONE

What started with a heartfelt expression of regret for Wendy Wasserstein’s untimely death in January of 2006 ultimately became a side-splitting selection of one-act plays by the late writer. Professor Katie Sullivan of the Saint Mary’s Theatre Department has created a commemoration of Wasserstein’s shows, which will be shown in the Moreau Theater at St. Mary’s from tonight until Saturday. The show, called “Celebrating Wendy,” shows off the versatility of the actors and the depth and variation of Wasserstein’s imagination through her plays.

Wasserstein’s plays, all published together in 1999, ranged from a fantasy with style and wit. After Sullivan’s opening speech, a very ruffled looking Wasserstein, played by Christina Kloess, rushes on stage to begin the show. She and Bette, played by Monica Mastracco, grace the stage in-between each play, with Bette breaking into song each time, sometimes with Wendy accompanying her. They are also joined, in two instances, by a chorus, once only three girls, and finally with the entire cast.

The one-acts begin then with “Boy Meets Girl,” narrated onstage by Bill Svelmoe and Lauren Mangiaforte. It tells the tale of two thirty-somethings, portrayed by Emily Rose Zandstra and Michael Girts, who become a couple. The sarcastic word play reflects the conflict between what the characters really feel and what they actually tell each other. It also relies on stereotypical statements and mockery of psychiatry and dating. By far the funniest character in this play is the Queen Leona Hamsley, played by Amanda Ann Goetz, who is the celebrant at the couple’s wedding.

After another shot of Wendy and Bette’s day together a young ballerina, portrayed by Emily Rose Zandstra and Michael Girts recite Shakespeare’s Sonnet 94 in the opening of “Waiting for Philip Glass.” Here the wealthy main characters trade insults in a scene that seems like “The O.C.” meets “Sex and the City.” A lot of gossip and stress contribute to the absurdity in this scene where Holden, played by Susan Baxter, meets up with her ex-husband, portrayed by Richard Baxter, and his new wife, Rina, played by Alyssin E. McGovern, as a party she is throwing for Phillip Glass, who is late. Everythiung from Spencer, played by Carline Walker, who has something to say about everyone who comes in, to Holden’s mini breakdown, fits in well with the wealthy, fake air the scene shows.

By far, the funniest scene in the production, “Medea” is re-written, and hilarity ensues. Medea, played by Kelly Lynn Phus, introduces herself and complaints of the lack of women’s roles before the scene even starts. Between her intentional over-acting, and a chorus, played by Victoria Abram-Copenhaver, Shawna Broughton, and Lauren Mangiaforte, who love to throw pop-culture references into their lines, the play was hysterical over all.

Overall, Wasserstein’s one-acts are represented in a well-acted series of plays by a well-prepared group of actors. While the most obvious objective of the plays is humor, a serious side can also been seen in each of the characters, both male and female. Many of them struggle with depression and anxiety, and, though psychiatry is mocked in several scenes, it also seems to be doing the characters some small amount of good.

Their lives are all affected by whatever it is they feel, and even Wasserstein’s character experiences uncertainty and feelings of inferiority. Each actor seemed to get his or her character and showed that through their portrayals, which makes “Celebrating Wendy” a worthwhile show, and a strong homage to the late playwright’s works.

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The upright socialite Byeliknov (Michael Kramer) discusses his future marriage to the flirty and carefree Varinka (Victoria Abram-Copenhaver). Amanda Ann Goetz plays a spunky workout girl Intent on proving there’s more to her than meets the eye, addressing the audience as she does her routine.
Boston guard Delonte West, left, is congratulated by teammate Wally Szczerbiak after hitting the game-winning shot in overtime against Charlotte. Boston's 110-108 victory was its first of the year.

McGrady nets 32 as Rockets down Bucks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Delonte West made a jumper at the overtime buzzer, Paul Pierce and Wally Szczerbiak each scored 35 points, and the Boston Celtics earned their first victory of the season by beating the Charlotte Bobcats 110-108 Wednesday night.

Ryan Gomes added his first career triple-double as the Celtics kept the Bobcats winless in Boston.

Pierce drove the lane with time winding down and kicked the ball to a wide-open West, who knocked down a 20-footer.

Brent kvish, who finished with 22 points, missed a jumper with 7.6 seconds left in overtime for the Bobcats, who are 0-3 in Boston.

Gerald Wallace tied the game at 100 with 10.5 left in regulation after Sean May's shot was blocked by Theo Ratliff and on his second rebound, Wallace laid it in.

Pierce's 18-foot jumper as regulation time expired clanked off the side of the rim.

Emeka Okafor continued his strong comeback after playing in only 26 games last season with 15 points and a career-high 18 rebounds.

Gomes had 10 points, 12 rebounds and a career-high 10 assists for the Celtics.

Boston overcame 25 turnovers to lead a third quarter on 6-of-7 shooting, including four 3-pointers, as the Celtics outscored Charlotte 37-25 to take a 82-74 lead after three.

Ostella Harrington's fastbreak jumper capped a 13-5 run and tied the game for Charlotte at 87 with 5.6 remaining.

Boston trailed 24-17 after the first quarter while shooting 7-of-23 from the field with turnovers.

The last four games between the Celtics and Bobcats have been decided by three points or less.

West was 2-of-9 from the field before hitting the game-winner.

Nets 96, Jazz 89

Vince Carter scored 30 points and almost single-handedly held off Utah's fourth-quarter run, leading the New Jersey Nets to a victory on Wednesday night that knocked the Jazz from the unbeaten ranks.

Utah's first loss in five games left the New Orleans Hornets (4-0) as the NBA's only remaining undefeated team a little more than a week into the season.

Richard Jefferson added 23 points, Jason Kidd had 15 and Anteine Wright scored a career-high 15, including a clutch 3-pointer with 3:41 left in the final quarter after Utah had drawn within 85-84.

Carlos Boozer, the Western Conference player of the week, had 15 points for the Jazz, but he spent the fourth quarter on the bench as Jazz coach Jerry Sloan used Matt Harpring and Paul Millsap up front along with Andrei Kirilenko and Mehmet Okur.

Derick Fischer also scored 15 and Williams had 10 of his 14 points in the final quarter to help the Jazz nearly fight back from a 10-point deficit.

However, they never got closer than a point as Carter, who strained a quad in the third quarter and was listed as questionable for the fourth, scored 13 of the Nets' final 20 points to prevent the Jazz from the third 5-0 start in their 32-year history.

Okafor had nine of his 13 points in the final quarter, Kirilenko finished with six points on 2-of-10 shooting.

New Jersey, which led by as many as 14 points in the second half, had a 76-66 lead after Jefferson slammed home a dunk late in the third quarter.

Okur got the Jazz back in the game with five straight points and Utah kept inching closer the rest of the way.

Wizards 117, Pacers 91

Gilbert Arenas was scoring plenty enough to win, helping the Washington Wizards take a 13-point halftime lead against the Indiana Pacers.

So, naturally, coach Eddie Jordan invited the Wizards in the locker room, telling his players he didn't like what he was seeing.

They responded by picking up the intensity on defense while never losing a beat on offense, and Arenas finished with 40 points Wednesday night to lead a big third-quarter spurt as the Houston Rockets beat the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday.

Jared Jeffery scored 34 for the Rockets and McGrady went cold down the stretch as the Bucks tried to make a comeback.

Michael Redd scored 34 for Milwaukee, looking for a triple-double mark for the third time in five games.

Redd and guard Charlie Bell helped the Bucks make a fourth-quarter comeback attempt that ultimately fell short.

Yao and McGrady combined to score all 17 points in Houston's 17-2 run at the beginning of the third quarter.

Yao hit three field goals before the Bucks scored a point in the second half, then McGrady answered a book shot by the Bucks' Charlie Villanueva with a 3-pointer.

Later in the quarter, McGrady spun around and hit a jump shot to put the Rockets ahead 69-50 with 4:01 remaining.

On the Rockets' next possession, McGrady came back and hit another jumper. The Rockets took a 15-point lead, built to 26-4 and went on to beat the Bucks 106-84.

With Milwaukee trailing 80-65 early in the fourth quarter, Bucks fans turned their attention to a hometown star — and to Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy to put rookie Steve Novak, a former Marquette player, in the game.

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Sharapova wins in straight sets

Kuznetsova and Hingis also advance in the WTA Championships

Associated Press

MADRID — Maria Sharapova beat two-time champion Kim Clijsters 6-4, 6-4 at the WTA Championships on Wednesday, moving a step closer to a spot in the semifinals.

In other matches, Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 7-5, 6-3, and two-time winner Martina Hingis pulled out a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Nadia Petrova.

Hingis’ victory means top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo will not finish the year as the No. 1 player in the world. That distinction will go to Sharapova or Justine Henin-Hardenne, depending on how they fare in this tournament.

Sharapova is 2-0 in the round-robin portion, Kuznetsova is 1-0 and Clijsters is 0-1. Also in the Red Group, Justine Henin-Hardenne, Sharapova, the U.S. Open champion, kept Clijsters deep behind the baseline and on the run throughout, hitting crosscourt winners from both sides.

“I think the quality of my tennis today was quite high,” Sharapova said after her 10th straight win. “I know that I’ve played a lot of matches and I feel good about my game.”

After the 19-year-old Russian saved three break points in the fourth game of the second set, she took away the momentum from Clijsters and broke the frustrated Belgian in the next game.

Sharapova broke Clijsters again in the seventh game, but failed to hold for the first time in four games. But Dementieva broke when trailing 5-3 before holding serve for the first time in four games. But Kuznetsova held and broke Dementieva for the third time to take the first set.

“I had a lot of chances that I didn’t close out in the first set,” Kuznetsova said. “I was losing my concentration, but that’s normal after a long season.”

Kuznetsova took control of the second set, breaking Dementieva with a forehand winner for a 2-0 lead. She held serve — saving four break points — and the match went to a netted backhand by Dementieva sealed it.

Sharapova capitalized on Dementieva’s erratic serve. Dementieva broke when trailing 5-3 before holding serve for the first time in four games. But Kuznetsova held and broke Dementieva for the third time to take the first set.

“I felt like I was moving really well and no matter how big and deep her shots were I still felt like I was in position for them,” Hingis said. “That just comes from playing a lot of matches.”

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MLB

Associated Press

San Diego — The San Diego Padres found their new manager just up the freeway.

Bud Black was hired Wednesday to replace Bruce Bochy, giving the Los Angeles Angels’ pitching coach his first major league managing job — and drastically reducing his commute. Black lives in exclusive Rancho Santa Fe just north of San Diego.

"Good dude," Tony Gwynn said about his former teammate at San Diego State. "He’s been in the game a long time and really warrants this opportunity. I think he’ll do well."

Black will be introduced at the Padres’ awards banquet Thursday night, said a baseball official, speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement hasn’t been made.

Black was not available for comment and Padres executives didn’t return calls.

The 49-year-old Black has been the Angels’ pitching coach for the last seven seasons, including when they won the World Series in 2002. He pitched in the big leagues for 15 seasons, helping the Kansas City Royals win the 1985 World Series.

"I think that Buddy’s baseball knowledge and ability to communicate have made him one of the best managers in the game," Padres’ owner John Moores said. "He’s not only a good manager, he’s a great coach and a guy with a great understanding of the pitching side of baseball." Black, 49, said he wanted to lead a team to a post-season run instead of the Angels, who have not reached the playoffs since 2002.

In Brief

North Texas parts ways with head football coach

DENTON — North Texas coach Darrell Dickey was fired Wednesday with the Mean Green already assured their second straight losing season with a 33-20 conference record in its ninth season, with a 33-20 record.

Athletic director Rick Villarreal said Dickey, who has three years left on his contract, will not return in 2007. Dickey is expected to coach the final game against Oklahoma State, which owns the Mean Green.

Dickey became coach in 1998, three years after North Texas moved up to NCAA Division I-A. He is 41-62 in his ninth season, with a 33-20 record.

"I have made an informed decision to seek new leadership for our football program," Villarreal said. "It’s time for North Texas to seek a new head coach to lead our football program to a position of prominence in the Sun Belt Conference and to a more competitive position at the national level."

United’s Adu practices with Manchester United

WASHINGTON — Freddy Adu will get his long-awaited first taste of European club soccer when he practices with Manchester United for two weeks later this month.

Adu, 16, will train with the Red Devils starting Nov. 18, three days after he is expected to play in a U.S.-Under 20 national team game against Guatemala in Florida.

D.C. United and MLS have given the teen star permission to join the famous English team starting Nov. 18, three days after he is expected to play in a U.S.-Under 20 national team game against Guatemala in Florida.

"This is a great opportunity for Freddy," Hicks said Wednesday. "We support his decision to seek additional training opportunities in the overseas." United spokesman Doug Hicks said the practices with Manchester United will not be a tryout and that Adu’s rights remain with MLS.

Adu, who became the youngest player in MLS history three years ago when he was drafted at age 14, has often stated his desire to play for a European club.
NHL

LeCavalier lifts Lightning to overtime win at Penguins

Nils Ekman registers hat trick in close loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Vincent LeCavalier’s goal 2:41 into overtime gave the Tampa Bay Lightning a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night.

Nils Ekman had a natural hat trick in close loss.

Nils Ekman had a 10-game point streak. It was the second assist of the game for St. Louis, who has a 10-game point streak.

Sidney Crosby and Sergei Gonchar each had two assists for the Penguins, who have lost five in a row at Mellon Arena to the Lightning.

Ekman’s goals came at 15:37, 18:19 and 19:47 of the second period against Tampa Bay goalie Johan Holmqvist.

The four minutes, 10 seconds between goals represented the shortest period of time for one player to score three goals in Penguins’ history. The previous record was held by Lowell MacDonald, who had three in 4:17 of a 5-2 win against Minnesota on Nov. 12, 1973.

Dimitry Afanasenkov scored the game’s first goal with 6:02 to play in the opening period when he deflected in a shot from the point by Nikita Alexeev from the right circle.

Brad Richards made it 2-0 Tampa Bay with a power-play goal, his fourth, midway through the second period.

While standing in the right-wing corner, Richards attempted a centering pass to Alexeev that was blocked by the Penguins but bounced right back to Richards near the goal mouth. He slammed it past goalie Marc-André Fleury.

Five and a half minutes later, Ekman’s first goal made it a 2-1 game when he scored from the slot on a pass from Crosby, who had received the puck in the low right-wing circle during a delayed penalty from Gonchar.

Ekman’s second came 2:42 later when he deflected in a Ryan Whitney shot from the point while standing to the right of Holmqvist while on the power play.

Rangers 4, Panthers 3

Michael Nylander scored the only goal in the shootout to lead the New York Rangers to a victory over Florida on Wednesday night.

Martin Straka added two power-play goals for the Rangers, who improved to 6-2 on the road this season. Blair Betts had the other New York goal.

Henrik Lundqvist, returning in net for the Rangers after being replaced by Kevin Weekes the last three games, made 37 saves before the shootout.

Rudan Salei, Nathan Horton and Jay Bouwmeester scored for the Panthers, who trailed 2-0 midway through the second period.

But the Panthers were stymied in the shootout by Lundqvist. He stopped Olli Jokinen, Horton and clinched the victory when he blocked Joe Nieuwendyk’s backhand attempt on a deke.

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Cardinals look to put dent in Knights' armor

8-0 Louisville takes on 8-0 Rutgers tonight

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY — Students camping out. Temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd. Tickets that usually sell for $28, going for $250 on eBay. Rutgers football sure has come a long way in a short time.

No long ago it was hard to give away tickets to a Scarlet Knights game. Now, seats for Thursday night’s battle of unbeaten teams are half empty. So are the No. 15 Scarlet Knights and No. 3 Louisville are so scarce that even Gov. Jon S. Corzine appealed to athletic director Robert Mulcahy for an extra pair.

“He said, ‘I’m sending a check,’” Mulcahy said.

The game is being billed as the biggest ever played by the school that was part of the first college football game in 1869.

“I think it’s a reaction that’s in many ways almost an overreaction,” Mulcahy said. “They wanted this for so long, the minute they could taste something, it was, ‘Boom.’”

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McNair returns to former home

Tennessee to face off against Baltimore

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Music City has seen this story many times before. A big, popular star nears the end of his run and isn’t welcome anymore. Then there’s the big comeback, the triumphant return.

Steve McNair

The quarterback Titans fans still believe was done wrong by his team in a painful and ugly separation is coming back to the town. He returns happy, a winner with his new team — the Baltimore Ravens — and in perfect position to take some revenge:

"A lot of people say, ‘Well, maybe you’ve lost a step. Maybe you don’t have it all anymore.’" McNair said Wednesday in a conference call.

Since Earl Campbell, in limbo since the franchise that drafted him barely came up short in the Super Bowl in 1999, the Titans have been struggling. McNair is with the 6-2 Ravens atop the AFC North.

"It takes a little getting used to, but I obviously like him on my sideline rather than the other one," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

Baltimore quarterback Steve McNair talks with coach Billick and safety Ed Reed during the Ravens’ 26-20 win over Cincinnati Sunday.

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When one door (closes), another one opens. I’m just glad to get this opportunity to further my career," McNair said.

Billick doesn’t see McNair harboring any ill will.

"He’s had nothing but good things to say about the Titans, the organization and everyone there, both publicly and privately," Billick said.

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LOCATION: Jordan Hall of Science – Reading Room and Study Lounge

Student Oral Presentations:

DATE: Saturday, November 11, 2006
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Jordan Hall of Science – Sargent Auditorium

Keynote Address by Nobel Laureate Dr. Leon Lederman followed immediately by Awards Ceremony:

DATE: Saturday, November 11, 2006
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comment on the recruits until Wednesday because of NCAA regulations.

"Four great fits for us," Brey said of his recruits. "All kids that understand they gotta compete in the classroom, they can compete on the basketball court. They all bring us something a little bit different to our basketball program."

Abromaitis is a 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward who Brey said already shows a strong ability scoring the basketball. He averaged 25.7 points, 10.9 rebounds and two assists as a junior at Farmington High School, leading his team to a regional and district title. Brey said it was Profitt's leadership qualities that stood out the most.

"He's a strong defender and rebounder and a solid all-around player at both ends of the floor," Brey said. "His versatility will allow us to see him at a couple of different positions in the lineup."

He's a 6-foot-7, 215-pound guard currently enrolled at Northfield Mount Hermon in Northfield, Mass. He graduated from Lawrence Woodmere Academy and is playing his fifth year in Massachusetts. Nash averaged 17 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and three blocks per game as a senior in Long Island. Brey said Nash should be able to compete right away for Notre Dame and that the 6-foot-7 forward offers the Irish a longer guard than they've had recently.

"Abromaitis is a kid who I think could develop in time, maybe it's a little longer for him, he's got a young body," Brey said. "I just think he's gonna be a heck of a player because he can score the ball."

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The 6-foot-4, 193-pound Profitt averaged 13.5 points and 7.5 assists as a junior at South Laurel High School, leading his team to a 28-6 overall record with a regional and district title. Brey said he is still a few years away from developing into a Big Ten player.

Mike Brey
Irish coach

Irish guard Colin Falls, right, defends Bellarmine guard Matt Otto during Notre Dame's 85-67 victory Monday at the Joyce Center.

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Nwankwo

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them it was a good thing for him.

Frank said Nwankwo's other top option was Florida, where the lineman's sister goes to school.

"It would have been kind of an easier choice for him to go to Florida," Frank said.

But Notre Dame's academic prestige, he said, helped nab the coveted Nwankwo.

"He moves very well for a guard," Frank said. "And he blocks very well in run-blocking and pass blocking, which is something you don't often see.

"He's a very, very good athlete. A big man who can move very well."

Nwankwo's 40-yard dash time is listed at 5.20 seconds, and Frank said he is a light-footed lineman.

"It's important because Notre Dame had only one offensive line commitment," Frank said. "And I know they want at least four."

The only other Irish offensive line commitment for next year is 6-foot-5, 285-pound tackle Andrew Nuss of Ashburn, Va. (Stones Bridge High School).

Wide receiver Aurelius Benn of Washington, D.C. (Dunbar High School) and linebacker Greg Little of Durham, N.C. (Hillside High School) are both expected to announce their decisions today.

Frank said he expected Little to commit to Notre Dame but Benn to go elsewhere.

Other than Notre Dame, Benn is interested in Illinois, Maryland and Florida State, with Ron Zook's Illini considered most likely to land the nation's top wide out recruit. "You'll see guys starting to trickle in now," he thinks. Frank said.

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Julie Schroeder-Biek, the senior libero and one of the only returning starters, had a strong rookie season and was named MIAA defensive player of the year, while also being named Second Team All-Conference and Second Team All-MIAA. Slupczynski and Carpenter were named First Team All-Conference and First Team All-MIAA. Carpenter led the team with 3.90 kills per game and Slupczynski led the team with 3.51 digs per game.

"We have a fantastic group of experienced and talented players returning." Schroeder-Biek

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The three rookies that will join the Notre Dame squad next season are Devereaux Peters, a 6-2 forward from Fenwick High School in Chicago, Becca Bruszewski, a 6-1 forward from Wheeler High School in Valparaiso, Ind., and Brittany Mallory, a 5-10 guard from the McDonogh School in Baltimore, Md.
"We are thrilled with this class," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at her press conference Wednesday. "I think they're all going to play."
In combining this year's recruits with the current freshman class that was ranked 21st last season, McGraw is confident with Notre Dame's prospects for the next several seasons.
"When you look at our freshman class now and add these three to it, I think there's great things in the future," she said.

A Street & Smith's honorable mention All-American in each of the past three seasons, she has averaged 11.3 points per game in her three-plus seasons with the Friars, including 12.9 points a game last season.
Last year, Peters also averaged a team-best 7.7 rebounds a game and recorded a .605 field goal percentage while helping lead Fenwick to a 32-2 record and a top-20 national ranking.
"I think the biggest thing we thought we needed was a really big, athletic post who could rebound, defend and score, and I think we got that in Devereaux Peters," McGraw said. "She's going to be able to score in a lot of ways. She fits really well into the offense we're running right now."
"I think her versatility and her athletic ability are exactly what we needed," off the three, McGraw said Peters had the best chance of contributing the most in her freshman season.
"With Crystal [Erwin] graduating and the spot opening up inside, I think the way she plays, being able to play inside a lot more [will help her]," she said. "But I think they're all going to play. It's just a question of how quickly they can acclimate and the spot opening up inside, I think the biggest thing we thought we needed was a really big, athletic post who could rebound, defend and score, and I think we got that in Devereaux Peters," McGraw said.
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ND Basketball

Signing bonus

Men's squad brings in four young players

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey announced Wednesday four high school seniors — Tim Abromaitis (Farmington, Conn.), Tyrone Nash (Queens, N.Y.), Ty Proffitt (London, Ky.) and Carleton Scott (San Antonio, Tex.) — signed national letters of intent to play for the Irish beginning next fall.
The four had previously given verbal commitments, but Brey's press conference made it official on the first day of the national signing period.
The Irish coach was not allowed to

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SMC Volleyball

Saint Mary's ends one of its best seasons in recent years

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's had one of its best seasons in history. The Belles finished with a 31-10 overall record, including its first MIAA tournament win and advance to the semifinal round.

Irish guard Colin Falls, left, dribbles around Bellarmine defender Matt Otte during Notre Dame's 85-57 win over the Knights Monday.

This fall, they came out of the gate quickly, winning nine of their first 10 games and hosting their first postseason game since 1999.

Saint Mary's won that Oct. 31 game 3-2 against Alma — its first MIAA tournament win since the last time it hosted — but went on to lose to No. 12 Calvin College in the next round.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said team chemistry contributed to the squad's success.

"I don't believe that I have ever had a team that, from starter to non-starter, supported each other so fully," she said. "They enjoyed each other and it showed on the court, on the bench, on the bus, at team meals, in practices — it was a great dynamic.

Schroeder-Biek said she was pleased by how the season turned out.

"It was very satisfying to accomplish our goal to host the first round of the MIAA tournament and, for the first time since 1999, advance to the semi-final round."

Another big reason for the Belles' success was their captains — seniors outside hitter Kristen Playko, libero Anne Cusack and outside hitter Ann Carpenter.

Schroeder-Biek had nothing but praise for her seniors.

"I think Emeka always liked Notre Dame," Frank said. "I think the big problem was convincing his parents that he should be that far away from home. It just took a little while for him to convince

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish junior Mike King tees off at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic on Oct. 10. Notre Dame placed second.

Men's Golf

Coach earns teaching honor

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish coach Jim Kubinski has been nominated for GOLF Magazine's 2007 "100 Greatest Teachers" list. compiled annually to honor the best instructors in the game. Kubinski is one of "between four and five hundred" PGA professionals selected as nominees.

Kubinski, who last week received a letter notifying him of his nomination, said he did not promote his own case for this honor but was very happy to learn he had been selected.

"I was pretty surprised by it actually," Kubinski said. "It is a neat honor to be mentioned with the best teachers in the country."

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NFL

Steve McNair returns to his old stomping grounds Sunday as the Ravens take on the Titans.

NCAA Football

NY Rangers 4 Carolina 3

Michael Nylander scores the shootout goal to lead the Rangers over the Panthers.

NHL

Maria Sharapova, Martina Hingis and Svetlana Kuznetsova each advance in the WTA Championships.

WTA Tour

Boston 110 Charlotte 108

Delonte West's buzzer beater in overtime gives the Celtics their first win of the year.

NBA

Houston 97 Milwaukee 93

Troy McGrady scores 32 and Yao Ming adds 23 in the Rockets' victory.

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