Play, groups examine sexual assault

Post-performance panel searches for solutions

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

In the second of three post-performance panels, the student-organized production "Loyal Daughters" sparked a discussion about sexuality and assault at Notre Dame Tuesday. History professor Guill Bederman moderated the discussion between anthropology professor James Bellis, Anne Enval from the S-O-S Rape Crisis Center, theology professor Robin Young and "Loyal Daughters" author Emily Weisbecker. About 30 people remained after the performance to hear and participate in the talk, which lasted for a little over an hour.

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Sexual Assault Advisory Committee aims to increase resources, awareness

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Amidst the flurry of conversations about the student-organized play "Loyal Daughters," the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee has steadily worked off the stage and out of the spotlight to increase awareness and education about similar issues of assault and rape at the University.

"Sexual assault is a pressing issue on all college campuses," said Diane Danis, a student body president Lizzi Shappell said. "We must give more attention to this issue."

And for the past six years, the committee has met to discuss ways to do just that.

formed in the fall of 2000 by Associate Vice President for Residence Life and current co-chair Bill Kirch, the committee's goal is clear—to increase students' awareness of campus and community resources for victims of sexual assault.

The committee advises the office of Student Affairs about sexual assault, rape education and prevention and "spearheads a variety of educational initiatives and programs," Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and co-chair Ann Firth said. "It also assists Student Affairs in ensuring that University resources are in place for those who have been victimized," she said, adding that the facilitation of "collaboration and communication" among those working to address sexual violence on this campus is a central goal.

And, following their Nov. 3 meeting—their first of the year—it became clear that much of this communication will now be done with the help of the newly-launched "Resources for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault" Web site.

The committee hopes that this site, which can be accessed through the Student Affairs Web site, will be one of the biggest transmitters of information about sexual assault to the wider campus community.

The group is now focusing on critiquing and evaluating the Web site to make it as accessible and informative as possible, Firth said.

Members will be carefully examining the Web site in coming weeks "to help us improve and expand it, so that it will truly be helpful to students," she said.

The creation of a Web site is an important step forward in terms of making the campus community aware of the manifold resources the University has in place to assist students, Firth said.

The informational site features emergency contact information for everyone from Notre Dame Security/Police, University Health Services and the University Counseling Center.

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Bengal Bouts presents donation

Former organizer gives check, supports upcoming Baraka Bouts

By RYAN STOLIK
News Writer

The $52,000 check was the most valuable piece of paper Nathan Schroeder ever held before he presented it to Father Tom Smith Tuesday morning outside of Moreau Seminary.

The check was the total proceeds of last year's men's Bengal Bouts boxing tournament, and brought the annual charity event to full circle.

"We are really happy with the total that we got last year," Schroeder, a 2006 Notre Dame graduate and last year's president of Bengal Bouts said.

The $52,000 check was presented to Father Bill Seetch, Nathan Schroeder, Erika Meyer and Father Tom Smith during the Bengal Bouts check presentation Tuesday morning.

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'Tradition' shirt sales break all-time record

More than $500,000 have been raised for charity

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

As the Irish ascend in the BCS rankings, a Notre Dame football tradition is finding success as well. As of Tuesday, more than 155,000 units of The Shirt had been purchased—it's highest total ever.

The historic 2002 "Return to Glory" Shirt sold nearly 135,000 units.

Well over $500,000 has been earned for The Shirt Charity Fund, putting the total earned since it was founded in 1990

more than $4 million.

"The popularity of the shirt is reflective of the excitement surrounding the football program and their success," Sally Wiatrowski, director of retail operations at the Hammes Bookstore, said. "This is the best-selling shirt in the history of the University."

Rich Fox, president of The Shirt Project, 2006 said he was "extremely happy about the nearly 20 percent increase over the last year," and pleased to be able to play a role in making the shirt the best-selling in University history.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Gone before I get going

—I had it all planned. I was going to be Toby Ziegler, President Bartlet’s Communications Director on “The West Wing.” I was so certain. I would go to law school, get entry jobs working in D.C. and then work my way up until I was the main speechwriter for the President, and then call it a career. The next 40 years of my life was all set.

I guess in previous years of my life I was too caught up in the ideological nature of politics portrayed in “The West Wing” to really grasp what was going on in real life; rather, he was showing what it meant life; rather, he was showing what it meant to really grasp what was going on in real life, and what I have seen has changed my idea of politics portrayed in “The West Wing.”

I realize now that creator Aaron Sorkin was not reflecting the reality of government life, rather, he was showing what it could and should be like. Since the show is now off the air, I have had to get my political drama from real life, and what I have seen has changed what I want to do with the rest of my life.

In the Congressional race between Joe Donnelly and Chris Chocola, both sides were slinging the mud back and forth in a campaign that focused more on unfounded issues than truths. When the ads actually focused on the issues, attacks were blown out of proportion.

Then, a few days before the election, John Kerry objected to a joke in an attempt to insult President Bush’s intelligence. Many accused Kerry of insulting American troops with his uninterpreted remarks. It was bad enough that you had a former presidential candidate reducing himself to taking pot shots at the President, but what made it worse was the Bush administration’s reaction to Kerry’s remarks. Instead of accepting the fact that Kerry’s words came out wrong and taking the high road in the process, Press Secretary Tony Snow and the President himself played into the perception that Kerry was insulting the troops. Their remarks in response to Kerry’s comments deliberately tried to skew the truth in an attempt to score a few political points.

The whole snafu reminded me of a conversation between two characters on “The West Wing” one day: The staff was considering issuing an apology to Oregon, the nation’s leading green bean producer.

C.J.: “I’ve been trying everybody’s thumb in an election year, Charlie. Charlie: No, everyone just gets treated bad in an election year, C.J. Everyone’s reaction is parrothead-dered.”

Everyone on the President’s down, in both parties, insulated our intelligence in this past election cycle, and they should be smarter than that. As for me, who knows? I still like studying the history of government, despite my damage to my brain trust with today’s politics. Maybe I’ll teach. Yeah, I know the saying, “Those who can’t do, teach.” But the question is not whether I can “do” politics, rather, is it, why would I want to?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS THE HOTTEST STUDENTS?

Bright Dike
Evelyn Hyde
Jarette DeAngellis
Jesse Gollath
Kate Moden
Katie Rooney

Sophomore
Senior
Grad student
Senior
Sophomore
Junior

O’Neill
Farley
O’Neill
McGillin
Howard

“Maybe Not Engineering, but definitely Arts and Letters.”
“Arts and Letters, because of the Music Theory people alone.”
“I wish they could all be Architecture girls.”
“First Year of Studies, because it’s a change of scenery.”
“Business, because that’s where the athletes are.”
“Arts and Letters, I mean, is there really any contest?”

IN BRIEF

There is an Armed Forces Blood Drive today from 1 to 6 p.m. in the South Wabroom in Pasquarilla Center. All blood collected supports military servicemen and women. The drive is sponsored by the Tri-Military ROTC Command at Notre Dame.

As part of the University’s celebration of International Education Week, a Fairly-Traded Gifts Event will run today through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center’s Burley Room. Fair features handcrafts, available for purchase, from developing countries and offers an opportunity to learn more about Fair Trade practices and the artisans who produce these goods.

The film “Nuremberg, Its Lessons for Today” will be shown tonight at 7 in the Browning Cinema at the DPAC. After the screening, Sandra Schulberg, film producer and daughter of “Nuremberg’s” director, Stuart Schulberg, will discuss the controversies surrounding the film. This is a free but ticketed event.

Diego Abente Bru, former senator of Paraguay and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, will give the lecture “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Dilemmas of Democracy in a Small South American Country” Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information to an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Steves expresses value of international experience

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

Rick Steves, PBS personality and syndicated columnist, has literally made the world his classroom, playing the roles of both student and teacher. He assumed the latter Tuesday in front of a large group of students and community members in the Jordan Auditorium.

University President Father John Jenkins introduced Steves, his brother-in-law, as a man who "made his passion and joy his work," and does so in a morally responsible way. "The Value of Travel in Shaping a Global Perspective" was Steves' second lecture of the week, the first held on Monday in McKenna Hall.

Before describing his travel experiences, Steves explained his own global perspective, especially with regard to politics.

"It does take courage to speak out on something, that's all the more reason to speak out on it," he said. "As a society, we face some major challenges.

Steves said he believes the greatest risks to America are from the inside. As individuals, he said, we have a responsibility to try and do what's right.

"Don't believe there are innocent civilians," he said. Steves spoke his mind on issues that "If it does take courage to speak out on, we have a responsibility to do so.

Traveling, he said, gives him the vast opportunities to shape his understanding of the world.

Steves first traveled to Europe with his family when he was 14-years-old. Initially skeptical of the idea, he soon embraced the experience and has traveled over since.

"The quality of the travel experience can change you," he said. Travel can provide completely new interpretations of the past and of cultures, according to Steves.

"History becomes a living thing," he said. One aspect of travel Steves described as "fundamental" was the opportunity to meet a wide variety of individuals.

"I meet more people in a month in Europe than I do in a year at home," he said.

Steves said he enjoys how travel "enables" up his ethnocentrism. All over the world, heroic struggles are taking place, he said, and it would be dangerous for us to be mindless producers and consumers.

A man who has traveled from France to India to Japan, Steves celebrates diversity and encourages others to do the same.

Traveling, he said, helps him see the vast divisions between rich and poor, how other people view America and how they view government in general.

"Some people, he said, feel steam-rolled by McDonald's and Western values, but that does not mean they dislike Americans.

Steves said he supports Notre Dame's foreign study programs and the valuable, spontaneous experiences they can provide.

"This world is so surprising," he said.

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"Seeds of Change" A Musical Performance

Georgine Resick, soprano
Professor of Music
John Blacklow, piano
Assistant Professor of Music

11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 18
Annenberg Auditorium
Snite Museum of Art

"Seeds of Change," a program of French music from the first half of the 19th century, includes works by Berlioz, Chopin, Liszt, Gounod, and Saint-Saëns, as well as spoken commentary drawing parallels between the music of the period and concurrent trends in the visual arts, social history, and politics.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses budget voting

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the upcoming budget reallocation and the plans to increase participation in student body elections during the group's Tuesday night meeting in LaFortune.

With student groups requesting over $200,000 for last spring's annual budget allocation hearing despite, $481,243.06 available in total funds, "pretty much everyone is unhappy with the allocation," Student Union treasurer Steve Friend said.

Every year student groups have a chance to request additional funds, and the Financial Management Board (FMB) reviews each group's spending and allot any left over money in January as it sees fit.

"As a result of conserva­tive estimation for the number of students paying student activity fees," Friend said, "$41,037.80 is available for the current February budget hearing.

"We'd obviously like to reallocate the full amount, because we understand student groups have made concessions in that regard," Friend said.

After Student Union Board (SUB) manager Pat Vassallo drew attention to the lack of Student Union technology funds, Friend said one of his priorities is to replenish the nearly wiped out budget.

"This year we had unforeseen needs, now it's basically tapped out," he explained. "Personally I think it would be a wise decision to put some funds in there."

After the budget discussion, Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow outlined her plans to increase voter participation this year. One new initiative includes selecting an election committee to help assist with publicity as a means to increase involvement.

According to Kozlow, voter incentives are crucial to increasing participation.

"We've learned that if you give people free food, they'll do anything you say," she noted.

With that in mind, the Council has plans to offer Krissy Kreme donuts and, possibly, Chinese food to voters. Kozlow also said the Council is working with Anthony Travel to put together a free spring break trip for a few lucky participants.

Publicity and easy access are the other two important components to increasing voter participation, Kozlow explained.

In other COR news

Continuing with McNally's organization spotlight initiative, Friend gave a brief presentation on the composition of the FMB, calling it "a gathering of the CFOs (Chief Financial Officers) from all the big groups on campus."

He gave a rundown on FMB approvals, sources of funds, the annual allocation hearing and the aforementioned spending review process each January.

The council confirmed junior Anthony Dayrit as Vice President of Elections, part of the Judicial Council.

Off-campus President Spencer Forest is looking into non-students often filling the designated off-campus parking lot.

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Fall 2006 Schedule

Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

9/9-Penn State "More Than a Memoir: Assessing The Du Vinc Code"
(101 DeBartolo Hall)
James Callins, Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre
Mary Rose D'Angelo, Associate Professor of Theology
Charles Barber, Associate Professor of Art, Art History, and Design

9/16-Michigan "The Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on Our Bible"
Eugene Ulrich, Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology

9/30-Purdue "Successful Aging"
Cindy Bergeman, Chair and Professor of Psychology

10/7-February "The Bone Collector"
Susan Sheridan, Associate Professor of Anthropology

10/21-UCLA "Completing the Constitution: The 14th Amendment"
Michael Zuckert, Nancy Brown Drew Professor of Political Science

11/4-North Carolina "The Role of Religion in Peacebuilding"
R. Scott Appleby, Professor of History, John M. Regan Jr.
Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

11/18-Army "Seeds of Change" A Musical Performance
Georgine Resick, Professor of Music
John Blacklow, Assistant Professor of Music

3-1/2 hours before kickoff in the Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art (unless otherwise noted).

For more information, visit http://saturdayscholar.nd.edu
Alumna raises dogs to guide the blind

By LAURA WILCZEK
News Writer

Notre Dame law student Shannin Leeming’s love for animals is not a product of her education — it is unique — job. She trains dogs for the blind.

Leeming has raised future guide dogs since the age of 12, seeing it as a way of caring for an animal and serving the community.

Her job consists of caring for a seven-to-eight-week-old puppy and training it to be a guide dog, which includes, “housebreaking, socialization, house manners and basic commands,” Leeming said.

Out of all the tasks, Leeming stressed socialization as the most important one.

“A guide dog has to be comfortable in any place that a blind person would want to go. That is why I have to take them to class, on buses, boats, grocery stores and any other place I can think of,” she said.

Leeming said she had been anticipating continuing her work with guide dogs as a sophomore at Notre Dame, and even garnered the support of her rector. Dorm housing denied her request in the fall.

“Many of the people who have a dog for a pet, but that a service animal in training would be uncomfortable,” Murphy said. “For me, SWE has been really helpful in getting advice from older engineering students. Some of these events include Halloween and Christmas parties and visitation days for prospective female students. The club also invites professional engineers to speak to undergraduate engineering students and runs meetings to help students find internships.

The group involves itself in the community as well. SWE participates in service work by holding toiletry drives for local women’s shelters.

Murphy explained that building a support system for female students interested in engineering is essential to the organization’s mission.

“The workload for engineering majors is so hard all of the time, so our group provides a support system for girls to meet in a more relaxed setting,” Murphy said.

After receiving this prestigious honor, Murphy hopes that this award will encourage more female students to consider engineering. Knowing that Notre Dame has a unique support network for women in that college.

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Women engineers receive award

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Collegiate Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE-ND) has a clear goal — to recruit the trend of women being exceedingly underrepresented in the engineering profession and a recent prestigious national award is proof that its hard work toward that goal has paid off.

SWE-ND recently received the Outstanding Collegiate Section Award for its work in encouraging young women to pursue engineering majors.

The award honors Notre Dame’s Society of Women Engineers as the best section of its size in the country. More than 100 sections were present from Oct. 10 to 14 at the National Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Senior Katie Murphy, president of SWE-ND, wrote a report detailing the strides the club has made in recent years to recruit female engineering majors.

While the national average of female engineering majors hovers around 19 percent, Notre Dame’s current average nears 24 percent.

The report emphasized the various activities and events that the club has held to support current students within the College of Engineering and to encourage young girls to begin thinking about pursuing an engineering career.

Murphy and the core committee members of SWE-ND submitted this winning report at the National Conference.

“It was an annual report based on everything that we have done in the past year,” she said. “The club also plans to submit a new and improved report summarizing its accomplishments for the current academic year to ensure that it stays competitive in next year’s contest.”

“We plan to follow the guidelines of the national organization more closely,” Murphy said.

The club will receive a cash reward of an unknown amount which Murphy said will be applied toward future SWE-ND events.

Although SWE-ND has entered the National Conference in recent years, this is the first time the organization has been recognized for its efforts.

The Society of Women Engineers has 17,000 members nationally, and approximately 10,000 of those members are students, said Cathy Pieronek, director of Women’s Programs in the College of Engineering and faculty advisor of SWE-ND. The remaining members are professionals.

Murphy said the club’s recent increase in membership is evidence of its success as a major student group on campus.

“Five years ago, there were only 10 members [in the SWE-ND] who felt a few times a year, and now there are 130 girls in our organizing,” Murphy said. “Our goal is to recruit women and keep them in engineering.”

SWE-ND has experienced major growth over the past five years and, according to the 19-page report submitted by Murphy, “this has become the most active and prominent engineering organization on campus.”

In 2005, the Notre Dame Club Coordination Council awarded SWE-ND the “Overall Program of the Year Award.”

“SWE does a great job of covering the social side and the academic side of life as an engineer,” said senior Ann Verwist, club treasurer.

The Society of Women Engineers is busy year-round planning events and activities for female engineering students. Some of these events include Halloween and Christmas parties and support system for female students interested in engineering is essential to the organization’s mission.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nuclear traces detected inside Iran

VIENNA, Austria — New traces of plutonium and enriched uranium — potential material for atomic warheads — have been found in a nuclear waste facility in Iran, a revelation that came Tuesday as the Iranian president boasted his country's nuclear fuel program will soon be completed.

The International Atomic Energy Agency report detailing the discovery also faulted Tehran for not appending a data sheet to its watchlist's attempts to investigate other suspicious components of Iran's nuclear program.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in a two-hour news conference in Tehran, asserted the world has no choice but to "live with a nuclear Iran," although he conceded his country was "still in the first stages" of its uranium enrichment program.

So far, Tehran has been able to activate only two small research reactors, and Ahmedinejad said that U.N. officials have frequently broken down and have produced only small amounts of material suitable for nuclear fuel.

Gay marriage legislation criticized

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — South African lawmakers passed legislation recognizing gay marriage, despite criticism from both traditionalists and gay activists.

The bill, adopted by a 194-37 vote, with one "disordered," also telling gays to be celibate even if they discussed the Male-dominated Iraqi government, ordered the militias to "live with" the Sunni and Kurdish minorities, even if dominated by the Shiite majority.

NATIONAL NEWS

New majority party posts assigned

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats picked two women for junior posts Tuesday and appointed former U.S. Capitol police chief Terrence Gainer as sergeant at arms. Their choice of a 19-year-old Michael and Sharen Gravelle are charged with 16 counts of felony child endangering and Tuesday in the trial of a couple accused of abusing some of their 11 adopted special needs children.

Crash investigators had not determined the cause of Monday night's crash, but the plane took off in poor weather, with limited visibility and fog. The flight to take its founder and three people killed in the crash of a twin-engine plane that went down shortly after takeoff in foggy weather.

FARMLAND SCORRED AFTER PLANE CRASH

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Story and photos by Ingrid Hafner

Local News

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"I think there was disagree­
ment on whether, was the com­mittee going to sponsor, (and) what does sponsorship mean," she said. That question of sponsorship versus endorsement plagued those on both sides of the "Monologues" debate last spring, and it's re­surfaced now, although to a lesser extent. While the com­mittee's em­ail was "a p r o g r e s s re­port" on its attempt to meet its goals, Kaveny said, it was not, how­ever, an endorsement of the events. "N o b o d y knows what endorsement means." The word is just too complicat­ed," she said. "All these events are in University space, all are being called to the attention of the student body... does that mean that every jot and tittle is approved by every member of the com­mittee? No. But it em­phasizes that we think this conversation needs to take place." And the conversa­tion won't be ending any time soon. The committee's goal, Bederman said, hasn't changed. "Finding ways to promote dialogue — I think that's precisely what it is," she said. "I think we're not entirely sure what the committee is going to do next, but I think everybody currently on the committee is absolutely committed to ongoing discus­sions." The idea behind neither "Monologues" nor "Loyal Daughters" did generate profound dis­agreement within the Church [and] the culture of the time... which is one of the reasons why I think most of us think of this be­ing discussed at a Catholic universi­ty," she said. Kaveny echoed the necessity of discussing sexuality within the context of a Catholic univer­sity, a con­text stressed by Jenkins last spring during the "Monologues" debate. Events like "Sex is a Mystery of God" can promote Catholi­cism teaching on sex­ual morality into a dialogue with contempo­rary culture, Kaveny said, "so people don't have to see Catholic sexual teaching in one box, and the rest of the world in another." But while senior "Loyal Daughters" director and commit­tee member Madi Liddy said she saw the value in dialogue and fostered the "really great ideas" raised during meetings, she was somewhat disappointed in the amount of actual action as a result of the committee. "The committee has potential, but it'll take some time," she said.

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Bouts

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dent of Bengal Bouts, said. "Fifty thousand dollars net is really good." Though the funds raised through Bengal Bouts have increased since its inception, its purpose remains the same. For 77 years, proceeds from Bengal Bouts have benefited the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. The funds collected are used to provide medical care, build student education hotels, care for orphans, treat those with drug problems and perform count­less other actions for the desit­rict communities served in Bangladesh.

Smith, director of Holy Cross Missions, said the amount raised was by no means trivial, and estimated that the $2,000,000 is worth up to $500,000 worth of goods and services in Bangladesh.

While Bengal Bouts is just starting to gear up for this year's tournament in February and March, the women's Baraka Bouts will take place this Thursday from 6-11 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Andrew McGlone, president of Bengal Bouts encouraged any­one available to attend the event, which benefits Holy Cross Missions across Africa. McGlory previewed this year's plans for Bengal Bouts after the check was handed over. He said 170 people have paid dues for the program and most will end up coming this year, includ­ing three returning champions. "The guys who just began their training absolutely love it. They love the hard workouts, the camaraderie," McGlory said.

McGill said that although boxing is usually a very individ­ual sport, the Bengal Bouts makes it a team. "Bengal Bouts has taken a sport that is one-on-one, and it has turned it into a community building opportunity," he said. "Notre Dame is such a tight community, and there's this miniature community inside Notre Dame that is as close as you could possibly ever imag­ine.

McGill said the best part of the program, however, is its focus on charity. "To be in charge of such a program is a fantastic honor," he said. Teacher Bill Seetch, Bengal Bouts Chaplain and Erika Meyer, a student office assistant for the program for the present for the check presenta­tion.

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ig a new record in Notre Dame history. The unprecedented sales have not made the organizers complacent, however, as they anticipate even higher sales as the season comes to a close.

"We will never be satisfied. The more shirts we sell, the more money that goes back to Bangladesh. We hope to turn it into a community building opportunity," he said. "To people who have never done this, the process is a failure. We only anticipate even higher sales as the season comes to a close.

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Ad hoc committee member Gregory Floyd.

"Loyal Daughters," O'Brien said she did have some concern about the change in direction but said "there were conversations that emerged from discussions within the committee, Bederman said, and future conversations could breed even more initiatives. "Loyal Daughters" sexuality are, if you will, points of concern, of division within the Church [and] the culture of the time... which is one of the reasons why I think most of us think of this be­ing discussed at a Catholic universi­ty," she said. Kaveny echoed the necessity of discussing sexuality within the context of a Catholic univer­sity, a con­text stressed by Jenkins last spring during the "Monologues" debate. Events like "Sex is a Mystery of God" can promote Catholi­cism teaching on sex­ual morality into a dialogue with contempo­rary culture, Kaveny said, "so people don't have to see Catholic sexual teaching in one box, and the rest of the world in another." But while senior "Loyal Daughters" director and commit­tee member Madi Liddy said she saw the value in dialogue and fostered the "really great ideas" raised during meetings, she was somewhat disappointed in the amount of actual action as a result of the committee. "The committee has potential, but it'll take some time," she said.

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McGill previewed this year's plans for Bengal Bouts after the check was handed over. He said 170 people have paid dues for the program and most will end up coming this year, includ­ing three returning champions. "The guys who just began their training absolutely love it. They love the hard workouts, the camaraderie," McGlory said.

McGill said that although boxing is usually a very individ­ual sport, the Bengal Bouts makes it a team. "Bengal Bouts has taken a sport that is one-on-one, and it has turned it into a community building opportunity," he said. "Notre Dame is such a tight community, and there's this miniature community inside Notre Dame that is as close as you could possibly ever imag­ine.

McGill said the best part of the program, however, is its focus on charity. "To be in charge of such a program is a fantastic honor," he said. Teacher Bill Seetch, Bengal Bouts Chaplain and Erika Meyer, a student office assistant for the program for the present for the check presenta­tion.

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"Loyal Daughters," O'Brien said she did have some concern about the change in direction but said "there were conversations that emerged from discussions within the committee, Bederman said, and future conversations could breed even more initiatives. "Loyal Daughters" sexuality are, if you will, points of concern, of division within the Church [and]
Bush meets with automakers

WASHINGTON — President Bush told Detroit's auto industry leaders on Tuesday that they are making "tough choices" to shore up their companies in foreign competition and promised continued dialogue, signaling a need to seek help on trade and health care issues.

"The president clearly understands the importance of the business to the United States and the global economy," Ford Motor Co. Chief Executive Alan Mulally said later.

Bush said, "We found a lot in common."

Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other administration officials met in the Oval Office for just over an hour with top executives of Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler.

The automakers later told reporters the meeting was productive, hopeful that it would lead to more discussions with the administration.

"That's a door that we've been waiting to open," said Tom LaSorda, president and chief executive officer of DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers representing large numbers of auto workers said they hoped Congress would address reducing the cost of the health care on manufacturers, foster the research and development of alternative fuel vehicles and promote fair trade practices.

"The industry's ability to compete in the global marketplace will determine its future. Rising health care and retirement costs, as America's dependence on foreign sources of energy are negatively affecting industry strength," said Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., who criticized Bush during her re-election campaign for not meeting with the executives earlier, said she hoped the meeting would be "an important first step toward a comprehensive American manufacturing strategy."

The auto executives said they pressed Bush about their concerns on health care, energy and trade issues, while making clear that the troubled industry does not want a federal bailout. The meeting had been delayed since last spring and had been widely anticipated in the auto industry.

Bush met with the leaders just hours before he was traveling to Asia to meet in Vietnam with Asia-Pacific economic partners. He said he would tell those partners, "Just treat us like we treat you. . . . Our markets are open for your products and we expect your markets to be open for ours, including our automobiles."

He said of the U.S. executives, "These leaders are making difficult decisions, tough choices to make sure that their companies are competitive in a global economy. And I'm confident that they're making the right decisions."" General Motors Corp. and Ford are both undergoing significant turnaround plans after posting large losses last year. GM has persuaded about 35,000 hourly workers to leave the company under early retirement or buyout plans while Ford has offered buyouts and early retirement packages to all 75,000 U.S. production workers in hopes of reducing its hourly work force by up to 30,000.

The companies have faced hardships while Japan-based Toyota Motor Corp. is enjoying soaring profits and outpacing plans to unseat GM as the world's largest automaker.

GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said the automakers made the case that Japan's weakened yen makes imported goods from Japan cheaper and enhances profits for Japanese automakers making the U.S. He said they discussed the automakers' "strong conviction that the Japanese yen is systematically undervalued, which helps them to maintain significant trade balance surpluses in our industry."

Thomas W. LaSorda, President and CEO of Chrysler Group, listens to President Bush in the Oval Office Tuesday.

IN BRIEF

Vietnam trade bill banks in the House

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, after suffering a surprising defeat on legislation to normalize trade relations with Vietnam, put off until December any effort to make another attempt to pass the bill.

Rejection of the measure, which had been expected to move smoothly through Congress, could be a signal that President Bush's agenda of trade liberalization is headed for tough times in a Congress that will be controlled next year by Democrats.

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Stocks surge on interest rate news

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied higher Tuesday as the Dow Jones industrials surged further into record territory after a Federal Reserve official indicated the Fed will maintain its policy of stable interest rates.

Investors who were heartened by an earlier report of slowing producer prices hit in their buying in earnest after Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President William Poole described the Fed's interest rate policy as "about right."

Poole, who is acting as a voting member on the Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee, had reassuring words for a market that has been counting on a steady rate policy for the near future.

Earlier, the Labor Department said inflation at the wholesale level as measured by the Producer Price Index dropped by 1.6 percent last month following a 1.3 percent slide in September. Plunging energy prices were behind the declines, which gave Wall Street some relief from concerns that rising inflation might prompt the Fed to raise rates after three straight meetings where they were left unchanged.

"With the PPI down and with the Fed cautiously optimistic about the economy, not signaling any rate hikes, it confirmed what the market was hoping to hear," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co.

The Dow rose 86.13, or 0.71 percent, to close at 12,218.01, above the previous record close of 12,176.54 reached last Wednesday. The blue chips also reached a new trading high of 12,228.01.

Broad stock indicators also closed sharply higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.80, or 0.64 percent, to 1,393.22. It hit a trading high of 1,394.49 this was the first time the S&P 500 surpassed 1,394 since November 2000.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 24.28, or 1.01 percent, to 2,430.66.
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to victim's resource person Ava Preacher, the Saint Joseph Medical Center ER and St. Joseph County's rape-crisis center.

The Web site also features an extensive "frequently asked questions" section, answering questions about the definition of rape, Notre Dame's stance on rape and what to do if rape occurs.

Brown said student government will be involved in the committee's efforts aimed at better educating students.

The work of the committee has been a "vitality important" part of Notre Dame's efforts to address issues of sexual assault and violence on campus, and has been for the last few years.

In 2001, shortly after the University formed the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, student feedback was supplied to the group about how sexual assault cases are handled on campus. After discovering that the system had not worked to the satisfaction of many students, the committee appointed Preacher as the University's sexual assault resource person.

In this role, Preacher is a resource for students, who can come forward without facing repercussions, she said in a Feb. 12, 2005 article in The Observer.

Preacher's position as assistant dean makes her ideal for victims to talk to and remain anonymous, as nearly all undergraduates have access to her.

To increase awareness on a grader, campus-wide level, the Student Government and the Gender Relations Center have also launched a campaign about assault, Firth said.

Shappell and Chief Executive Assistant Liz Brown have worked with members of Student Senate to figure out how to best distribute information about sexual assault resources.

Among the senators' suggestions have been new sexual assault awareness posters in dorms and popular buildings on campus, the distribution of information on the mandatory freshman fillable form that asks about sexual assault and rape on campus, and getting the word about assaults out to students at the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business and the College of Engineering.

"Sexual assault and rape are very real problems on virtually every college campus, and Notre Dame is no exception," Firth said.

Ann Firth
associate vice president
Student Affairs

Preacher, Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Letters at Notre Dame, Alex Chapeaux, student; Cathy Steinmetz, student; Sarah Raymond, Staff Psychologist at University Counseling Center; John Duman, Professor of Biological Sciences; John Corker, student; Emily Weisheyer, student; Lizzi Shappell, student; Liz Brown, student.

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An audience member thanked Weisbecker for including different perspectives in the play, indicating a monologue about forgiveness for past sexual experiences and another regarding a conversation with a Dr. Mary at the Grotto as particularly compelling for her on a Catholic level.

"I was very happy about the fact that so many people with very different perspectives came in and talked to me, so I felt like I was able to represent a really broad range of people," Weisbecker replied.

She also expressed gratitude for the students whose stories comprise the play — particularly those of male students.

"The fact that they were all so open and trusting so that their stories could be shared and experienced by the community is profound," Weisbecker said. "I was very honored that males would come forward especially and tell me their experiences with sexual violence.

Opening dialogue like this play and panel, Bellis said, is a key step in moving toward change.

"When there will be some hierarchy seems to me like what needs to happen. You [Emily] as the moderator have generated more spontaneous discussion than I ever had in my class," Bellis said.

Bellis said a crucial element in communicating the play is communication. He mentioned the culture clash in the American higher tradition of valuing communication over action in sticking light on the issue.

"Whenever I have talked about sexuality, mating patterns, marriage or violence, my classes go stone silent — whether they be 10 students or 150," he said. One of my greatest clues to a deep-seated concern in their response — almost not breathing while we talk about it.

Silence about sexuality and assault can lead to victims not feeling comfortable reporting crimes, Weisbecker said. One monologue made a striking comparison between dot Lancaster's treatment of consensus sex out of wedlock and that of rape according to University standards. Bellis spoke out against this regulation.

"A college or institution in which a policy that promotes silence to benefit the public presentation of the group over protecting individuals is an example of the individual being sacrificed for the good of the organization," she said.

Weisbecker expressed hope that students can increase their self-confidence and therefore feel in control enough about sexuality and violence.

"I'd like to boost everyone's self-esteem because I think that one of the things that real affects these situations, she said, "they know right from the beginning that this isn't a comfortable situation, but as you heard from so many of the scenes, he's telling me it's what I'm supposed to be doing... people feel conflicted.

"If people can become more comfortable and positive within themselves, they would become more alive," she said.

Weisbecker said the overarching aspect of high performance Notre Dame students can make dangerous, they have had so much success, see failure as that much more frightening.

"There's a fear of failure or of doing anything wrong. We feel like we have to have to have to have to follow but we're not sure that we're doing it right."

Weisbecker also expressed the desire for a change in the campus culture. Many of the monologues included assault situations, suggesting that lessening the degree to which they are spoken about could create a safer environment, she explained.

Bellis echoed Young's expressed sentiments about the importance of Notre Dame as a leading institution in an example of the university's extraordinary central legacy that can be dangerous for the good of the commonwealth and of all, "he said. "It takes more than a claim to be different for that to happen — you have to live up to these principles."

The third and final panel discussion took place right after the performance in the Montana Performing Arts Center.

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he said.

Lyphout also said the new residence hall will evoke Notre Dame's older dorms with the inclusion of rooms of varying sizes.

"There will be some hierarchy of rooms," he said. "There'll be a combination of singles, doubles, triples and quads.

Lyphout's confirmation that rooms of differing sizes will be built into the dorm echoes statements made by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves early in the year. As reported in the Sept. 28 issue of The Observer, the new residence hall will be part of the "thowback" Gothic style, similar to that of the Jordan Hall of Science and the entire campus apart from the most recently built dorms on campus the four on West Quad.

Affleck-Graves also said two out of the remaining three residence halls in the planning stages will be constructed just east of Pasquerilla East and Knot where Juniper Road is currently being cleared.

All four planned dorms figure into a significant expansion in Notre Dame's facilities set to occur over the next several years. Future construction projects will include a new wing for the Law School where the former Post Office now stands, a Gothic-style engineering building to be built in the current portion of the University Club and renovations to the power plant and portions of the Joyce Center.

The cornerstone projects of Notre Dame's development program will be the landscaped Notre Dame Quad and the much-hyped Eddy Street Commons, or "college town," to open for occupancy later this year.

At a news conference, Bredon cited a Nov. 15, 2005, decision by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office in which prosecutors declined to bring charges against officers in the arrest of Barker, who had been in a scuffle with a Venice Beach merchant.

The officers were identified as David Gutierrez, Victor Ugaz and Peggy Thussing. Gutierrez said in the video using pepper spray, left the department last year for reasons unrelated to the arrest, but remains in law enforcement, police said.

"Examination of the videotape clearly shows (the officers) did not use excessive force on Benjamin Barker, nor did they assault him under color of authority," Bredon said, quoting the decision. "The officers used that degree of restraint and demonstrated professional courtesy to Barker despite his belligerent, threatening and combative behavior.

The tape shows Gutierrez take pepper spray from a holster, run raise it toward Barker's face, but the actual spray was something else.

The report found that officers arrested Barker after the merchant reported that Barker had been "combative." The report, citing the video, says Barker resisted police efforts to put him in the police car, screaming and making a kicking motion toward an officer.

After he was placed in the car's back seat, he jumped out and lunged toward a fourth officer who then punched him in the face, Barker spit on the window and happened, the report says the says the tape shows. In response, Gutierrez sprayed him twice with one-second bursts of pepper spray while Barker was in the back seat.

While being driven to jail, Barker kicked out a window, the report said.

"Barker's words and actions were resistive and obstructionist," the report said.

"The officers used that degree of force necessary to restrain Barker and maintain custody of him," the Chief said, quoting from the decision.

Barker has since pleaded guilty to damages to the shopkeeper.

Barker's attorney, John R. Reilly, said that his client spilt on the officer "innocently.

"Once (Barker) is in the car, he's cuffed, hands behind his back, not resisting, it's not a threat," Rappling said.

The district attorney's office also said that evidence held by two officers that said the pepper spray was administered outside the car were made irrelevant relocations and not intentional misconduct.

The chief noted that a court order requires video recording in the separate Hollywood Hollywood arrested also found the officers in that case did nothing wrong because that suspect was resisting.
Jenkins must promote rape counseling

Father Jenkins claims to support the goal of preventing sexual assault. However, he apparently does not support the goal of providing post-assault counseling services for victims of sexual violence. He apparently also does not support the goal of providing safe shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. If he did, he would not forbid "Loyal Daughters" and similar plays based on "The Vagina Monologues" from selling tickets or engaging in other fundraising to support S.O.S. of Madison Center, the only rape crisis center serving the South Bend metro area, or the YWCA of St. Joseph County, a Christian organization providing shelter for abused women and children.

As a rape survivor, I am grateful to see Catholic leaders like Jenkins supporting sexual assault prevention. However, Jenkins and other leaders must not forget that counseling and aftercare are every bit as essential as prevention. Rape is a crime that doesn’t end with the act of sex; it can continue for years as the victim’s life is literally taken over by fear, regret, self-loathing and pain. Rape crisis centers like S.O.S. help to prevent this continuing violence. Father Jenkins, I implore you to put your words into action. If you really care about helping victims of sexual violence, support the organizations that provide for the needs of victims in our community. Perhaps if someone from the Catholic Church had been there for me when I was 15, alone, in pain and afraid, I would still be a member of the Church today.

Jessica Tannenbaum

Attracting diverse students to Notre Dame

Why did you choose Notre Dame? It is not uncommon for freshmen to be asked this question by peers and professors. Many students reference the institution’s Catholic heritage and academic excellence. However, when people learn that I am Muslim, they ask why did you choose Notre Dame if you’re a Muslim? As a practicing Muslim, I explain that many of the values advocated at Notre Dame are not necessarily Catholic; they are secular values that enhance oneself regardless of one’s religious beliefs. While Notre Dame can significantly improve its image as a multi-cultural university, the University has been supportive of interfaith councils such as the Muslim Student Association. In order to attract people of other religious beliefs, the University should make it known that Notre Dame is not simply for Catholics. As a result of expressed interest in other faiths, Notre Dame can attract even more diverse and talented students to attend the University. I recognize this as a necessary step in order for Notre Dame to compete with other prestigious universities and establish itself as the ideal institution for people of all faiths.

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A number of individuals have inquired as to why I did not support the Ad Hoc committee’s recent announce ment promoting three upcoming events at Notre Dame and why I have resigned from the committee. Certainly, my de cision to resign rather than join the com mittee in its support of the play “Loyal Daughters” is not nearly as noteworthy as Father Jenkins’ decision to withdraw his endorsement of “Loyal Daughters.” However, some may nonetheless be interested in my rationale. A full explana tion of my decision would require an extensive recounting of the history of the formation of the committee, a chronology of the committee meeting discussions, a critique of “Loyal Daughters,” and an analysis explaining the difference between an individual’s right to academic freedom and the University’s institutional right to aca demic freedom. It would also require an explanation of the related distinction between creating a forum for speech as opposed to institutional speech. Neither time, nor space, permit for a complete rendition of my reasoning. However, those who have inquired can reasonably expect an answer and for that I offer this explanation.

Initially, though, please allow me to clearly state my conviction that Notre Dame must do all it can — appropriate ly and morally — to prevent sexual assault and violence against women. The horror of sexual assault and vio lence suffered by our students — sometimes at the hands of other students — is real, as is the physical and emotional destruction such violence inflicts. During my time teaching at Notre Dame, several students who were vic tims of sexual assault, rape and violence have sought my help and guid ance. Others came to me for assistance when they discovered they were preg nant and faced not just a crisis pregnancy, but also physical and emotional abuse from the fathers of their unborn babies. These women, like all women who are victims of sexual assault and violence, suffer unspeakable wounds and deserve compassion and support. They will be in my continued prayers as they seek healing. At the same time, public condemnation of such violence is critically important so that all will know that Notre Dame does not toler ate violence against women.

To the extent, therefore, that “Loyal Daughters” is intended to focus our attention on the issue of sexual assault, its goal is worthy. However, after claiming the stage for this laudable purpose, “Loyal Daughters” takes advantage of the spotlight to present in a morally neutral way illicit sexual activity, including homosexual and bisexual sexual relations, fornication, masturbation and contraceptive sex — at times in a celebratory tone. Although the vignettes are based on actual experiences, which deserve our attention and concern, the manner in which those experiences are related to the community is problematic. In relating such experiences without comment or context, and in a morally neutral manner, “Loyal Daughters” presents a one-sided and false view of God’s beautiful gift of human sexuality as taught so eloquently by the Church. The play mischaracterizes Notre Dame’s policies on sexual abuse and sexuality and fuels common misperceptions of the University’s appropriate and com passionate response in these cases. The play ridicules virginity and treats all views of sexuality and consensual sexual activity as equally valid, and promotes harmful stereotypes of classes of students, particularly football players and those considering the priesthood.

Moreover, as Father Jenkins explained in his address to the faculty in January of 2006, the offense from the proposed production of “Her Loyal Daughters” to Catholics who revere Mary — the model of chastity — appears intentional. Merely removing “her” from the production’s title does nothing to remove the offense. The meaning of “Loyal Daughters” remains clear to all who know and love Notre Dame, and it is hard to believe that those responsible for this inconsequential editing thought otherwise.

Finally, “Loyal Daughters” has been the focus of media attention, and this attendant publicity threatens to bring further scandal to our Faith. Although “Loyal Daughters” is not explicit or exceedingly crude, as the Monologues were, removing the crassness and vulg arity does not alter the fundamental infamy — gravely illicit sexual behavior is still presented in a morally neutral way. In fact, the relative subtlety of “Loyal Daughters” really magnifies the problem because the fraudulent message is masked for the unwary by the guarded prose and not highlighted by the glaring profanity.

The fact that “Loyal Daughters” is not explicit makes it easier to overlook the underlying objectionable message which nonetheless permeates the script. That there is no true view of sexuality and that there is nothing wrong with consensual sexual activity, whether it be homosexual, bisexual, fornication, masturbation, or contraceptive sex. In light of these objectionable features of the play, I do not want to lend it my personal support, and, given the special status of the committee, I do not believe that the committee should lend “Loyal Daughters” its institutional support.

Regarding this institutional support: the committee’s promotion of “Loyal Daughters” elevates the play from something tolerated in the name of academic freedom, to an event commended as a proper way for Notre Dame, as a Catholic institution, to address illicit sexual activity and sexual violence. It is one thing for an academic unit or a professor to present, as true, viewpoints in conflict with Church teaching, but it is quite another for the University itself, through an Ad Hoc committee created specifically to address issues of sexual assault and gender roles, to promote a play that presents illicit sexual behavior in a morally neutral way. And this vice surely is not cured by the scheduling of later events as moral antidotes, as if telling the truth months later to a different audience offsets the harm.

Finally, let me make clear that this is not a question of silencing the students. The voices and viewpoints found in “Loyal Daughters” would be heard without the committee promoting the play, as “Loyal Daughters” is sponsored by the Gender Studies Program, as well as the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. Under these circumstances, I believe the committee should not have promoted “Loyal Daughters” and that the committee’s action bore so importantly on its mission that I felt I could no longer serve. I accept the con straints of my colleagues, but for my part, conscience and what I perceive as the best interests of Our Lady’s University counsel otherwise.

Margot O’Brien
Professional Specialist
Nov. 14

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Set amongst sweeping, cinematic imagery, the prologue to the pilot episode of NBC’s drama “Heroes” introduces us to Peter Petrelli, a former creator-producer of “Crossing Jordan.” Despite his success, Peter is a man consumed by his past. His powers, which he acquired after a near-death experience, allow him to temporarily mimic the abilities of others. This is the beginning of a story that promises to challenge our understanding of heroism in a modern world.

In the early episodes of “Heroes,” viewers are taken on a journey through the lives of ordinary individuals who discover they possess extraordinary abilities. But who are these heroes, and how do they navigate their newfound powers in a world where their actions can have far-reaching consequences?

**Origin stories**

After all, the premise is nothing new. At first glance, it’s hard not to notice the similarities between the heroes in “Heroes” and their comic book counterparts. Whether it’s Superman taking in 1938, Spider-Man’s first swing in 1962, or the mysterious man in horn-rimmed glasses appearing in “Hulk” for short by the show’s creators, NBC’s entry into the television staple of superhero stories has become our culture’s equivalent of mythology.

The Greek idealized Zeus, Hercules and Achilles for their power and their prestige. Americans have Superman, Spider-Man and Batman to reflect their hopes, their dreams, their fantasies.

Heroes” is not just a story of powerful individuals, but of ordinary people who discover they possess extraordinary abilities. But the show navigates the lives of characters who are human first and saviors second. “Heroes” feels familiar and distinct in the same breath.

**But because the show**

In one of the most thrilling moments of the series, a future version of Hiro appears to Peter in a darkened subway car with time at a standstill. Complete with a samurai sword, closely cropped hair and Zen-like aura, future Hiro’s message for Peter — “Save the cheerleader, save the world” — set the course for the rest of the show’s first season.

**Friends and foes**

With “Heroes,” viewers can take their pick from 13 such characters to inhabit, idolize and applaud — with more role players waiting in the wings for their chance to shine. Supported by relative unknowns eager to make the most of their first big break, the show’s casting choices have all been spot-on, with a few characters already stepping into the forefront.

The show’s lead is Peter, a compassionate everyday man living in New York City. Plagued by visions of his parents’ deaths, he’s haunted by the idea of stopping time to save others. But Peter’s powers are also a burden, sometimes better than they can.

Peter’s complicated relationship with his older brother, Nathan Petrelli (Adrian Pasdar), forms the emotional backbone of the show and, in many ways, is what makes the show a success.

**Peter’s powers,** lose their lives and sacrifice themselves for the greater good — all in the pursuit of good drama. But the main theme, the show has a seemingly endless supply of stories to mine and characters to explore. Exactly how long “Heroes” will remain on the air is a mystery. NBC is in no hurry to find out. The pilot episode attracted 14.3 million viewers, garnering the highest ratings for any NBC premiere in five years. And the number of viewers has continued to climb in recent weeks as the critical and popular acclaim for the show has snowballed.

**The future**

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**But in the meantime,** the show has a seemingly endless supply of stories to mine and characters to explore. A passionate and driven political running for election to Congress, Nathan is as ironic a hero as there’s ever been. Blessed with the superhero, Peter has the power to make a difference, but he’s also the fall guy.

“Heroes” is a show about the consequences of our actions. The choices we make have consequences, and those consequences shape the world we live in.

**Kring remains optimistic and he has a five-year plan in mind for his creation. The minds behind “Heroes” has already modeled the show after a well-known comic book convention — using short, multi-episode arcs with defined storylines to build upon a larger, season-encapsuring arc. So far, these heroes have become more than just a fad. They’re characters with depth, complexity and nuance.

“A show has a life of its own,” he said. “If that has run its course, it can go on to other things.”

The epilogue to the “Heroes” pilot ends the show and, in many ways, is where it wants to be.”

The show’s storylines are progressively more complex and difficult to follow. But the stakes have risen, every quirky scene with the dynamic duo is a treat, filled with laughter and genuine goodwill.

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Superhero stories stay relevant despite age

By SEAN SWEANY  Assistant Scene Editor

The phrase "Holy cow, Batman!" may now be more familiar to television audiences today, but its origin in the 1960s television series "Batman," starring Adam West, laid the groundwork for what has become a thriving and successful genre. Forster keeps the tone and action — and "with a better comic book vision was the easiest and most realistic manner in which such stories could be told."

The late 1970s found studios taking different approaches from the campy styles of "Batman" or "Wonder Woman." This latest trend came into prominence in the form of "The Incredible Hulk." Less satirical (by 1970s standards) than its predecessors, the show placed a much stronger emphasis on drama and emotion, with great success. At a time when superhero shows were a dying breed, "The Incredible Hulk" showed that different approaches to the genre were necessary in a new day and age.

This trend continued with ABC's "Lou and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman," which retained the Superman saga from a more romantic point of view. New perspectives like this became increasingly necessary due to the new capacity for theatrical films to convincingly use special effects in telling superhero stories.

More recently, successful big screen adaptations of franchises like "Batman" and "Spider-Man" forced television to seek alternate ways of depicting superheroes — ways that could continually entertain and surprise the audience. This has allowed hero-themed shows to remain one of television's major draws, and will continue to do so for a long time to come.

In large part, these television programs achieved such success because superheroes did not thrive on the big screen. Film adaptations of superhero stories either did not exist, or were done in a way that was not appealing to audiences. The simple and effective method of serialized storytelling on television was the easiest and most realistic manner in which such stories could be told.

The extreme rash of comic book superhero stories being adapted in recent years has caused television to draw from other, more original material. Here enters NBC's "Heroes." This wildly successful show focuses less on well known superheroes, working to create its own myths with more ordinary, everyday heroes.

Despite departing in nearly every aspect from its predecessors, "Heroes" will draw from one defining trait. It portrays on a weekly basis the actions and exploits of people who are more than human and possess extraordinary talents. The innate desire of human beings to participate in the lives of these characters, week in and week out, is a powerful force, whether accomplished comically, romantically or dramatically. This has allowed hero-themed shows to remain one of television's major draws, and will continue to do so for a long time to come.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Ferrell, cast shine in 'Stranger than Fiction'

By ERIN McGANN Assistant Scene Editor

The term "modern-day fairy tale" is often associated with films like "Shrek," or similar animated features. "Stranger Than Fiction," directed by Marc Forster and starring Will Ferrell, Dustin Hoffman, and Queen Latifah, is truly a modern fairy tale — an original story, set in modern times and just realistic enough that the audience gets lost in a magic, endearing story.

In this sweet romantic comedy, and in an incredible performance, Will Ferrell stars as IRS auditor Harold Crick, who suddenly and inexplicably finds himself as a novel's main character. Harold goes about his mundane and obsessively precise life as a tax man until he suddenly hears a narrator describing his every thought and action — and "with a better vocabulary." It starts out mostly as an obnoxious and inconvenient disturbance until the narrator says that Harold is going to die.

In order to try and avoid this impending death, Harold seeks the advice of a visiting professor and literary expert Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman) in an attempt to decipher, through the clues given by Harold's narrator, whether Harold's story is a classic tragic tale, or a tragicomedy, or a story to which the mysterious author's voice might belong.

In the meantime, Harold begins to fall in love for the first time with one of his clients, rebellious baker — and Harold's complete opposite — Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal). The movie alternates back and forth between Harold, the bewildered protagonist trying to unravel the mystery of his narrator, and the narrator herself, elusive author Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson).

Suffering from writer's block, Eiffel decides that she is going to kill Harold, without having decided how. In order to help her along, her publisher sends an assistant (Queen Latifah) to help her kill off her protagonist. While the plot is unrealistic (remember, it's a modern-day fairy tale), the acting is what holds the film together.

Ferrell is surprisingly stream-lined and low-key as Harold Crick, a departure from his typical roles. He never overplays Harold's coming of age, or involving the audience to believe the journey and the travel. He acts along with him.

Also, Gyllenhaal's wild baker-woman is a delightful compliment to Ferrell's calm Crick, and the two share an admirable chemistry. Gyllenhaal and Thompson round out the main cast as the professor and writer, respectively. Both deliver eccentric and original performances.

First-time screenwriter Zach Helm delivers a seamless and intelligent script, matched well by the efforts of veteran director Marc Forster ("Finding Neverland"). Forster keeps the tone and mood playful and warm through his various visual and thematic elements. The on-screen graphics of Harold's calculating mind at work in the literary references, the film is full of numerous hilarities that are not essential to the plot, but instead stimulate the imagination of the audience.

The film finds its own voice and ground in the ever-present themes of self-awareness and Fatalism. As the numerous characters struggle to gain control of their own lives, the film becomes a powerful study of how important it is to seize the day and live life to its fullest potential.

While not nearly as deep as it could have been, "Stranger Than Fiction" still manages to work on a variety of levels. It doesn't quite reach the height of genius that similarly-themed films, such as 2004's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," have attained, but instead goes in a slightly different direction — switching that brilliance for heartfelt pleasure, a perfect move for a genuine fairy tale.

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Mavs bury Bulls; Nuggets cool heat; Hornets tame Cats

Dallas center DeSagana Diop takes a forearm to the face from Chicago center PJ. Brown during the fourth quarter of Game 4 of the NBA playoffs.

Anthony nets 33 as Denver edges Miami

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points and Erick Dampier had season highs of 14 points and 13 rebounds, helping the Dallas Mavericks beat the Chicago Bulls 111-99 Tuesday night for their first home victory of the season.

Dallas won its third straight following an 0-4 start. Two of those early losses were at home and the Mavs came out intent on avoiding a rare three-game home losing streak.

With Dampier setting an energetic tone, Dallas led by 10 with 7:05 left in the opening quarter, and the Mavs came out intent on keeping the lead.

Nowitzki entered the season as a leading contender for Most Valuable Player, but neither seemed too intent on blowing out the opposition.

The Mavericks 111-99 victory over the Bulls Tuesday.

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Miami cut a 12-point deficit in half in the final minute with consecutive three-pointers by Wade and Antoine Walker. But the Nuggets sank six successive free throws late in the stretch. "We played our best offense and best defense in the fourth quarter," Karl said.

New Orleans 94, Charlotte 85

From start to finish, Peja Stojakovic kept showing why the New Orleans Hornets wanted him this offseason.

Stojakovic scored a career-high 42 points and directed a decisive fourth-quarter run as the Hornets beat the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night, breaking a three-game losing streak.

"I just came out aggressive, playing like every other game," he said. "I got going, so guys kept looking for me," Stojakovic said. "I kept playing, I kept shooting the ball."

"I don't know how to describe it," said Stojakovic, who scored New Orleans' first 20 points of the game. "When you're a shoot­er, you just shot it even when you're missing — just trying to get yourself involved in the game, and when you make a couple in a row your teammates start looking to you."

Stojakovic scored 22 points in the first quarter — a franchise record and added 11 more during a 13-4-fourth-quarter surge.

"To me, Peja's always hot. I don't care if he's missed 10 shots in a row, he's still hot if you ask me," said Hornets guard Chris Paul, who had seven of his 10 assists on baskets by Stojakovic. "That's just the kind of player he is."

New Orleans picked up Stojakovic in a sign-and-trade deal with Indiana in the offseason and gave him a contract worth about $64 million over five years. A three-time All-Star, Stojakovic entered the season as a 40 percent shooter from 3-point range.

"Whenever he misses, I usually say something to him because I don't think he's supposed to miss," Paul said.

Emeka Okafor had 25 points, 10 assists and seven blocks to lead Charlotte. Adam Morrison, the No. 3 overall pick in the NBA draft, matched his career high with 21 points, and reserve Sean May scored 18.

The loss was the fourth straight for Charlotte.
Wednesday, November 15, 2006

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**MLB**

**Arizona pitcher Brandon Webb won a competitive race for the NL Cy Young Award Tuesday. Webb is just the second Diamondbacks pitcher to win the award, the other being Randy Johnson.**

**In Brief**

**FSU’s Bowden resigns as offensive coordinator**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — For months, Florida State fans have clamored for the ouster of offensive coordinator Jeff Bowden, blaming him for the team’s woes. Tuesday, Bowden ended the debate, resigning just days after the Seminoles were shut out for the first time in 233 games.

**New ballpark in the works for Oakland Athletics**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics unveiled grand plans Tuesday to move south and build a long-awaited, state-of-the-art stadium they hope will soon transform the small-market club into a big spender. Not to mention elevate the A’s to a new status level comparable to the rival Giants across San Francisco Bay — and perhaps even tap into a Silicon Valley fan base that has largely belonged to San Francisco.

This is, I say a dream because those who have followed sports for a long time know this has always been an issue," said A’s general manager Billy Beane, whose team was swept in the AL championship series last month by Detroit. “It never seemed like a real possibility."

The A’s, in partnership with Cisco Systems, Inc., agreed to purchase 143 acres of land from Cisco in suburban Fremont, about 30 miles south of the current stadium.

**Roddick comes up short against Federer in Shanghai**

SHANGHAI, China — Andy Roddick was one serve from finally ending his losing streak against Roger Federer.

Not close enough. This, after all, is Federer.

The top-ranked Swiss saved three match points and beat Roddick 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4 in the Masters Cup. Roddick had been serving in the second-set tiebreaker before his biggest weapon misfired once. "It’s just frustrating," Roddick said. "I was real close. I think that makes it a little bit harder, knowing you’re one of his best shots away — one serve away.

"It’s not easy," he added. "I’m sure it won’t be the last time I think of it tonight."

Federer extended his unbeaten sequence in round-robin matches at the season-ending championship, to 14. He also won his 26th consecutive match and became the first player to surpass $57 million in prize money in a season.

around the dial

**TODAY**

**NBA**

**Grizzlies at Kings**

9 p.m., ESPN

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

Miami (Ohio) at Bowling Green 7:30 p.m., ESPN 2

**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Preseason NIT 10:30 p.m., ESPN 2
Washington hires Acta as manager

Former Mets bench coach takes over for Frank Robinson

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Manny Acta began preparing to be a major league manager when he was the only kid with a catcher’s mitt in his neighborhood back in the Dominican Republic.

"So I was like, 'I'm running the game, or I'm taking the glove away,'" Acta recalled Tuesday. "I've run games all my life."

Now he'll run them for real from big league dugouts after being hired by the Washington Nationals, who made him the youngest manager in the majors.

The 37-year-old Acta, the New York Mets' third-base coach the past two years, replaces 71-year-old Frank Robinson, who was the oldest manager in baseball and was told during the final week of a 71-91 season he wouldn't be back.

Robinson was a Hall of Fame player who managed in the majors for 16 seasons. Acta's days as an infielder ended in the minors — when he was 20, he said, "they told me to my face I couldn't play" — and this is his first major league managing job.

It's a return of sorts: Acta was Robinson's third-base coach with the Montreal Expos from 2002-04, before the franchise moved to the nation's capital. So Acta — who said he learned a lot from Robinson, particularly about communicating with players — already knows some key veterans including first baseman Nick Johnson, catcher Brian Schneider, starting pitcher John Patterson and closer Chad Cordero.

"Frank was more of the school guy. We're going to have to wait and see how it's going to be with Manny," Schneider said.

"He's young, he's motivated, he's willing to do this for a long time, he knows the game of baseball."

Team president Stan Kasten and general manager Jim Bowden said Acta impressed them with his personality, his knowledge of the Nationals, and his ideas about how to turn around a club that finished last in the NL East the past three seasons.

"Usually, with a manager, they're strong in one area or the other. He's really well-balanced, he's a young club. He has great people skills, but he knows how to put the hammer down."

The Nationals hope to be competitive when Washington's new stadium opens in 2008.

"We have a very good plan in place here. We're going to do it the right way," Acta said.

"We're going to be patient, and we're going to bring a winner here."

So to lead what's expected to be an inexperienced roster next season, Acta noted that Washington's most pressing problem is starting pitching, where Patterson is the only given.

Acta said the defense needs to improve and that he will stress fundamentals.

"Everyone who's been with him has raved about him," Kasten said. "He came in here probably more prepared than any candidate we had, knowing our roster, knowing the holes in our roster."

Washington interviewed several people for the job with varying degrees of experience. Lou Pinella and Joe Girardi both withdrew from consideration. Bowden acknowledged it was "a very long process" with "a lot of candidates," and said Acta was part of a group of five up-and-comers under consideration.

Acta agreed to a two-year contract with two one-year club options.

He managed eight seasons in the minors and five in the Dominican Winter League, and he led the Dominican Republic to the semifinals at the World Baseball Classic this year.

During that tournament, Acta bench a struggling Alfonso Soriano, the All-Star who hit 46 homers and stole 41 bases for the Nationals in 2006 and has filed for free agency.

Acta said Soriano was the first player who called to congratulate him on his new job — although Acta, Kasten and Bowden all cautioned they figure the size of a contract will have more to do with where Soriano winds up than who the manager is.

Still, Kasten and Acta spoke about how having the only Dominican manager in the majors would help attract Latin players and help expand marketing to Hispanic fans. At one point, Acta addressed fans in Spanish saying, "This is the capital of the world, and this is the world's team, " and the world's team.

He played six seasons of minor league baseball in the Houston Astros' organization before becoming a coach in Class-A in 1992. That began a climb, first through the minors, then the majors.

"How appropriate: An immigrant from the Dominican Republic like me comes to America, works hard, keeps his nose clean and gets his chance to manage the capital of the United States' baseball team," said Acta, who became a U.S. citizen in 1999. "God bless America. Only here."

He flashed a broad grin repeatedly when he stepped to the podium. When he donned a jersey with the number 14 and his name on it. When he drew laughs with his quick wit.

Bowden was giddy, too, at one point yelling into the microphone: "Let's Acta-vate, baby!"

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JoePa will likely be in press box Saturday

STATE COLLEGE — The rolled-up khakis, the thick-rimmed glasses, the nasally voice. The familiar sights and sounds of Joe Paterno returned briefly on Tuesday to Penn State.

More than a week after undergoing surgery on his left leg, the 79-year-old head coach felt well enough to come to practice, and might even be back in a Beaver Stadium press box for this weekend's regular-season finale, defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said Tuesday.

"We're assuming that's where he'll be, but you never know where he might end up," Bradley said with a sly grin. "I wouldn't be surprised if he's on the 50-yard line, OK? Somewhere, some way."

That might be a stretch, given the team doctor has said he would allow Paterno to return on game days only if he's calling the shots from above the field — and not on the 50-yard line — provided his recovery is progressing well.

It's going well enough, though, that Paterno attended part of Tuesday's practice and spoke to the Nittany Lions (7-4, 4-3) as they readied for Saturday's contest against Michigan State (6-5, 1-6 Big Ten). Because Paterno hasn't stayed off his feet for at least another five weeks, team officials rigged a golf cart that allowed the coach to watch practice while keeping his leg propped up.

Paterno had surgery last week to repair a broken shinbone and two torn knee ligaments to his left leg, injuries sustained after getting hit along the sideline by Wisconsin.

Paterno's first surgery was in 1977, after Paterno sat out following an accident involving his son, David.

Instead, Paterno watched his team from home on Saturday, forced to play armchair quarterback.

On Sunday afternoon, team captains Levi Brown and Paul Posluszny showed up at Paterno's doorstep to present their coach a game ball. It was the first time Posluszny had seen Paterno since the Wisconsin game.

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"I'm sure there were some cases where I have been wrong, but (Monday night) wasn't one of them," Knight told ESPN.com.

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Boston wins bidding war for prized pitcher

Japanese WBC team starter Daisuke Matsuzaka pitches against Japan's Yomiuri Giants March 1 in Tokyo. 

Red Sox offer of $51.1 million is highest from any team in majors

Associated Press

NAPLES — The Boston Red Sox emerged Tuesday night as winners of the bidding for Daisuke Matsuzaka with a $51.1 million offer and have 30 days to sign the Japanese pitcher to a contract.

The Seibu Lions of Japan’s Pacific League announced they had accepted the high bid for their prized pitcher, and the major league commissioner’s office simultaneously confirmed at the general managers’ meetings that the Red Sox had made the offer.

“We’re very pleased and excited. We’ve long admired Mr. Matsuzaka,” Boston general manager Theo Epstein said. “Matsuzaka has a real talent. He would be a great fit with the Red Sox organization.

“We’re excited to have won this part of the process. We’re hopeful we can reach an agreement.”

Even before the announcement, general managers had assumed Boston would be the highest bidder in the blind process.

“We’ll congratulate the winner and move on,” New York Yankees GM Brian Cashman said Tuesday afternoon.

Matsuzaka is represented by Scott Boras, who last year negotiated the deal that moved center fielder Johnny Damon from the Red Sox to the Yankees.

“Pitching, as usual, is at a premium,” Boras said.

Agents roamed the lobby at the hotel where GMs are meeting, discussing their free-agent clients. Some agents think the market will move more quickly this offseason because of the decision by management and the players’ association to eliminate the Dec. 7 deadline for free agents to re-sign with their former teams unless they were offered salary arbitration.

Second baseman Mark DeRosa became the first major league free agent to switch teams, leaving Texas for a $13 million, three-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

The Mets re-signed two players, agreeing to a $12 million, two-year contract with 41-year-old pitcher Orlando Hernandez and a $3.8 million, one-year deal with second baseman Jose Valentin.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya said some teams are unsure of where the marketplace is going, “so if they could do something quick, they’re going to try to do it.”

Mike Mussina’s agent, Arn Tellem, kept up talks with the Yankees on a new contract for the pitcher that likely will be worth $25 million to $25 million over two years.

“We’re in the red zone,” Tellem said.

With Barry Zito and Jason Schmidt heading a weak free-agent class, pitchers will get top prices.

“There are 30 clubs and probably three-quarters are looking for pitching,” new Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

“There’s a lot of interesting pitchers out there. At the end of the year, the teams that have pitching, and healthy pitching, are usually the ones that are around.”

GMs, as usual, will hold their annual discussion Wednesday of whether to have instant replay available to umpires, a concept commissioner Bud Selig opposes.

In the past, the idea hasn’t garnered enough support.

“I guess we’ll get a sense of that tomorrow,” said Joe Garagiola Jr., a senior vice president in the commissioner’s office.

There will also be talk Wednesday of whether to eliminate tie games, having them instead become suspended games. On Thursday, the GMs will discuss whether to have uniform standards for storing baseballs, a talk prompted by the use of a humidifier by the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field.

As for the postseason schedule, nothing seems to have come of the idea floated by Selig to give wild-card teams fewer home games in the playoffs.

“That is not officially on the agenda, so I suspect that will be some good lobby talk,” Garagiola said.
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always take," he said. "I got a couple of steals and a bunch of open looks and my shots just fell."

Several of Carter's opportunities came off passes from point guard Kyle McAlarney, who only scored three points but dished out 12 assists.


Carter said improved teamwork led to the better result Tuesday.

"Everyone was really unselfish offensively and defensively," he said. "When we do that we're a tough team to beat."

The senior also added that Notre Dame's summer conditioning paid off, allowing the Irish to bounce back just 24 hours after their first loss of the season.

"Playing on back-to-back days wasn't a problem," he said. "I'm happy that we had another game after last night's loss."

The Irish led for most of the contest, taking a 46-30 lead into the locker room, but they pulled away in the second half. Notre Dame opened up a 60-38 lead in the first few minutes after the break and led by as much as 36 before Irish coach Mike Brey pulled his starters. The Leopards did not get an offensive rebound or score any points off turnovers until the closing minutes of the game. Guard Matt Biedry, who scored 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting, led them offensively.

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"What they do is they do a really good job on defensive rebounding, getting off the field," he said. "Teams are converting only 37 percent of the time on third down."

But Weis is confident that the team, particularly the seniors, will be focused on Saturday's game.

"I don't really believe in using just fake things for motivation," he said, referring to the analogy of the playoffs. "I think that Senior Day alone and playing against Army should be enough to avoid any emotional letdown and looking past the opponent."

For Senior Day, all the players' parents were invited to the Friday night pep rally.

"I like the way it was done before I even got there, that they bring [the parents] in on Friday night," he said. "Because on game day, you know, it gets to be kind of a distraction. It's already an emotional day as is, to realize this is it; this is the last home game of your career. But I like the fact that they got recognized on Friday night at the pep rally.

In addition, all fourth and fifth-year seniors will sit at the table. Hotel the night before the game, even the ones who aren't expected to see significant action."

Kurz and Harangody split time in the post with sophomore Luke Zeller, who scored eight points. All three got 20 minutes of playing time. Point guard Tory Jackson scored 10 points in relief of McAlarney, his first collegiate double-figure game.

In total, 11 players saw the floor for the Irish, including four freshmen — Jackson, Harangody, guard Joe Harden and guard Jonathan Peoples.

Notre Dame will be back in action Sunday at 4 p.m. against The Citadel at the Joyce Center.

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Notes:

♦ Weis said that tight end John Carlson, who was injured against Air Force last week, will definitely not play against BYU.

"He won't play this week," Weis said. "I could say that he's day-to-day, and just try to throw a smoke screen out there, but he won't play this week and he won't play next week. And he's got to go back to the hotel and he'll travel with us to the next week and he'll be ready to go for the bowl game, whatever bowl game thought that would be.

But Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week will determine that. There will be a competitive effort."

Gioia is 7-of-11 in field goals this season and 39-of-43 in FTs. His longest field goal is 40 yards.

♦ Quarterback Brady Quinn's name has been mentioned in the Heisman race all season after he finished fourth last year. But Weis said he won't try to pad Quinn's stats at the expense of Notre Dame's overall record.

"I would love for Brady Quinn to win the Heisman Trophy, but I'm not going to risk Brady Quinn for stats," he said. "I would not do that."

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Irish freshman Tory Jackson guards an IPFW player during Notre Dame's 92-49 win at the Joyce Center Nov. 10.
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**Notre Dame has the pieces to make a deep run through the NCAA bracket.**

The Notre Dame offense, led by junior forward Joseph Lapira, will try to break down the Flames defense. The Irish average 1.97 goals per game, and they averaged three scores per game during a seven-game mid-season winning streak. By receiving one of the 16 available seeds among the 48 tournament teams, Notre Dame earned the right to stay in South Bend for their first game. Clark hopes to maximize the home field advantage. "It's always nice to play at home, but your home field doesn't win the game for you," Clark said. "That being said, I would love it if we could get all the soccer fans to come out and cheer on the Irish." Contact Greg Arbogast at garbogas@nd.edu

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Irish coach Bobby Clark says his team is ready to play again after the break. "I think (the team) is very excited to play a game of soccer, and I hope that they play a lot of games over the next couple of weeks," Clark said.

In 2005, Notre Dame made a surprise run to the Sweet 16 when it upset Indiana 2-0 in Bloomington before falling to Clemson 1-0 in the next game. Clark, however, feels that his team is capable of greater things this year. "We know we're one of the top teams, but we want to prove that we're one of the top teams," Clark said. "I think we can do that if we go deep into the tournament. This is an opportunity for us." A formidable test awaits the Irish when they take the field Wednesday night.

NCAA Tournament participants No. 2 Saint Louis and California-Santa Barbara, playing in their first post-season match since 2000, the Flames comfortably defeated the Illini 3-0 in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. "Any team that can go and win at Saint Louis and at Santa Barbara (is a good team)," Clark said. "They're a very senior laden team with a lot of foreign lads, so they're a bit older than usual. They're a very good team." The Illinois-Chicago offense has been led this year by playing Croatian forward Tonce Skrenc who tops the Flames in both assists (71 and points 121). It has been Illinois-Chicago's defense, however, that has gotten the team to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Illinois-Chicago has given up 33 goals per games this season posting shutouts in 13 of their 20 games.
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**Men's Soccer**

Irish fired up to play Flames in first game of NCAA Tourney

By GREG ARBOGAST

Sports Writer

After almost three weeks of preparation, No. 12 Notre Dame will finally play a game again — its most meaningful match of the season.

The Irish will take on No. 23 Illinois-Chicago in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Wednesday night at Alumni Field. It will be the first game of the tournament for Notre Dame, which enters Wednesday’s match with a record of 13-5-2.

The Irish received the No. 12 seed, entitling them to a first-round bye. It has been 18 days since Notre Dame’s last game — a 2-1 overtime loss to Rutgers in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, but not for competition open for competition.

It’s been a long time.

No. 12 Notre Dame hasn’t played a game since its 2-1 loss to Rutgers Oct. 28 in the second round of the Big East tournament — 18 days ago — and it will have its biggest game of the season tonight against Illinois-Chicago at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Flames (13-5-2) looked impressive in their first-round victory, knocking off Western Illinois 3-0.

The biggest question going into Wednesday night’s match of the season.

Clark wants ‘fire’ to top rust in battle with Illinois-Chicago

By KATE GALES

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**Football**

Weis focuses on 2nd round of ‘playoffs’

Coach says kicking job open for competition after poor performance

By KATE GALES

Associate Sports Editor

There isn’t a question of keeping the team motivated for Army, according to Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

“It’s the second round of the playoffs,” he said Tuesday. “If I can’t get guys up for a playoff game, I’m doing something wrong, and I should be judged accordingly.”

Despite Notre Dame’s trip to USC looming on Nov. 25, Weis is confident that his players are grounded and focused for their final game at Notre Dame Stadium this season.

The Irish beat Air Force 39-17 last week and Weis called the first round of playoffs.

“I think the first round was important, too,” he said. “If we don’t play fairly well last week, then this week... it would not be as important. So now this week becomes more important to make the next week more important. So I think that all these things happen and certainly helped us and helped magnify the importance of the game.”

Army is 3-7, including a 43-2 blowout loss in its last game, at home against Air Force Nov. 3.

Weis hasn’t discounted the Black Knights despite their record, noting that the team is preparing to see two quarterbacks and two running backs Saturday. At the quarterback position, Carson Williams, a true freshman, and Dave Pevoto have started this season, although Pevoto is the more experienced with eight starts in 10 games. In the backfield, Wesley McMahan leads the team in rushes, and Tony Moore, another true freshman who has seen increased playing time as the season progressed.

Weis also expects most of the offensive line to rotate.

“Carter, Harangody average first loss, trounce Lafayette”

By CHRIS KHOEY

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One day after a heartbreaking loss to Butler, Notre Dame took out its frustration on a helpless Lafayette squad 92-60 in the consolation round of the NIT Season Tip-Off in Indianapolis Tuesday.

“We had to redeem ourselves from last night’s loss,” Irish guard Russell Carter said. “We identified our mistakes and corrected them tonight.”

Lafayette (2-1) lost to Butler 71-69 Monday after Carter missed a desperation 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left.

Tuesday, the senior vindicated himself, leading the Irish with 20 points on 8-for-12 shooting. He credited his high shooting percentage to the number of open looks he had at the basket.

“It was just the shots I see PLAYOFF/page 21

**Men’s Basketball**

No losing streak for squad

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Irish forward Joseph Lapira tracks down a serve in Notre Dame’s 3-0 win over DePaul Sept. 10. The Irish take on Illinois-Chicago tonight at 7:30 at Alumni Field in their first NCAA Tournament game.

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Texas Tech officials voice support for Bobby Knight after the coach’s on-court incident with a player.

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Penn State coach Joe Paterno will return to the sidelines Saturday, two weeks after breaking a bone in his leg.

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The Washington Nationals hire Mets third base coach Manny Acta to replace Frank Robinson as manager.

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Cy Young Award

Arizona’s Brandon Webb wins the National League award for top pitcher.

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