Panel discusses diversity in workplace

Mendoza College of Business hosts forum on employers' duties to increase awareness

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

A panel of six business professionals from various backgrounds agreed Friday that diversification in the workplace is the duty of the employer and that it is a process that is never completely concluded.

As a part of its first MBA Diversity Conference, the Mendoza College of Business hosted the panel in a discussion, titled "Diversity as a Strategy, Making a Difference in Mainstream Business," at Mendoza's Giovannini Commons.

Addressing the issue of the importance of diversity in the workplace, Jennifer Crittendon, the director of institutional equity at Notre Dame, said that the importance lies in three different categories: social justice, legal and regulatory compliance, and application to certain business cases.

"[Maintaining diversity in the workplace] is just the right thing. It allows equal opportunity for education and employment," Crittendon said. Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., Crittendon added, "Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Companies need to understand that diversity can mean improvement," she said. "With more immigrants and minorities entering the workplace, there is a war for talent."

She added that businesses should strive to be the not only the employers of choice, but also the providers of choice "for its products and services."

Andrew Givens, vice president of partnership marketing for ESPN, said business is not as effective "if everyone looks and thinks alike."

Speaking of his experience in the television industry, Givens said that Time Warner, Nickelodeon and MTV all have done good jobs in diversification.

Ricardo Hernandez, Director of ITM Controlling and Supply Management and a native of Mexico City, said that diversity is not always visible, making it hard to fully diversify.

"If different backgrounds are not represented in the workforce, Jennifer said, "We have to find certain standards and curricular needs in mind."

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By JOSH LEEUW
News Writer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, ROTC honor fallen veterans

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University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh speaks to ROTC members at the Clarke Memorial Fountain on Friday.

"Our observance of International Education Week started in 2002 with our first study-abroad fair for students and has grown every year with additional regular activities and various new ones each year," Meyer-Lee said.

The various speakers chosen for the event are in coordination with all programs in which Saint Mary's typically participates, Meyer-Lee said.

By ASHLEY CHARNE
News Writer

Relying on characters and themes in John Milton's writings, Notre Dame professor Stephen Fallon argued Saturday that Milton was not the religious writer history has dubbed him.

As part of the Snite Museum's Saturday Scholar Series, Fallon, the chairperson of liberal studies at Notre Dame, said Milton did not become a religious writer until the end of his writing career.

"My argument is countertextual," Fallon said. "I am going to argue that Milton, widely cond..."
JUMPING THE HOLIDAY GUN

Christmas falls on Dec. 25 every year. Except every year, it seems to creep up earlier and earlier.

Before we even get a chance to digest our Thanksgiving turkey, we are bombarded with Christmas-dominated radio stations, holiday door-busters and movie marathons. I love Christmas as much as the next person. Actually, I love Christmas probably more than the average person. But, I refuse to acknowledge the date until Thanksgiving.

On top of that, I don’t think it’s fair to Thanksgiving to even think about it until we have enough stuffing and cranberry sauce to last us the rest of the month.

Thanksgiving is a great holiday and one of the only times each year you can eat until you pass out and not feel bad about it. I’m in no rush for that to be over.

But that’s not the point. The point is that by jumpstarting Christmas in early November, when it finally comes on Dec. 25, it feels like it’s over before it even begins.

For as many years as I can remember, I wake up on Christmas morning to Christmas carols and stock-stuffed stockings, open a few presents, go to church and then suddenly realize that Christmas — the day for which I have been waiting and preparing for months — is over.

We spend hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars getting ready for Santa, but we forgot that Christmas, like all days, is only 24 hours. Dec. 26 is just another day.

The stretch of Hallowe’en, Thanksgiving and Christmas within two weekends of each other is the best span of the year, only to be topped off with New Year’s. People need to understand that getting ahead of ourselves is the very reason every Nov. 1, Nov. 26, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1 that we’re scratching our heads wondering what became of it.

“Something’s missing. That wasn’t as fun as it used to be.”

In addition to over-preparing for Christmas, thereby decreasing its overall appeal, people are let down by how it used to be.

And who do we have to blame for this? Storefronts putting out Christmas decorations in November, starting the “25 days of Christmas” 45 days in advance and offering incentives for buying now — all eclipsing Thanksgiving in its annual rivalry. I ask you to enjoy each holiday, preparing for no longer than the week surrounds it. Believe me, Christmas (and Thanksgiving) come but once a year. You might as well get your money’s worth (or your mashed potatoes worth).

And I am all for welcoming the spirit of Christmas early. I like putting up decorations weeks in advance. However, there must be a line drawn so that the Christmas holiday monoply does not infringe on Thanksgiving. The pilgrims wouldn’t have wanted it that way and neither do I.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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IN BRIEF

Want to be a model? ICAC is holding model tryouts for its annual Fashion Show 2008. Ladies please attend Sunday, Nov. 18, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and gentlemen please attend Tuesday, Nov. 20, 8 to 10 p.m. Both tryouts are held in Washington Hall.

Men’s basketball will play Long Island tonight at 7:30 at the Joyce Center.

There will be a luncheon with Notre Dame Law School Admissions tomorrow noon at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students who are considering Notre Dame Law School are invited to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon. Contact Margaret Edgington, Senior Staff Assistant, with questions or to RSVP. lawsend@nd.edu.

Notre Dame women’s basketball will play in the second round of the season WNTT tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Tony Kushner’s “A Bright Room Called Day” will be performed tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Deccin Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $5. Performances will run Nov. 13 to 16 and Nov. 18.

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 p.m. at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily and is open to the public.

The film “Working Women of the World” will be shown Wednesday at 7 p.m. at C100 Hesburgh Center Auditorium as part of the film series International Labor/Old World — 3rd World Global Economy.”

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observations@nd.edu.


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OFFBEAT

Man, 70, charged in Pa. bank holdup

ERIE, Pa. — Police say a 70-year-old man told them he tried to solve his financial problems with a grocery bag, bandannas and a 50-year-old handgun that doesn’t work.

The man, Donald Cesare, is in the Erie County Prison on federal bank robbery charges stemming from a holdup Thursday at the First National Bank in Millcreek Township.

Authorities say Cesare has no criminal record and immediately apologized for the robbery when they tracked him down based on his description. Cesare also wants to apologize to the teller, police said.

“Mr. Toilet builds commodity-shaped house”

SUNWON, South Korea

Sim Jae-duck has made his political career as South Korea’s Mr. Toilet by beauti" (@words of hippy love.)
Laneman receives PECASE award

Engineering prof recognized by President, also up for NSF honor

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Dame's ROTC were in attendance at the annual Veterans Day ceremony as they wore their formal uniforms of green (Army), navy blue (Navy) and black (Air Force).

Hesburgh addressed the crowd gathered outside on an overcast, windy afternoon.

He was focused on tradition: He said Notre Dame's tradition of educating soldiers would return to Notre Dame's founder, Father Edward Sorin.

"This is Notre Dame. This is our only dedicated in educating young men, but also those who would live lives of valor."

Reflecting on the days of his early priesthood when he was chaplain for the soldiers serving in World War II, Hesburgh said "one of the highlights of Notre Dame was during World War II when over 12,000 naval cadets were here. They were fighting for freedom and the welfare of humanity."

Hesburgh also emphasized the importance of the Drake Memorial Fountain as a symbol to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our military service.

It is, he said, "a hallowed spot on Notre Dame's campus."

Hesburgh said. "This monument represents those who gave the highest thing one can give — one's own life."

"For this country, and for peace."

"Over the years, many higher education institutions have debated expelling ROTC programs under political pressures, Hesburgh said. "Yet the ROTC program at Notre Dame endures."

"In a time when this military is under heavy scrutiny and criticism, Hesburgh said, "Notre Dame has stood strong supporting soldiers in a cause for peace, freedom and patriotism.""

When addressing the cadets, who were standing at full attention, Hesburgh told them they "are the frontline of America — marching forward, protecting the country and giving life if needed."

For that we are grateful," he said.

In his closing remarks, Hesburgh reminded the audience that "as long as we stand strong for our country, this country will move forward with pride and security."

Following his address, Hesburgh was given a gift from Lindsey on behalf of the ROTC program, for his continued support of the program.

"Taps" was then played in remembrance of all the soldiers who have given their lives during service.

The Veterans Day Ceremony has been an annual tradition for Notre Dame since Veterans Day — then called Armistice Day — was proclaimed in 1926.

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workforce," he said, "the company is going to miss out in the market."

Gina Shrope, a 1983 Ph.D. Notre Dame graduate with a B.A. in American Studies, emphasized the need for a continuous evaluation within companies of d diversity. Shrope said that evaluation within a company is a fixed issue.

"We are letting the momentum die," she said. "[Diversification] is not something that is ever done. We need people who can communicate the ideas of the company."

Hernandez echoed this idea of diversification as a continuous process when he said that companies fail by believing that diversification is not a process, but rather an event. "Companies [have to] walk to talk, or else it will not work," he said.

Emphasizing the idea of valuing the contribution of each individual employee, James Summers, president of Summers Consulting in South Bend, also said that two of the key issues for businesses are organizational effectiveness and sustainability.

He said the responsibility of having workers be as effective as possible is that of the employers. The innovative ideas of employers, Hernandez said, bring the companies higher profitability.

The impetus for the conference came from Nick Gangi, a graduate student at the Mendoza College of Business. A friend of his at the University of Michigan informed him that a similar conference Michigan had been hosting for nearly 30 years. "So I thought, 'Well, why don't we have something like this?'

"Gangi hoped to hand over the reins to another business student this year to keep the conference going for years to come.

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Iraqi PM says suicide attacks down

BAGHDAD — Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Sunday suicide attacks and other bombings in the Iraqi capital have dropped dramatically since last year’s high, calling it a sign of the end of sectarian violence. A top U.S. general said he believes the drop is sustainable, as the end of sectarian violence. A top U.S. general said he believes the drop is sustainable, as Sunni-Shiite violence was nearly gone.

Accidental killing sparks soccer riots

ROME — A police officer accidentally shot and killed a soccer fan Sunday while trying to break up a fight by a Tuscan highway between supporters of rival teams, authorities said. Enraged by the killing, hundreds of fans stormed the yard of a police station near the Roman Olympic Stadium, hurled stones at passing police cars, and smashed windows at the track by Italian Olympic Committee headquarters.

Racial gap in infant mortality remains

WASHINGTON — The percentage of black mothers, according to the CDC figures, who die for every 1,000 live births before reaching their first birthday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. That was down from about 26 in 1960.

Senators survey San Francisco oil spill

WASHINGTON — There is a boat’s-eye view of San Francisco Bay to observe environmental damage caused by the avalanche of toxic chemicals that poured from the Shell oil tanker from Iraq at the port in the state capital.

Legal disputes ensue over desegregation

A dozen antigay protesters arrested

Olympia, Wash. — At least a dozen people were arrested Thursday after they protested against a military cargo ships arriving from Iraq at the port in the state capital.

Local News

Associated Press

Officials in Shelby County, Tenn., confirmed they’ll have to spend millions to satisfy a federal judge’s "arbitrary" desegregation order. It’ll mean the district will have to move around 1,000 students up to an hour away and replacing hundreds of teachers with black ones, they say.

In Huntsville, Ala., under a similar court order, white students could move from one school to another

only if the change improved the ethnic balance of the receiving school and didn’t further imbalance the ethnic makeup of the home school.

But wait. Hasn’t the U.S. Supreme Court consistently moved away from using race as a factor in deciding where kids should go to school?

 Didn’t the high court recently put an exclamation point on that trend, ruling that two districts’ heavy reliance on race in student assignment policies violated the Constitution’s guarantee of equal protection?

Yes, and yes. But there are still hundreds of districts across the country, from the Northeast to the Southwest, that operate under federal court desegregation orders — some more than four decades old.

These districts are in a unique and sharply debatabled position with respect to the Supreme Court’s rulings. They exist in what critics consider a historical Twilight Zone, where federal judges can make seemingly contradictory decisions.

"So which rule do I violate?" asks a perplexed Philly Webb, superintendent of schools in Shelby County, where Memphis is located.

"The judge’s ruling now, or the earlier rulings that we can’t discriminate against people on the basis of the color of their skin?"
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sidered a great religious
writer, is in an important
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at all."

Fallon combined his knowl-
dge of Milton's literature
and life to argue that,
although Milton explored
theology in his writing,
he did not write religiously.
Milton, a Puritan in the
17th century, is
most known
for his work
"Paradise
Lost." He,
however,
also wrote
poems,
sonnets, other
prose and an
autobiography.
His work
focused strongly
on religious
topics. Fallon said Milton
believed he wrote "divinely
inspired truth, and he
believed he could surpass
Homer and Virgil because his
epic would be true."

Fallon admits that his idea
that Milton is not a religious
writer has gotten some vary-
ing reactions.

"Some say, 'There goes
another anti-religious uni-
versity professor, trying to
convince reactio-
s. ' But, from the other
side, 'There goes a [Nure
name] professor sniping at
Milton for being anti-Catholic
and unorthodox,' " Fallon
said.

However, Fallon argues
that his criteria come from
information available in
Milton's autobiography and
the characters in Milton's
poetry that resemble
the author.

"I am interested in whether
Milton was religious in
the sense, not a religious writer
at all."

Stephen Fallon
chairman
liberal studies department

"His story is impossible, so it
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when it is met with real life,"
Fallon said. "He uses the
Gospel to authorize divorce.
Milton believes that someone
can 'mutiny against God' and
exit a marriage," Fallon said.

After his writings on mar-
riage and divorce, Milton's
writing about himself began
to change, Fallon said.
Characters that resemble him
in his works began to accept
their sinfulness in a way
Milton himself never
would. In one of his works,
the character that is modeled
most after him is Satan.
Fallon said. The story
claims that Satan was cast out
of Heaven because of his pride.
Although Milton never admis-
ted to his own pride—or
denied his perfection—he
did question these qualities
in his characters.

Fallon noted the maturity
of Milton's characters in
admitting their own sins, fur-
ther asserting the maturity
Milton himself did not have.

"By the end of his career, I
am tempted to say, Milton
was still too absorbed with
himself, becoming a religious
writer," Fallon said.

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China confirms "date rape" toys

BEIJING—China's safety watchdog confirmed Saturday that toy beads recalled in the United States and Australia after sickening children contain a substance that can turn into the "date-rape" drug after ingested.

The toy, coated with the industrial chemical 2,4-butanediol, were made by the Wangji Product Factory in Shenyang, a city just over the border from Hong Kong, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a statement.

When ingested, the chemical metabolizes into the "date-rape" drug, called hydroxybutyrate, also known as GBL, which can cause breathing problems, loss of consciousness, seizures and coma.

Millions of units of the popular toys, which are sold as Aqua Dots in the United States and as "Giranch" in Australia, were recalled in those countries as well as Britain, Malaysia, Singapore and elsewhere this past week after children began falling sick from swallowing the toy's bead-like parts.

**In Brief**

**China**

Coal boom promotes unsafe mining

CHANG'GOU TOWN — Digging coal has long been the life of an impoverished farmer — this time, with a steel rod in his leg.

Coal mining remains one of the world's most dangerous trades. In China, more than 4,700 people died last year in coal mine accidents.

The deaths underscore the human cost of a worldwide boom in coal use, driven by economic growth in China and India and a return to coal for cheap electric power in the U.S. and elsewhere. While Chinese miners toll for a couple hundred dollars a month, mine owners in Taiwan, the world's top coal producer, pay their workers a literate 60 yuan per day in Beijing, the capital.

Miners themselves are often complacent in the deadly bargain. Many face reprisals if they report accidents. And some do not want to see their mine shut down for an accident investigation, depriving them of work. "Some miners fear poverty more than mining disasters," said Cao Yu, a senior at Hunan Normal University who conducted surveys among miners in Hunan province in 2005 and 2006. "Mining accidents create great stress. For them an accident means a colleague has departed the world but it also means the mine will stop work."

Even in wealthy nations, where mining is more mechanized and safety regulations better enforced, risks remain.

The U.S. has had three major fatal accidents in the last two years. Most recently, a collapse at Utah's Crandall Canyon Mine in August left six miners presumed dead. Federal inspectors had warned of hazardous conditions, though another federal agency had approved the work.
Worrying about hiring solely Catholics

A recent Observer article ("Professors discuss hiring." Nov. 8) reported a "broad sense of disquiet (among the faculty) surrounding the idea of hiring with religious affiliation in mind" and quoted the chair of the Faculty Senate as saying that "faculty members...are worried that...trying to respond to the decline in Catholic faculty" the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit.

It seems to me that the provost and the president — like the diverse faculty committee that recently produced a helpful report on strategies for Catholic hiring — has always been clear on this crucial point: The University’s goal is and should be to cultivate, identify, hire and recruit Catholic faculty — and more Catholic faculty who embrace Notre Dame’s mission — who are, by every sound measure of “merit,” outstanding. The goal is not, should not be and never has been to settle for second-rate scholars who happen to be Catholic or to designate the achievements and contributions of non-Catholic faculty. Notre Dame aspires not only to hire outstanding Catholic scholars but also to increase the ethnic, gender and socioeconomic diversity of its faculty.

This aspiration, however, is not seen as cause for worry that “the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit.” Similarly, a concentrated effort to deepen Notre Dame’s Catholic identity through faculty hiring need not trigger “disquiet” about the University’s commitment to excellence. Indeed, there are good reasons to expect, and recent high-profile hires confirm, that it is precisely by emphasizing that makes Notre Dame distinctive that the University will be able to attract and retain increasingly accomplished scholars, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Certainly, the more fact that a certain percentage of a university’s faculty is for one reason or another identified as Catholic would hardly guarantee that it retained a meaningful and rich Catholic identity. One should imagine that maintaining a preponderance of Catholic faculty would complete the hard, rewarding and important work of really being a Catholic university, in a broad, inclusive and critically engaged way.

At the same time, none of us should forget that Notre Dame is interesting, and matters because and only to the extent that it is — in reality and not just in its history — a Catholic university. It is not enough that there is an active Campus Ministry, an inspiring Center for Social Concerns and world-renowned individual scholars who focus on specifically “Catholic” topics. Nor is it enough that Notre Dame works visibly — as all universities should — to alleviate poverty and promote social justice. Certainly, more than Catholic faculty are required, but Catholic faculty are required. Certainly, efforts to identify and hire Catholic faculty should be responsible and careful, not clunky or naive. Given all the given, the task is not an easy one.

Still, the fact remains: Without a commitment to Catholic scholars, working in a wide range of disciplines, Notre Dame would not be meaningfully Catholic, and therefore would not matter.

Richard W. Garnett

EDITORIAL CARTOON

You may kiss my ring...and y'all kin', KISS OUR!...
Weis should pay

Another home loss for the Irish. The total now stands at six for the season. In reality, the Notre Dame-fan community won to win inside the House. That Rockefeller this fall might be the winner of the Interhall Football Championship. We can watch that game for free, unlike the games of our Division I team, which cost each Notre Dame student $217 for the season. As a finance major, I view this as a bad investment. In business, people do not continue to invest in an entity that does not produce positive returns. Approximately 11,000 students purchase a student ticket booklet each season. Current prices dictate that the student body spends roughly $2.4 million per season on football tickets. I would like Charlie Weis to regain our trust—like a fund director offering incentives—by paying for our tickets next season, and reducing the $2 million range, ideally fit this cost structure. What do you say, Charlie?

Matthew Queening

Crack down on drunk driving

Everyone knows that danger is inherently a part of driving. However, some people make choices that drastically increase the risk to others on the roads. In my opinion, and in the eyes of the law, drunk drivers really are criminals.

Drunk driving is not a "mistake." It is a choice. A drunk driver (sometimes underage) chooses to drink alcohol and then get behind the wheel of a car. I am sick of excuses. Call a cab or stay where you are. There is absolutely no roadways. In my opinion, and in the eyes of the law, drunk drivers really are.

Students who make the ridiculously unintelligent choice to drive drunk and then get behind the wheel of a car should then be expelled from the University or College, just as he or she would be for committing any other heinous crime.

Drunk driving is not a joke, so we need to stop treating it like it is. Students who make the ridiculously unintelligent choice to drive drunk and then get behind the wheel of a car must be punished justly. I urge the schools in this area to seriously reevaluate their policies on off-campus DUI and institute a much stricter policy.

Kelsey Robertson

Lyric change long overdue

A few weeks ago, I read a letter in The Observer that criticized the Notre Dame Fight Song for excluding both genders because the song, as it is, represents "tradition" and that (obviously) the University of Notre Dame was founded in 1842 as an all-male school. As a professor here for more than 20 years, I would like to say we definitely should change the lyrics of the fight song (and that we are we will do in due time).

First, despite the fact that Notre Dame was traditionally an all-male university, it did become co-ed, with Father Hesburgh’s help and instigation, in the 1970s. The change in allowing women to attend necessities of both external and intangible changes. For example, we built female dorms. More than that, some “traditional­"ly" male dorms (such as Farley, where Father Malloy stayed as an undergraduate, but in which my own daughter stayed from 2000-2001) became female dorms. And new traditions were born. For example, at the dawn orientation for my daughter, I was a freshman female who was a legacy of that school. My father had been in Farley during her own undergraduate years.

Arguing that we must keep things "as they are" (or, really, "as they were") is specious. "Traditionally," the United States of America only granted full "equality" (specifically, in terms of the right to vote), to white, land-owning males. Our constitu­tion relegated African-Americans to being 3/5 human, Native Americans were dis­missed as "savages" and women weren’t considered at all. But our country expand­ed ethically and extended full civil rights to African-American men, then females and ultimately people of all religions and races. Obviously, "tradition" didn’t count — unless it was the deeper, abiding tradition of advocating freedom and inclusion (precise­ly what Notre Dame has done by eventually admitting minorities and women as well).

Clearly, our constitution’s words were changed with Amendments. A song cannot be changed in that way. However, its lyrics can be readily changed to reflect the spirit of inclusion that began many decades ago. The change is simple. The current lyrics have a certain number of syllables whose stresses fall on certain counts. “While her loyal sons are marching onward to victo­ry!” Replacing "sons" with "marching" and "sons and daughters" keeps the exact number of syllables and stresses. Changing "wardon to victory" to "march on to victo­ry" does the exact same thing. No need to change the rhythm. No awkward holds or pauses. Just a simple change reflecting the spirit of the passion choice.

We may have waxed or waned on the subject, but ever since I came here, increasingly committed to genuine "Catholicity" in its Catholic vision.

Jacqueline Vaughn Brogan

U-Wire

Same heart, different body

Whether subconsciously or consciously, many people are of the belief that I need to be fit in and I need to be accomplished.

When we see someone else who may not fit this mold, we sometimes criticize and poke fun in order to ingrain in ourselves that we are better, we are not and cannot be what we see. It’s unfortunate because in order to secure this ideology we go after others and their choices. When we act on it, it becomes a problem.

Today there are repercussions for prejudice against race, gender and religion in our society. Yet what isn’t recognized is this discriminatory attitude many Americans hold toward what others look like and those who may have weight issues. This is unfortunate because obesity is on the rise in America. Yet, so is this aggressively rude attitude towards people who are different. Do you see a problem?

I remember learning in my general psychology class last year that the brain automatically records the better looking person as nice. We seem to have this innate idea that external equals internal.

There have been studies where people put on fat suits and go out with hidden cameras to see what reactions they get. The result is that people on the subway or in a waiting room laughed at and judged right in front of their faces.

People go to jail or lose their jobs for discriminating against others and treating them in demoralizing and disrespectful fash­ions. Yet people on the other end of the spectrum, trying to get the job, may never get the opportunity to work for an important business because the interviewer judges them as lazy, uncontrolled and maybe even stupid.

People are financially and emotionally punished for not making the same choices. Why aren’t there laws for this type of discrimina­tion?

Obesity has been labeled as a disease and I really don’t think we see an obese person at the same way as someone with cancer. They’re diseases, yet I can’t think of anyone in their right mind making fun of someone who just came out of chemotherapy with her hair stripped away.

It may seem like I’m a hippie or a flower child, but I really do believe that life is about being happy. This means loving other peo­ple, not bringing them down. But a lot of times we do to we do?

Judgment is part of our reaction to things that are different, myself included. You may be someone who when we act on it, it becomes a problem.

I try to remain true to my convictions and their ideas. It becomes an issue when we make rash decisions based on our own fears and insecurities.

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Thrice is embarking on an ambitious, Aristotle-inspired musical venture. With the new "Fire" and "Water" portions of "The Alchemy Index," Thrice is recorded and with front man Dustin Kensrue singing an anthemic verse. The "Firebreather" starts things off with some nice guitar work. The whole album is consistently tighter and more complex than ever before. Kensrue's vocal work is stellar, as usual. He knows exactly how to sing or shout in order to best fit the song. As the EP closes out on the powerful "The Flame Deluge," it's tough not to be left breathless. These six songs are so strong that it's tough to imagine how the "Water" EP can match them.

The "Fire" EP is what you might guess based on its name. The louder, angrier side of Thrice, it's slightly reminiscent of the band's earlier work. Kensrue shines, and normally you wouldn't expect a six-minute instrumental to grip the listener quite like this does. The whole EP seems like Thrice's interpretation of how alternative music should sound: intimate, like a challenge to other bands. If "Fire" is Thrice proving they can make music as loud and powerful as before, "Water" is the band showing that they can create any music they want to go back to the days of fast, hard and loud. Sorry to disappoint, but it's not happening anytime soon. "The Alchemy Index" is Thrice's latest progression, showing that the band is capable of creating any music they can think of, and doing it well. If the fans can't keep up with innovation, it's their loss. When there's music this good out there, someone is going to hear it.

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The frustration Notre Dame has experienced all season can be summarized with one kick.

When defensive end Trevor Law booted the penalty flag after an offside call during the extra point attempt of Air Force's fifth touchdown of the Falcons' 42-24 win over the Irish, he symbolized the team's dissatisfaction with this historically bad season.

"It's a competitor, he competes out there so much and runs so hard," Laws said. "He wants to get as many yards as he can every play. He's out there loving what he's doing."

Air Force improved to 8-3 on the season, coach Troy Calhoun's first with the Falcons. Notre Dame dropped to an all-time mark 1-9.

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen had his best game of the season, completing 22-of-30 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns. He didn't have the ball in his hands as often, however. On the first play from scrimmage, and after Clausen hit wide receiver John Carlson for a 28-yard completion, Carlson fumbled, giving Air Force the ball on its own 42-yard line.

The receivers continued to drop passes for the rest of the game.

The Falcons drove down to the Notre Dame 1-yard line, but nose tackle Pat Kuntz stopped Falcons quarterback Shaun Carney behind the line. Ryan Harrison made a solo goal to put Air Force up 3-0.

Notre Dame's next two drives stalled when Air Force sacked Clausen on blind-side blitzes. Irish coach Charlie Weis said that the blitzes were part of Air Force's defense and that he has plans in place to counter them — but it wasn't executed, he said.

"We knew about the blitz, they're doing," Weis said. "Here comes a weak corner. We've got two to block two. 'You block him, you block him.' And the quarterback's getting hit in the back."

After the Irish forced an Air Force punt that gave them the ball on their own 20-yard line, a fullback Asghp Schwapp hobbled a handoff and was badly flying into the air. It came down into the hands of linebacker John Rabold, who ran 19 yards for the touch-
down.

"When you turn around and just hand the ball inside to the fullback, you think the worst thing that's going to happen is you're going to get a couple of yards and you're going to be playing second and eight," Weis said.

The Irish went three-and-out on their next possession but received a stroke of luck. Carney and Hall fumbled the option exchange, and linebacker Kerry Neal fell on the ball. Nine plays later, Notre Dame had a first down on the Falcons' 11-yard line. But three straight incomplete passes forced a Brandon Walker 28-yard field goal to make the score 10-3 with 8:29 remaining in the half.

On fourth-and-1 on their own 49-yard line on the Falcons' next possession, Laws stuffed fullback Chad Smith at the line, forcing a turnover on downs and giving the Irish good field position.

"Could you punt it? Sure," Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said. "I felt like there was a very good chance that we could convert the one yard."

Notre Dame would have gone three-and-out again if not for a roughing-the-passer penalty after Clausen's incomplete pass on third downs. The penalty gave the Irish a first down on the Air Force 32-yard line. On third and goal from the 2, Clausen hit Carlson in the corner of the end zone on a play-action fake, and the Irish tied the score at 10-10.

"I thought that we were back in it," said Carney, who had four receptions for 57 yards and the touchdown. "I hoped we'd start rolling and score some more points."

The Falcons' rushing game caught fire on the next drive, accounting for 56 of the drive's 66 yards. Air Force made the score 17-10 when wide receiver Spencer Armstrong ran a reverse 10 yards for a touchdown with 1:31 left in the third quarter.

Clausen found a rhythm when Notre Dame got the ball back. Running a no-huddle offense, he led a 10-play, 37-yard drive that culminated on a 21-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver David Grimes on fourth-and-9 to make the score 24-10.

"We lined up and the corner had pressed," said Grimes, who was pressed, "It was tough to stop them."

The Falcons' running game caught fire on the next drive, leading for a 31-10 lead with 1:09 remaining. Allen had nine rushes for 29 yards and 2 receptions for 17 yards and the touchdown.

Notre Dame forced a three-and-out and got the ball back with 5:29 left, but Clausen fell short on a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-1. Air Force capitalized on the short field and scored to put the game out of reach at 41-24.

Laws said the team did not know the reason for its struggles this season.

"If we knew why, we'd be winning games," Laws said. "I don't know why we're not playing as well as we should be. I wish I did know."

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Maurice Crum, Jr., Irish linebacker

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More of the same

Running back's 272 all-purpose yards carry Air Force to victory, hand ND ninth loss

Falcons linebacker John Rabold stiff arms Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen after picking up a fumble. Rabold returned the fumble 19 yards for a touchdown during the first quarter of Air Force's 42-24 win over Notre Dame Saturday.

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Winning takes all 11 players

Football teams have 11 players on the field at any given time.
Each one has a job to do on every play.

When a team is playing well, those 11 players can seem like one smooth unit, moving seamlessly together down the field.

That hasn't happened this season for Notre Dame.

It doesn't have to be a total team breakdown. A lot of times, especially recently, the problem has been only one or two players.
And they're different players on every play.

But every player on this team has to be effective, but something isn't right.

Despite recent improvements and he scanned his progressions and he rifled a perfect pass.
Meanwhile, wide receiver David Grimes ran a crisp route and was open. But when the ball arrived, he dropped it.
A perfectly executed play — and a promising drive was derailed by a dropped pass from that, otherwise, had a good game.

The problems aren't always physical. Early in the second half, Air Force ran what looked like a quarterback sweep to the left side. But instead of cutting up the field, signal caller Shaun Carney suddenly dropped back. Irish cornerback Kaeshon McNeil came up to defend the running play and completely lost track of Falcons wide receiver Mark Ross. This led to a 26-yard pass play that led to an Air Force touchdown.

McNeil was fooled by the misdirection, so his mistake is understandable. But some other mental mistakes came despite several repetitions in practice.

Clausen was blindsided twice in the first half because running backs didn't step up and block outside blisters. But coach Charlie Weis said the Irish worked on picking up that exact blitz package in practice.

"We said, 'This is the blitz they run, and the lineman's going to get the first guy and the back's going to get the second guy.' But it didn't happen that way and the quarterback gets hit." What is causing these problems?

Sometimes as many as 10 players are doing their jobs effectively, but at least one man is making a physical mistake, getting fooled by the opposition or forgetting what the team worked on in practice.

Part of the answer is youth. The imbalance toward the younger classes on this team's roster has been well documented.

But when Grimes is dropping passes and fifth-year senior running back Travis Thomas isn't stepping up to block the right person, the problems aren't only with young players.

So is the problem coaching? Possibly. Although Darius Walker didn't have any trouble learning blitz pickup, Maurice Stovall improved dramatically at catching the ball with his hands and Mike Richardson developed into a solid cover corner, all under this staff.

Why aren't these players improving the same way? There have been flashes, but then things regress again.

"The improvement has been too spotty. One of the improvements you'd like to see is more consistency," Weis said. "One of the things I'm most disappointed in as a teacher is that when you have intelligent young men, that as the years go on, that there would be some consistency that progresses from the beginning of the year to the end."

Even the players themselves are bemused.

"Look at the coaches' pedigrees," tight end John Carlson said. "They're good teachers. And the players on the team are students at the University of Notre Dame. You'd think that we're all fairly intelligent individuals. But something isn't clicking, and I don't know what it is.

At least part of the problem is confidence. Notre Dame has many contributors that didn't play a lot last year. They've never had success without Brady Quinn or Jeff Samardzija on the roster.

The only thing that can cure that is winning. For them, it would have to be best to start next week against Duke or the week after against Stanford or at least next September against San Diego State.

And once this season is over, the Irish coaching staff can redouble its efforts to fix this team's problems, correct the mistakes and get the 11 players on the field playing like one again.

In the meantime, as Carlson said after the game, all this team has to play for is pride. If that pride means that just one person on every play does his job a little better than he did the play before, then this Notre Dame team might just end the season on a high note and get some momentum for 2008.

But every player on this team needs to have that pride, because at any time, they could be called upon to be one of those 11 players on the field.

And it takes all 11 to succeed.

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Weis: “We got ourselves a quarterback”

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

After weeks of ineffective performance, Notre Dame freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen, who started for the first time since Notre Dame’s 27-13 loss to Boston College on Oct. 13, had the best game of his young college career Saturday. The highly touted signal-caller threw for 192 yards on 17-for-40 passing, Clausen’s completion percentage could have been higher, but Notre Dame dropped more passes against the Falcons than it had in any game this season by Weis’ count, eight.

“The drops were very surprising,” Weis said. “They were all over. It wasn’t like you could sit there and say it was one person; there were a number of them. It was disappointing.”

A cause for concern with Clausen over the past few weeks had been his health. The freshman had a minor elbow surgery over the summer, and during his first starts at Notre Dame, opposing defenses hit Clausen as much as — if not more than — any quarterback in college football.

Air Force sacked Clausen six times, with multiple hits coming to Clausen’s blind side thanks to a blitz scheme that involved Air Force bringing two defenders around the left edge of the offense line — a scheme Weis said Notre Dame worked on protecting all week in practice. Despite Notre Dame’s preparation, the Falcons were still able to get to Clausen.

After the game, Weis compared the volume of treatment in Notre Dame’s post-game locker room to a mobile army hospital but said Clausen was not being treated for anything serious.

“I think it’s going to be,” Weis said. “I’m going to be a hypotonic when it comes to academics; academics are always going to take the forefront, and he understand it very clearly that that’s the way it’s going to be.”

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“I’m never going to be a hypotonic when it comes to academics; academics are always going to take the forefront,” Weis said. “He’s into that drive,” Weis said. “Usually with a young quarterback you see him getting flustered as the game goes on, and I don’t see that with him, which is an encouraging thing.”

Clausen threw for 192 yards on 17-for-29 passing in the second half, including touchdown passes to junior wide receiver Davie Grimes and freshman running back Armando Allen. Overall, Clausen’s

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Military blunders

Notre Dame was coming off a hard-fought, overtime loss to Navy but looked flat in the first half against Air Force on Saturday. The Irish fell behind 10-0 in the first quarter, but were able to respond with a 29-yard field goal and a touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen to tight end John Carlson to tie the score at 10. But the Irish could not keep pace with the Falcons in the second half—or Falcons running back Chad Hall. The junior had 7.4 yards per touch as the Falcons tailback and kick returner set up every Air Force offensive touchdown. The Falcons racked up 21 unanswered points to raise their lead to 31-10. Clausen, however, mounted a comeback with touchdown strikes to wide receiver David Grimes and running back Armando Allen to bring the Irish within 10 points. The Irish then had a chance to make it a one-score game in the fourth quarter, but Clausen failed to convert on a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-one, sealing the win for Air Force.
Microwave noodles get a makeover

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Ramen is the quintessential college food. It requires only what author Eric Hites calls a "fair amount of hunger," an eating utensil and the ability to boil water, which even the most domestically challenged undergraduates can usually manage.

In his book, "Everybody Loves Ramen: Recipes, Stories, Games and Fun Facts About the Noodles You Love," author and self-described "noodle guru" Hites converts college cuisine into haute cuisine with over 50 different recipes involving all manner of styles, ranging from Asian college cuisine into haute cuisine with "a fair amount of hunger," an eating utensil and the ability to boil water, which even the most domestically challenged undergraduates can usually manage.

For Ramenites accustomed to the traditional variety of flavors the noodles come in Chicken, Beef, Shrimp and Oriental flavors, among others) "Everybody Loves Ramen" offers a veritable smorgasbord of different recipes.

There are healthy Ramen recipes (Cholesterol-Killer Ramen), unhealthy Ramen recipes (911 Heart Attack Ramen), vegetarian Ramen recipes (Cheep-As-It- Gets Ramen Salad), and even Ramen for the most domestically challenged undergraduates. Some of his more outlandish recipes include Hijacked Taco Bell Ramen, which requires the use of 10 contraband packets of stolen Taco Bell Mild Sauce, and Orange "PEZ" Chicken Soup, which includes five packs of PEZ candy.

In "The Pickup Artist," "Everybody Loves Ramen" also stresses friendly tidbits of Ramen trivia throughout the book, including factoids and Ramen "lore." One such fact is that if you ate one packet of Ramen a day, you would eat your weight in Ramen noodles in 2.34 years, or that it would take 432,000 packages of Ramen to cover a football field, like the one supposedly in Notre Dame Stadium.

Clearly, Hites is a man who knows his noodles.

"Everybody Loves Ramen" is definitely one of the more eccentric cookbooks out there. Filled with random quotes and odes to the culinary goodness that is Ramen (and its status as a college diet staple) relies on how easy it is to make. So even as you rock out with your rock out with your wok out or break out the pots and pans, you'll only spend about 15 minutes maximum on any given Ramen recipe.

The square, compact book is even shaped like the pre-packaged food items, which includes five packs of PEZ candy.

Everybody Loves Ramen

Eric Hites

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Recommended Recipes: Cheaper than take-out and more convenient than a meal plan, Ramen noodles provide microwaved nutrition for the cash-strapped college student in everyone.

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Bears win as Grossman replaces injured Griese

Rian Lindell's game-winning FG keeps Dolphins the NFL's only winless team with worst start in franchise history

Oakland, Calif. — With one perfect deep pass, Rex Grossman just might have won back his starting quarterback job and saved the Chicago Bears' season.

Grossman replaced an injured Brian Griese and threw a 59-yard pass to Bernard Berrian for the go-ahead score with 3:11 remaining, leading the Bears to a 17-6 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

"It was unbelievable. something you can't describe to someone who hasn't been in that position," Grossman said. "It's a great feeling to come in and be able to pull one out.

Sebastian Janikowski's 52-yard field goal with 4:04 remaining gave Oakland (5-7) a 6-3 lead that looked as if it could be enough on a day when neither offense could move the ball.

Then Grossman, who had struggled in his first game since Sept. 25, turned back into Good Rex. the quarterback who helped lead the Bears (4-5) to the Super Bowl last season instead of the one who turnovers cost him his job earlier this season.

After the Bears almost bolted the kickoff, Grossman hit Cedric Benson on an 11-yard pass over the middle. On the ensuing play, Bernard sprints past Chris Carr, caught the deep pass in stride and went into the end zone with the go-ahead score.

"We were trying to get the right matchup all game, and we couldn't get it, and then it happened," Berrian said. "At that time of the game, we needed anything to happen, a long run or a long pass.

"The Bears took advantage of man coverage by a backup corner forced into a starting role because of injuries to Naomi Asomugha and Fabian Washington. Carr was sold for the almost entire game, with six tackles and one pass breakup, but got beat on the one play that mattered most.

"They did a very good job of selling me on the go route," Carr said. "He gave me a little hesitation and I wasn't running as fast as I should have been running. He got a step on me. Once he got a step on me, he got me.

Grossman, who had been 5-for-12 for 72 yards before the winning drive, leaped into teammate John Tait's arms and flashed a smile that hadn't been seen in a long while.

Grossman was benched after throwing six interceptions and only one touchdown pass in Chicago's first three games. Combined with his 23 interceptions in 19 games last season, on the same level people thought of Grossman's mistakes and decided to go with the veteran Griese.

The move back to Grossman didn't look like it would pay off when he fumbled the first down exchange with Olin Kreutz. He did little positive other than one big pass to Berrian, finishing 7-for-14 for 142 yards.

But most importantly, he had no turnovers.

"I hope people appreciate that Rex hasn't shut it down," Kreutz said. "He hasn't moped around our building. He's kept himself prepared and ready to play. I hope it shows a lot of people what everybody on this team already knew about Rex. He's still a professional, and he's still going to be ready to win.

"The Bears won in their first game after the bye, but still have plenty to do if they want to make it back to the playoffs. Just might be Grossman who has to take them there. Griese's shoulder injury is not believed to be serious, but coach Lovie Smith said he wanted to win this win before making any decisions about the quarterback next week.

The Raiders went three-and-out on their next drive after Grossman's TD pass. After a Chicago punt, Adewale Ogundeleye then forced a fumble by Josh McCown that Israel Idonije recovered at the 3 with 1:39 remaining. Benson ran it in on the next play to seal the victory. Benson finished with 76 yards on 29 carries.

Bills 13, Dolphins 10

Miami’s defense made tackle Keith Taylor sat at his locker stripped to his uniform pants, shaking his head as his embolished shoulders sagged.

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That's what 340 pounds of frustration looks like.

"You have to finish a game," Taylor said. "For some reason we can't do it. It'll drive you crazy.

"The winless Dolphins controlled the ball for nearly 37 minutes and led most of the game Sunday, but Rian Lindell kicked a 34-yard field goal with 46 seconds left, and the Buffalo Bills earned their fourth consecutive victory.

The Dolphins (0-9) extended the worst start in franchise history. Five defeats have been by three points or none more lopsided than the last.

"Who's the guy from Charlie Brown who has the gray cloud following him around?" defensive tackle Vernnie Holiday said. "Pig Pen? We're like Pig Pen."

The Dolphins committed no turnovers, allowed Buffalo to convert only two third downs and benefitted from a big day by journeyman Jesse Chatman, who rushed for a career-high 124 yards. Still they lost.

When St. Louis earned its first victory by beating New Orleans, Miami became the NFL's last winless team. That's what stinks about it," Chatman said. "Because we're so much better than this record. It's killing us."

The Bills (5-4) scored 11 points in the final 9:46. They'll take their longest winning streak since 2004 into Sunday's home game against unbeaten New England.

"This win tells a lot about our team," quarterback J.P. Losman said. "Our backs were to the wall and we made enough plays when we had to.

"The Bills' only touchdown came after Miami mounted a long touchdown march to take a 10-2 lead. Buffalo responded with a 66-yard drive capped by Marshall Lynch's 3-yard run.

He then ran for the 2-point conversion, splitting across the goal after he was hit to make it 10-10.

Miami's Ted Ginn Jr. returned the kickoff 86 yards for an apparent touchdown, but the score was negated by a holding penalty on Greg Camarillo.

I wish that could have been the play to take us into a victory," said Camarillo, his voice shaking with emotion a half an hour after the game. "I thought it was a fair play, but the refs called it, and I'm guilty. I'll take the blame for it.

"The Dolphins made two first downs before passing, and Roscoe Parrish returned the kick 40 yards to midfield with 4:37 left. Buffalo converted two third-down situations to move to the 16 and set up Lindell's field goal.

"I don't mind those situations," Lindell said. "You want to make every kick, not just the one that wins the ball. In our world, they're all big."
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NASCAR

**Johnson wins fourth straight Nextel Cup race**

**Associated Press**

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jimmy Johnson took command of the Nextel Cup championship Sunday, winning at Phoenix International Raceway to open a daunting lead over teammate Jeff Gordon in the race to the title.

Johnson, the defending Nextel Cup champion, heads to next week’s season finale in Homestead, Fla., with a comfortable 86-point lead over Gordon. He needs to finish just 18th or better to become the first driver since Gordon in 1997 and 1998 to win consecutive titles.

"It’s over. It’s over," conceded Gordon, the four-time series champion. "Even if we win it, it’s because they have problems. While we’ll accept it, we don’t want to do it that way."

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**In Brief**

Riot ensue after soccer fan inadvertently killed by police

ROME — A police officer accidentally shot and killed a soccer fan Sunday while trying to break up a fight by a Tuscan highway between supporters of rival teams, authorities said. Enraged by the killing, hundreds of fans rioted in Rome, attacking a police station.

Fans stormed the yard of a police station near the Rome’s Olympic Stadium, hurled stones at passing police cars, and smashed windows at the nearby Italian Olympic Committee headquarters.

Hundreds of youths, many with their faces covered by scarves and ski masks, dragged metal barricades and trash bins to block off one end of a bridge spanning the Tiber near the station. The rioters smashed a window in the police station and set a police vehicle on fire inside the gate.

Sky TG24 TV showed images of flames from what it said was a bus set on fire near the barracks.

Mickelson overcomes penalty strokes to win in playoff

SHANGHAI, China — Phil Mickelson glanced at the gleaming trophy on his left, rolled his eyes and broke into a sheepish grin.

"I cannot believe I’m here as the champion right now," he said.

He had a three-shot lead going to the 72nd hole. It seemed Mickelson would need several strokes to win in playoff. Instead, he dumped his long approach shot and killed everybody. And he has problems. While we’ll accept it, we don’t want to do it that way.

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Henin wins 25th straight by topping Sharapova

MAJOR, Spain — Justine Henin finished her record-breaking season undeated after Wimbledon.

She won the Sony Ericsson Championships on Sunday, rallying past Maria Sharapova 7-5, 7-6, 3-2 in the longest three-set final in tournament history.

The top-ranked Belgian won her 10th title in 2007 and earned $1 million at the season-ending event, becoming the first woman to pass $5 million for a year.

"What a way to finish the season," said Henin, who ran into the crowd to hug her coach and family after winning her 39th career title.

Following a seminal loss to Marion Bartoli at Wimbledon, Henin closed the season with 22 straight wins, the longest streak since Venus Williams won 35 in a row in 2000. The record is 38 by Steffi Graf, whose string began after a loss in the 1989 French Open final.
Heat win for first time since April 13; Yao scores season-high 34 points, McGrady nets 26 in close win over Bobcats

Williams’ late shot propels Heat past Knicks

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Irish to battle Long Island University

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

The first few weeks of the college basketball season saw some high-profile teams lose games that should have been easy wins.

USC, Ohio State, Michigan State and Kentucky all fell to games that should have been heard of — Mercer, Findlay, Grand Valley State and Gardner Webb, respectively.

Notre Dame had a little trouble of its own Wednesday before ultimately defeating Division II opponent St. Edward's 71-56 and will tangle with Long Island University tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center to officially tip off the 2007-08 season.

In Notre Dame's win over St. Edward's, the Hilltoppers were within eight points with fewer than 10 minutes to play before Notre Dame pulled away.

But before the Irish put the game out of reach, coach Mike Brey had Ohio State and Michigan States' losses on his mind.

And just because teams like Long Island and St. Edward's look like easy wins on paper, doesn't mean they lack good players capable of playing at a high level, Brey said.

"I'm telling you when [St. Edward's] cut it to six or seven in the second half, I thought of Findlay and Grand Valley," Brey said. "I'm telling you there's good players everywhere and [St. Edward's] was a good team; they were well-coached and they were on a high."

Even though Notre Dame begins its Big East schedule on Jan. 3 when it plays West Virginia, it will still have to play the physical brand of basketball that is a hallmark of Big East play in its out-of-conference schedule.

"I like how we played in the second half of [against St. Edward's] because it became a Big East, grind-it-out game and we made free throws, we got the ball to our low-post guy and we defended in the half-court pretty well," Brey said.

Irish forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody, the latter of whom missed Notre Dame's first game against St. Ambrose with a torn ligament in his thumb, combined for 30 points and 17 rebounds against St. Edward's.

The Long Island Blackbirds' leading returning scorer from last year is forward Eugene Kotorobai, who averaged 9.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

Irish sophomore guard Tory Jackson wasn't himself against St. Edward's because he was battling the flu, Brey said, but Jackson still did a bit to help out the Irish.

"I thought he really fought through it. In the second half, he bounced back," Brey said. "He made free throws, he made defensive plays, to help us win the basketball game."

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ND SWIMMING
ND gets much-needed win over Pittsburgh

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Irish men's swimming and diving team finally got the win they've been looking for — a 169-131 defeat of Pittsburgh on Friday to move their record to 1-3.

Meanwhile, the women suffered a defeat as the Panthers eked out a 169-148 victory.

The men racked up eight individual victories in addition to a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay on route to the win.

Sophomore John Lytle and MacKenzie LeBlanc came up big once again, combining for four of the team's eight individual victories.

Lytle won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.20 and the 100-yard freestyle (46.50). He also was a part of the winning 200-free relay team along with sophomores Andrew Hoffman, freshman Thomas Bulfin, and sophomore Ray Toomey.

LeBlanc's victories came in the 200-yard fly (21.83) and 500-yard freestyle (4:36.87). The 200-meter fly is also a personal best.

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The men's dual meet record now moves to 1-3 after losing to the Panthers in a meet that came to an end in the men's final race on Friday.

Coming off their first dual meet victory last weekend against Purdue, the Irish were unable to turn that momentum into a second straight win.

The loss came despite that Notre Dame took first place in nine events, with Caroline Johnson and freshman Sam Moore winning their respective events.

But Pittsburgh recorded wins in the men's 200-yard strokes, while Maxwell came home in the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes.

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"It was a good win for us," Welsh said. "The relays being gone and the fact that we left five of our best swimmers at home for academic reasons kind of put us in a hole," Nixon said. "It was a hard loss, but we'll get through it, shake it off and move on."
**Volleyball**

**Irish sweep earns team spot in Big East tourney**

By PAT O'BRIEN

Swoop Women

Feeding off the momentum from two wins last weekend's Notre Dame defeated Cincinnati (13-10, 7-5 Big East) and No. 17 Louisville (28-5, 13-11) to secure a spot in the Big East tournament.

"It feels surreal. We just played our best game," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fedd said.

With the two weekend victories, Notre Dame earned the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament. There will be a quick rematch when the Irish face fifth-seeded Cincinnati on Friday at 11 a.m. in Milwaukee.

"I know that our confidence has gone up so high, and we know the task that we have ahead of us. We're going to work really hard this week at practice to prepare for this weekend," Fedd said.

The Irish (13-12, 9-5 Big East) beat the Bearcats 3-1 (21-23, 29-31, 33-31, 29-26) in a match that featured a noisy crowd of 7,523 fans in the Joyce Center in the program's history. Notre Dame made four service errors in the first game but benefited from a lack of Bearcats scoring in game two. Cincinnati only hit .054 in the second game.

The Bearcats offense heated up early in the third game until the Irish came up with big blocks. Notre Dame was trailing 23-25 when it used teamwork to rip off a 12-5 run and take a crucial 2-1 lead. After that, the Irish made sure that Bearcats would not make a comeback and hit .471 in game four.

Junior middle blocker Justine Dukule scored a team high 16 kills for the Irish while Fedd, freshman middle blocker Kellie Dukule, and senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk all recorded double digit kills with 14, 11 and 11, respectively. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis popped the team with 31 assists, while nothing short of six kills and six digs. Stasiuk popped the team with 14 digs.

Cincinnati was led defensively by sophomore libero Jaime Frey—she had a game-high 17 digs.

Fedd was named the MVP for the match with 20 kills on .376 hitting.

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"Every time I came back into the game, I was in a good mind frame, and everything just seemed to click," Fedd said.

Both seniors ended their final home games with double-doubles. Tarutis had 58 assists and 11 digs, while Stasiuk scored 11 kills and 11 digs (her 19th this season). Fedd was the leading scorer of the game — she racked up 23 kills.

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"Everyone worked off each other, and there was great passing, great setting and really intelligent game play," Fedd said.

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metros No. 26 overall with a time of 21.52.68. Nicole Edwards of Michigan won the individual title, finishing in 20:30.76.

Rounding out the scoring for the Irish women were junior Becca Haaman in 43rd (22:11.75), sophomore Emily Wafoord in 53rd (22:23.83), freshman Abby Higgins in 79th (22:55.62) and sophomore Beth Tacl in 94th (23:09.13).

The women's season is likely over, but Smyth and Watson—and possibly the rest of the men will be back in action on Nov. 19 at the same course they traversed on Oct. 13 in the Pre-National Meet. Then, Smyth and Watson finished fifth and 17th overall, respectively, in a highly competitive field that featured many of the runners that will compete in the NCAA championships.

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**ND Cross Country**

**Smyth qualifies for NCAA meet**

By CHRIS DOYEN

Sports Writer

Irish junior Patrick Smyth was the class of the field at the 2007 Great Lakes Regional meet at Indiana University on Saturday.

He finished his 10 kilometers in 30:22.44, beating his closest competitor, Matt Withrow of Wisconsin, by nearly 16 seconds and securing his spot as an individual in next Saturday's NCAA championships in Terre Haute, Ind. Smyth also qualified for the NCAA championships last year on his way to earning All-America honors.

Smyth became the only second runner in Notre Dame history to win the regional meet, joiningcurrent volunteer assistant coach Luke Watson, who accomplished the feat in 2000.

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"Lindsay, I thought especially, really came out fired up," McGraw said. "She was ready to go. I was really happy with the way we shot the ball in the beginning."

Notre Dame took over the game with double-digit scoring runs in the first. The Irish jumped out to a 14-2 lead in the first five minutes of the game. After RedHawks senior guard Amanda Jackson hit two free throws, the Irish took off on a five-minute, 16-point run.

Miami went more than eight minutes in the first half without a field goal.

After forward Michele Weynand’s baseline jumper with 17:27 to play in the half, Notre Dame did not allow a field goal until junior guard Jemma Schone came open off a screen and made a jump shot in the lane with 9:11 remaining. McGraw attributed the scoring runs and defensive effort to impressive play in the paint and her bench players.

"We rebounded a little bit better," McGraw said. "Our game really was a great second-effort effort, after the sophomore took the puck out from a defender’s skates before he beat Miami goalie Jeff Zatkoff.

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Butler's left, but the keeper grandly finished down the line stop. Defenders Carrie Dees, Elise Weber and Lauren Fowlkes all made tough stops, but Ashley Banks, Kim Bonilla, Colleen Clark, Sydney Metheny and Lisa DuCote all put their shots past Irish keeper Lauren Kerins. St. John's, the plotners took home the trophy.

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cross into the box from the right corner. A St. John's defender got his foot on the ball but popped it straight in the air rather than clearing it. Thiermann got a leg free and poked the through-ball into the box. Keeper Harris headed the ball into the center of the net to tie the score at one.

St. John's had their best scoring chance with 30 min- utes left in the game. A cross from the near side led forward Deana Everett, who was unmarked 10 yards in front of the goal, but the cross was just out of her reach.

Notre Dame could not control the ball in the air. Keeper kicks and punts routinely went West Virginia's way, and the Irish could not consistently clear their zone. For the rest of the first half and much of the second, West Virginia did not give Notre Dame any space to create scoring chances. The Mountaineers closed on breakaways and deflected through-ball attempts.

"I just felt very much like they were winning every 50/50 loose ball," Waldrum said. "Our mental­ ity and our mindset wasn't where it needed to be. We were uncharted all over the field. I don't think we matched their intensity."

Notre Dame increased its inten­ sity in the final 10 minutes of reg­ ulation. The Irish kept the ball in the attacking third and found open passing lanes to create scoring opportunities. With 1:27 left, Hanks sent Weissenhofner a through-ball that was just out of reach. Thirty seconds later, Weissenhofner fired a shot, but Butler made the diving stop.

The Irish now await their seed in the NCAA tournament, which begins this weekend. The field will be announced at 8 p.m. Monday on ESPNNews. Notre Dame entered the weekend with a No. 16 RPI (ratings percentage index, a rating equation that fac­ tors in strength of schedule), which is an important selection criterion.

Waldrum said the team was dis­ appointed but realized that their season wasn't over. He wanted his team to focus on the week ahead.

"Because of our early losses, we're probably not going to have three rounds of easy games like we have in past years," Waldrum said. "We've got to put this one behind us and get ready to go this week and get back into training in.

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"You defend from the team out," Clark said. "The actual back four was terrible, but the whole team defended well."

The back line got a big boost from the return of junior defender Jack Traynor. Traynor had been out for three weeks after fractur­ ing his leg in a 3-2 loss to Indiana Oct. 17. Doctors removed his hard brace this week and asked the loose ball in the game's lone goal.

"We didn't really treat it as though we were ahead of him," Clark said. "In the moment he is playing a role and he's making those kind of things happen." Notre Dame held off the Red Storm in the rest of the game to pick up its 10th shutout of the season. Senior keeper Chris Cahill had two saves for the Irish, who played stingy on defense through­ out the game. Clark said that the entire team was responsible for the shutout.

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**Men's Soccer**

**First time's the charm**

Thiermann's first-ever goal earns ND berth in Big East semis

By DAN MURPHY
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Freshman forward Josh Thiermann picked a great time to score his first career goal for Notre Dame. Thiermann best St. John's goal-keeper Jason Lundgren in the 73rd minute to give the Irish a 1-0 win over the Red Storm in their Big East quarterfinal Sunday at Alumni Field.

Thiermann, who has seen little action so far this season, replaced Justin Morrow barely a minute before the play. "Morrow had been carrying up and down the left flank and we felt we needed someone who was a similar athlete," Josh Thiermann had a lot of the same qualities," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Senior forward Joseph Lupira started the play by sending a see ST. JOHN'S/page 18

**Hockey**

Icers split series with nation's No. 1 squad

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce turned away 64 shots from the nation's most potent offense in two games this weekend, and No. 12 Notre Dame split a road series with No. 1 Miami (Ohio).

The Irish (7-4, 5-2CHA) delivered the RedHawks (9-1, 7-1CHA) their first loss of the season in a 2-1, 1-3 weekend split at Steve Cady Arena in Oxford, Ohio. It was the second in a row that Notre Dame has upset an unbeaten No. 1 team on the road, after the Irish outlasted Boston College 7-1 in October 2006. "We're making progress," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of his young team. "I think we were out-chanced both nights. We have to do a better job of generating five-on-five scoring chances. Right now that's my biggest concern."

Two-and-a-half months after the Irish knocked off Boston College last season, they took over the No. 1 spot for the first time in school history. To date this season, Notre Dame has played five of its 11 games against top-15 opponents and has a 2-3 record in those contests. The see MIAMI/page 18

**SMC Cross Country**

Gray qualifies for nationals

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Megan Gray has earned the right to put on her Saint Mary's jersey for one last race. With a fourth-place finish at Saturday's Division III Great Lakes Regional at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., the senior all-MIAA performer qualified for next Saturday's national meet at Saint Olaf's in Northfield, Minn.

"Megan's race was solid and fun to watch," coach Jackie Bauters said of Gray, who advances to nationals for the second consecutive year. "I knew she had the top-five in her before the start, but I didn't want to push that pressure on her."

Gray carried the Belles as she has all season, but freshmen Sam Wierzek (38th place) and Catie Salyer (87th), sophomore Megan McClovery (104th) and junior Caitlin Froemkel (113th) provided a solid supporting cast, allowing the Belles to finish 15th out of 36 teams — a five-place improvement over last year's finish.

"It was just a good day all around," Bauters said. see GRAY/page 17

**ND Women's Basketball**

Irish blast RedHawks in opener

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Lindsay Schrader proved that the torn ACL she suffered before last season doesn't affect her anymore. At least not her jump shot, anyway.

The junior guard hit 10 of her 12 shots from the field, including six straight in the first half, and Notre Dame beat Miami (Ohio) 98-50 in the first round of the preseason NIT Friday at the Joyce Center.

"When you're feeling it, you're feeling it, I guess," said Schrader, who scored 20 points in only 17 minutes. Irish coach Muffet McGraw liked Schrader's intensity early on, McGraw said. see SCHRADER/page 17