Burglars target off-campus housing

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Senior Ellyn Michalak sat in her living room reading a book when she heard loud noises coming from the kitchen. She expected to see her roommate doing laundry, but instead discovered a large man jumping off the kitchen counter who had broken through the window.

“I started crying and screaming, and I said, ‘Get out of my house!’ I was drinking a cup of water and I threw it at him,” she said. “It was absolutely the most terrifying experience of my life.”

Michalak and other off-campus students have been victims of burglary or attempted burglary since the beginning of the school year, but the numbers are not unusually high. South Bend Police Captain Phil Trent said, “The burglary numbers are fairly consistent with previous years,” he said. “We have not seen a wild spike in burglaries.”

Over the past two weeks, there have been four break-ins in the vicinity of South Bend where 85 percent of Notre Dame off-campus students live, he said.

Trent did not know how many burglaries were hard to miss for University Health Services gives free flu shots

University increases supply by 1,000, offers 6,000 flu vaccines to students, faculty and staff

By SARA FELENSTEIN
News Writer

University Health Services will offer 6,000 free influenza vaccinations to Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, exceeding last year’s supply by 1,000, Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said.

Vaccines were distributed yesterday, and will be available today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stayer Center. The shots are being given on a first come, first serve basis.

Even with the increased supply, University Health Services are unsure if there are enough vaccines to meet this year’s demand, Kleva said.

“It’s hard to say. We certainly hope so and we did purchase additional doses. We will try to get them to everyone, but we cannot promise that,” Kleva said.

“We’re trying to be convenient for the students, so they don’t have to go off campus.”

If a student is unable to obtain a free vaccination this week, there are plenty of additional vaccine sources available in the South Bend community that covered by most insurance companies, Kleva said.

Kleva said the money for the students’ vaccines comes from the students, so they don’t have to go off campus.

For more information or to locate the closest flu shot site, students can visit health.nd.edu/fluvax.

Mobile blood drive welcomes walk-ins

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

The 40-foot long Bloodmobile and accompanying Blood Drive mascots were hard to miss for students walking to class from the stadium lots yesterday morning, as the South Bend Medical Foundation (SBMF) held its first monthly mobile blood drive Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Gate D of the Stadium to encourage walk-in donations.

“Notre Dame students are very generous when it comes to blood donations and we are so thankful for the support of the students, faculty and staff,” said SMF Communications Specialist Colleen Hahn.

Although there was no target number of donors for Tuesday’s blood drive, event staff expressed disappointment with Tuesday’s turnout of 20 donors and said they hope to double the number of student, faculty and staff donations at next month’s drive.

“When this is the first time we have tried a bloodmobile drive without a specific sponsor, we did not have a numerical goal. Normally we would like to see 10 donors an hour in our bloodmobile,” Kay Clark-Cox, blood donor recruitment specialist, said.

Burglar-Proof Your House

Keep windows and curtains closed.

Write down serial numbers of expensive items.

Lock your doors before heading to class, because the majority of burglaries happen during the day.

Burdex Communications Specialist Colleen Hahn added.

Housing Web site discussed

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed a new proposal for an off-campus housing evaluation Web site that would give current off-campus students the opportunity to rate their housing locations and experiences for the benefit of next year’s prospective tenants.

“The site is similar to ND Today,” student body president Grant Schmidt said. “We are starting early to create this, and I think this could be a valuable resource.”

Modeled after a similar student body president Cynthia Weber and president Grant Schmidt talk about the off-campus housing Web site.

ND class to take overseas excursion

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Occasionally, a course at Notre Dame will involve a field trip. Sometimes, it’s to a local destination. But in a few cases, students find themselves thousands of miles from campus with their professor and classmates.

During fall break, a University art class will be traveling to London and Ditchling, England to enhance their knowledge of the art of Eric Gill and the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic.

Professor John Sherman will take the three students in his class to multiple sites in England in hopes of bringing to life their knowledge on the life and works of Eric Gill and the Guild.

In a proposal to Learning Beyond the Classroom, a source of funding available at the University, Sherman stated that the class’s purpose for the trip is to “produce a monograph on a topic they will determine together based on the life and work of members of the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic.”

To accomplish this task, students will also be using:

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INSIDE COLUMN

Know your role

The workplace. No matter your education level, everyone still must, at some point or another, experience the excitement and the annoucement of having to coexist and be productive with other people who may or may not share anything besides a desk with him or her.

One crucial aspect of the workplace is the pecking order. Unlike some areas of life, where anyone's opinions are supposed to matter just as much everyone's, the workplace is founded on the fact that some people have more authority than others, which makes things run smoothly when tensions are high, as they inevitably will be, likely more often than not.

For anyone who has worked in some field where the pecking order is defined, there is nothing more excruciatingly annoying than someone who doesn't understand the pecking order, or doesn't play by it. Those in charge should be in charge, and those below should stay at those lowly levels, and they are either promoted or fired, whichever comes first.

I've been the last of you on the totem pole, and granted, it's not the most enjoyable experience. But to succeed, you must learn to take the punishment that comes with the position, and survive until you are given someone else's. And once your reach that higher position, nothing could be more frustrating than dealing with someone who doesn't understand his particular role.

As an employee, you don't constantly badger your superior for a promotion, no matter how certain you are that you deserve it. And you especially don't threaten to quit unless you're moved up in the world. That only works if you have a genome besides a genome with him or her.

Eric Pitzer
Sports Production Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD SUM UP THE FOOTBALL TEAM IN A POKEMON, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Kirsten Adam
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Rapidash, because we get the fire burning on the football field!"

Jeremy Lamb
sophomore
Knott

"Voltaic. They have the potential to electrify or explode at any moment."

Tori Schopper
sophomore
Farley

"Charizard. Because the football team is evolving and has the potential to be powerful."

Alejandro Sigala
freshman Keenan

"Snorlax. Because of Charlie Weiss."

Greg Morrow
freshman Keenan

"Machamp. We are strong but have no defense."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

Free seasonal flu shots will be provided for students, faculty and staff, as well as retirees and their spouses. Shots can be obtained in the Stepan Center today. Curriculum and Campus Wide ID cards as well as short sleeves are required. Shots will be given from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Department of Physics is hosting a colloquium on “Masses and Massive Electrons in Atomically-thin Carbon” today at 11:45 a.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall.

Professor Michael Fuhler from the University of Maryland will be delivering the lecture.

John J. Reilly Center will be hosting a lecture on “Hearing the Irrational: Music and the Development of the Modern Concept of Number” Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in 119 DeBartolo Hall.

“Earth Days,” a film directed by Robert Stone that recounts the history of the modern environmental movement, will be shown in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The Tokyo String Quartet will be playing in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Ticket Office.

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

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Know your role

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Blood

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Students, faculty, and staff of University are encouraged to participate in the annual Blood Donation Drive. The drive will be held on Thursday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Bend Medical Foundation located near DeBartolo Hall.

Kay Clark-Cox, recruitment manager for South Bend Medical Foundation, said, "We wanted to make blood donation readily available to our community, students, faculty, and staff who are in need of transportation while on official University business. The sessions will last approximately 45 minutes. The sessions will be held on Sunday, September 13th and Sunday, September 20th, at 7:00pm in Geddes Hall (CSC Building) in BOOl Andrews Auditorium.

The sessions will last approximately 45 minutes.

Transportation Services rents vehicles to students, faculty, and staff who are in need of transportation while on official University business.

See our website at: transportation.nd.edu

If you have any questions on the Driver Training sessions or the Motor Pool you may contact Transportation Services at 631-6467.

SMC offers secrets to academic success

By ALICIA SMITH

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the University Health Services budget, while Human Resources provides the funds for the faculty. Because the vaccines are expensive, Health Services carefully monitors the number of vaccines ordered.

"Say we wanted to purchase 10,000 vaccines and in the past only about 2,000 students came out to get them. If (there were) extras, then we would have to absorb the cost," she said.

Last year Health Services distributed the free vaccines a few weeks later, in the second week of October.

"We're following the CDC guidelines, and we ordered these (vaccines) the spring before. Since we ordered early, they were delivered early," Kleva said.

The coughs, aches and fevers of the flu may seem months away, but because we have students and visitors from all over the world coming to campus exist somewhere else?" he said. "It can, because that's how they worked."

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Travel

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The Eric Gill Collection held in the Special Collections in the Hesburgh Libraries.

"The reason for the trip is to make connections in England with items in the collection we have here, to bring it to life," he said.

The Guild of Saints Joseph and Dominic were a group of Catholic artists who worked, lived, and socialized together.

"Members of the guild did stone carvings, wood engravings, and weaving and were also involved in politics and religion," Sherman said.

In addition to the class's visit to London, they will also visit Ditchling, which is a small village fifty miles south of London.

The Ditchling Museum, located in the village, has an extensive collection of Eric Gill work as well as pieces from other members of the Guild. Gill resided in the village for a part of his career.

Sherman said by taking students abroad he is able to enrich students' knowledge better than by only restricting their learning to a classroom.

"This is a way for me to share with students area of research that a lot of times doesn't happen easily in a regular class," he said.

Last spring, Sherman took a different group of students to the country to study the same topic, labeling their journey as a "research adventure."

"It will be exciting to be in the same place as the person that we're studying." Juliana Hoffelder senior

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Information Meeting:

Monday, October 5, 2009
Room 138 DeBartolo Hall
7:00 p.m.

Application Deadline: November 23 for Summer 2010

Application On-line: www.nd.edu/~engineer/sumlon/apply.html

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Arguments begin in Travolta trial**

NASSAU, Bahamas — Prosecutors said Tuesday that a paramedic who treated John Travolta's son before he died in the Bahamas threatened to release private information unless the movie star paid $25 million.

Travolta is among those expected to take the stand during the trial, but he did not appear in the courtroom during the first day of testimony in the island chain off the Florida coast.

"Contact was made with certain persons to construct a deal of $25,000,000," Bernard Turner, chief prosecutor in the Bahamas, said in his opening argument.

**Raid discovers police corruption**

MONTERREY, Mexico — Soldiers raiding a drug gang safehouse in northern Mexico found money-stuffed envelopes earmarked for various police forces and one man for "press," authorities said Tuesday.

Four people were arrested and $5 million in U.S. and Mexican currency was seized during the raid Monday in the industrial city of Monterrey, according to an army statement. Soldiers, acting on an anonymous tip, also seized drugs, money counting machines, cell phones and five vehicles.

Monterrey and the surrounding state of Nuevo Leon, which borders Texas, have been a focus of the federal government's crackdown on police corruption.

**Children's health insurance bill signed**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill that prevents the state from shifting nearly 700,000 low-income children from losing health insurance.

Schwarzenegger signed the bipartisan bill Tuesday in the state Capitol restoring funding to the state's Healthy Families program, a government-funded health insurance plan for children from low-income families.

The governor and lawmakers slapped funding for the program in last year's budget, closing a projected $24 billion deficit. The state froze enrollment and would have been forced to terminate care for 670,000 children starting in October.

5 family members slain in home

BEAISON, Ill. — A couple and three of their children were slain in an apparent murder-suicide inside their home in this tiny central Illinois farming community, and authorities warned residents Tuesday to keep their doors locked at night while investigators try to identify possible suspects.

A 3-year-old girl survived the attack and was taken to a hospital in Peoria, he said. The girl's grandmother identified her as the couple's daughter, Jalisha Gee.

Nichols declined to say why his office didn't release information about the slayings until Tuesday morning. He said detentions were trying to identify possible suspects, and that those responses for the killings should be considered "armed and dangerous."

**LOCAL NEWS**

58,000 found and returned to owner

LAKEVILLE, Ind. — Police say $3,000 in cash found along a northern Indiana highway was returned to its owner after being turned in by the man who spotted it.

A man found a bag with the cash inside a vehicle after noting a dent in the vehicle along a rural stretch of Indiana 4 near the LaPorte County town of Stillwell. He called Lakeville police, who were able to track down the owner through a bank deposit slip that was inside the bodies Monday afternoon after responding to a 911 call about possible shots fired at the address.

**HONDURAS**

Deposed president holed up in embassy

President Zelaya meets with China's President Hu Jintao in New York, Tuesday. The two biggest polluting countries discussed global warming at the U.N. Climate Change Summit.

United Nations — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao each vowed urgent action Tuesday to cool an overheating planet, even as prospects dimmed for a treaty by the end of the year.

The world's two biggest greenhouse-gas polluting nations were the focus at the U.N.'s urgent climate change summit, which drew more than 30 presidents and 57 prime ministers, along with many environment ministers and at least one prince.

"We are on the path to failure," said Zelaya, forced to end coverage for 670,000 children (388,500 sq. kilometers) — an area nearly the size of Germany and France combined — and generate 15 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources within a decade.

Obama, China discuss climate change

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Associated Press

"The threat from climate change is serious, it is urgent, and it is growing," Obama said, after receiving loud applause. "And the time we have to reverse this tide is running out."

But while Obama campaigned for the presidency vowing to push through stringent cuts in U.S. emissions, he has run up against stiff resistance from Republicans, and the Senate most likely won't have written climate legislation until after the Copenhagen meeting.

"At stake in the fight against climate change are the common interests of the entire world," Hu said. "Out of a sense of responsibility to our own people and people across the world, China fully appreciates the importance and urgency of addressing climate change."
Crime
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burglaries have affected stu­
dents since the beginning of
the school year, because police do not distinguish between students and perma­
nent residents.
Students may be at a higher
risk, because burglars usually
want to steal electronics, like
laptops, Coyne said. "A burglar
may come through the front door
Trent said. He also said the
number of burglaries hap­
pen during the day was lower
than at night.
Michalak said the burglar
who broke into his house on
Notre Dame Ave. during the
day expected no one to be
home.
"The guy obviously didn't
want me to be there when he walked in
the house. He looked just as pan­
icked as I did," she said.
Although the man fled the
house through the front door
after he saw Michalak, she said her biggest fear was that the man would hurt her.
"It was terrifying... he was
like twice the size of me," she said. "The first thing that’s going through your mind is, what happens if this guy
attacks me?"
Michalak said the police
drove six squad cars along
with snifing dogs to investi­
gate the attempted robbery.
They also took fingerprints
from the window and showed
mugshots to Michalak to help
identify the burglar, she said.
Since the break-in occurred,
the police told Michalak they
found the man and arrested
him.
"They just said that he’s
actually going to jail for two
robberies. Ours wasn’t
the only house that he had broken
to and entered," she said.
Nothing was stolen from
Michalak’s house, but junior
Matt Govey wasn’t so lucky.
Govey spent the summer in
South Bend doing research,
and in early July, his house
was broken into in the middle
of the night, he said.
"I woke up on Sunday at 11
a.m. after going to bed at 4:30
a.m.,” Govey said. "Our TV
was gone and that’s the only
thing I noticed at the time.
And I noticed the kitchen win­
dow was wide open."
Govey said he later discov­
ered his roommate’s laptop
and an Xbox 360 had been
stolen. He estimated the value
of the stolen items at $4,000.
Govey said he and his room­
mates had just moved into the
house a few weeks earlier, and
had not set up a security
system.
"We just kept putting off
getting our security system
installed," Govey said. "That’s
out. We thought [burglary]
was a possibility, but never
thought it would actually hap­
pen.
Govey said police did not
find the burglar, but they
were still investigating the
theft.
"I think all of my roommates
would say to not mess around
with the security system, to
get it installed as soon as you
can, and make sure that you’re
certain of locking
windows and doors," Goye said.
To prevent burglaries, stu­
dents should keep their win­
dows and curtains closed, Trent said.
There’s people with their
front windows right open and
I can see a 50-inch plasma
screen from the street. You
won’t get caught on a laptop
computer," he said. "A burglar
can do an assessment of
what they can steal by walking
down the street look­
ing in the windows."
**Business**

**GM to increase production at plants**

Automaker adds more shifts at factories in Michigan, Kansas, Indiana

Associated Press

**In Brief**

**BHP to pay $17 million in oil spill violations**

ANCHORAGE — BHP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. has paid the state more than $17.7 million in civil penalties for failing to provide adequate facilities to contain oil spills on Alaska's North Slope, officials said Tuesday.

Two settlements — one for BHP's Prudhoe Bay field and another for the smaller Endicott and Buckskin fields — were signed last month and the penalty has been paid, said Breck Slope, officials said Tuesday.

The settlement is not connected to BP's multi-decade fraud.

The prosecutors say a review of claims from active customers showed that 79 percent withdrew more than they invested.

The penalty has been paid, said Breck Slope, director of forensic audits, are slated to testify before the committee.

Although BP's inventory of cars and trucks was at a record-low level of 378,000 at the end of August, Lee said GM will allow ROE, group vice president of global manufacturing.

The increases announced Tuesday, coupled with other production increases unveiling during the summer, will allow GM to raise North America's production of about 1.9 million vehicles this year to 2.8 million, Lee said.

The increase also is necessary because of an expected 5 percent sales decrease in next year and because GM's inventory of cars and trucks was at a record-low level of 378,000 at the end of August, said LaNeve, vice president of U.S. sales.

The Fairfax plant makes the midsize Chevrolet Malibu, Saturn Aura and Buick LaCrosse, while Delphi Township has the Sierra and Saturn Outlook large crossovers. The vehicles make up about 21 percent of Fort Wayne factory makes pickup trucks.

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The watchdog agency identified several deficiencies in Pentagon audits conducted between 2004 and 2006, including inadequate planning and supervision, and lack of auditor independence.

In testimony prepared for a Wednesday hearing of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, DCAA Director April Stephenson says the agency has "taken the GAO's findings very seriously." A spokesman for the agency referred all questions to the Pentagon. A spokesman for the Pentagon did not immediately return a call for comment Tuesday evening.

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Operation: Career Fair

With a little battle experience under my belt, the succeeding conversations became easier. My eyes glazed over, and the conversation became automatic. The smile affixed itself permanently and my instincts led me to the shorter and easier combat. At first I first handed out resumes with caution, cognizant of the rules of social engagement, but it was only a matter of time before they were flying out indiscernibly to any and all recruiters that approached me. Confidence grew, but so did recklessness. Soon there was no conflict that I wouldn't back down from. I went to BCG and Bain and made it back in one piece. I jockeyed for position at Deloitte and survived a minor skirmish outside of Ernst & Young. The campaign raged, with successes few and far between. Morale sunk, and fatigue set in. Eventually, however, with a late game strategy change, and a little bit of luck, I captured an interview and declared victory.

I walked out of the JACC with a lot of casualties. My feet were torn apart from stiff, new dress shoes. My throat was raspy and sore, and I suffered a serious paper cut trying to draw my resume on a recruiter. Mentally, I felt OK, but those things take years to develop. Nevertheless, I walked out with interviews in hand, dignity largely intact and enough strength to fight another day.

Jason Coleman is a senior accounting major. He can be contacted at coleman.70@nd.edu The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Act not fiscally responsible

Class of 1999 alumnus Tim Barnes ("Support financial aid reform," Sept. 21) appears to have regretfully fallen victim to the "truthiness" aired and rammed down the public via the mainstream media and President Obama. I do not — nor should those who oppose the growth of government programs be faulted — believe he was so deceived.

A disturbing pattern has manifested itself, one in which those who oppose the growth of government programs are automatically castigated as necessarily corrupt for opposing any bill that "should" garner unanimous support from all who care about the welfare of our students/veterans/insert widely supported constituency here.

A closer look at the bill in question, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, shows that its title belies a more disturbing reality. The Cato Institute’s Neal McCluskey describes that the $87 billion figure was a June Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate. By the way, aren’t the only one mystified as to how the federal government can call it “savings” when we cut money we can’t afford to spend from one program and then turn around and shift it to another? In any event, two subsequent updates by the CBO showed that, when the total cost of the bill and the risk of lending taken into account, the bill “would much more likely become a new, roughly $40 billion burden,” explains McCluskey. Of course, those facts were decisively invariant to the bill’s author, Rep. George Miller (D-CA), so he retreated to the common Democratic political tactic of claiming that Republicans have an agenda which prejudices them against students, families and taxpayers (Read: ordinary people).

The reasoned opposition to mass expansion of expensive government programs — such as the stimulus and impending health care legislation — without a careful examination of both the text of a bill and its economic implications is a laudable action. But let’s also make sure not to get nickel-and-dimed into an ever-deepening hole of debt by proposals that seem small in comparison. Let’s hope that Notre Dame is opposing this bill for the right reasons, and that the University keeps fighting the good fight.

Brendan O’Reilly
sophomore
Carroll Hall
Sept. 22

Use of reason needed in debate

In his "Letter to Priests for Holy Thursday 1995," Pope John Paul II states, "The Second Vatican Council Vati-Vati Vati-Vati Vati-Vati fully grasped the logic of the Gospel ... when it presented the Church first as the People of God and only afterwards as a hierarchical structure. The Church is first and foremost the People of God, since all her members, men and women alike, share — each in his or her specific way — in the prophetic, priestly and royal mission of Christ."

John Paul II continues to explain in his letter how the hierarchical structure of the priesthood is a ministerial priesthood in which priests are called to a ministry of service and must thus work to guarantee everyone’s participation in the goal of eschatological fulfillment. Upon examination, it is obvious that the duties to the Church as the People of God must first be fulfilled before one can fulfill the duties to the Church as a hierarchical structure (a lexicographical ordering of sorts). The hierarchical structure must not inhibit the Church from functioning as the Church as the People of God. John Paul II does not believe that the hierarchical structure poses any hindrances to guaranteeing that all people, including women, participate in Christ’s prophetic, priestly and royal mission. He does remind priests though to be vigilant that it never becomes the case that the Church’s hierarchical structure excludes a certain group from participation.

Thus, if members of the Church believe that the Church’s hierarchical structure, viz., the sole ordination of men into the priesthood, is interfering with the mission of the Church as the People of God, their concern is a completely valid concern. It is important quality that all people, including women, participate in Christ’s prophetic, priestly and royal mission. He does remind priests though to be vigilant that it never becomes the case that the Church’s hierarchical structure excludes a certain group from participation.

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Manhood only important quality

Although I have never written into The Observer before (although I have threatened to quite a bit), I felt the need to apologize to the men on campus for us women on campus who dare question the Church’s teaching on priesthood. We should have known that Jesus called 12 men together to lead his flock, not 12 women. We should have known that the only distinguishing characteristic of those disciples was their manhood. It could not have been because of their personality and leadership qualities. And forget historical context. Leave that to the liberal theologians. Of course Jesus would have picked his apostles according to outside appearances and not because of certain qualities necessary to lead like courage and faith. I’m only glad that he didn’t choose these men because of their brown hair because what would all those blonde-haired priests at Notre Dame have done when they heard the calling. Seriously though, we women should really learn our place.

Can you imagine what would happen if a woman gave the sacrament? I mean, what type of message would that send to women who feel like second-class citizens? Certainly women would begin to feel like they have a voice and an opinion to share, and we can’t let that happen. Because next thing you know, women will start talking about “rights” and “anti-discrimination” and other silly things like that. Come on Notre Dame girls, everyone knows men have struggled for their rights since the dawn of time. Can’t we just let them have this one thing?

Katy Smith
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Sept. 22

Religion, politics, money.

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The Twilight Saga

Those who are familiar with Stephenie Meyer’s “Twilight” book series understand that the novels have become a national obsession, capturing the hearts of teenage girls everywhere. Anyone who is unfamiliar with “Twilight.” Welcome to 2009.

All four novels have made The New York Times’ Bestseller List and enchanted thousands of teenage girls in the process since the first books debut in 2005. The Twilight Saga chronicles the romance between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen, a century-old vampire. Bella is immediately attracted to the mysterious, brooding Edward, much to the concern of her friend Jacob (Taylor Lautner).

In addition to tending to Bella’s broken heart, Jacob must make some rather drastic adjustments of his own after he becomes a werewolf. He also must deal with his intensifying feelings for Bella, leaving her in the middle of an agonizing love triangle. While “Twilight” fans are divided in their “Team Edward” or “Team Jacob” loyalty, all agree that “New Moon” will provide plenty of drama to sink their teeth into.

By LESLIE SHUMATE
Scene Writer

Vampire Diaries

Last week, “The Vampire Diaries” premiered on the CW and proved to be the most-watched season premiere in the network’s history. The TV adaptation of L.J. Smith’s 1991 series of young adult novels follows the romance of Elena Gilbert, a popular but grieving high school student at Mystic Falls High, and Stefan Salvatore, a mysterious stranger hiding a dark secret (three guesses what it is).

Yes, Stefan is a vampire. His evil brother’s reappearance in Mystic Falls coincides with a score of new "animal attacks." Stefan is torn between his love for Elena and his duty to protect her and the other residents of Mystic Falls from future vampire violence.

Sound familiar? It is impossible to ignore the blatant similarities between “The Vampire Diaries” and Stephenie Meyer’s “Twilight” series. Both chronicle the romance between a human girl and a brooding, handsome vampire. The couples fall in love over an absurdly short amount of time, after the vampire has borderline stalked the other’s blood. The couple’s love is tested when quarrels and vampire violence.

True Blood

With the teen market flooded with vampire-themed media, HBO attempts to attract more mature audiences to an edgier version of a vampire’s love story. The network’s darker, sexier rendition of a vampire-human romance, “True Blood,” premiered in September 2008 and has since become HBO’s most popular show since “The Sopranos.”

The show, based on Charlaine Harris’ “Southern Vampire Mysteries” book series, is set in Bon Temps, Louisiana, where many residents are gifted with mythic abilities. In this small, fictional town, the invention of True Blood, a synthetic blood supplement, has allowed vampires to “come out” to mainstream society and live side-by-side with their human neighbors. The tension between vampires and humans is intensified by a number of local murders, as well as “inter-species” relationships between vampires and humans.

“True Blood” centers on one such relationship—vampire Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer) and clairvoyant waitress Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin). The relationship is frowned upon by many members of the Bon Temps community, both human and vampire. In the first season, this tension comes to a head when Bill chooses to break vampire law in order to protect Sookie and must then accept the grim consequences.

Since its premiere season, “True Blood” has slowly gained critics’ approval and has seen a moderate increase in its weekly viewers. In fact, the second season of “True Blood” ended on Sept. 13 with twice the number of viewers as the previous season’s finale. In light of its growing popularity, HBO has confirmed the show will be back for a third season, possibly airing next summer.

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As vampires start to get on everyone's nerves, here is an update of everything that is zombie in the world of media.

Cranberries

The band with the popular song "Zombie" is reuniting to sing and write a few more single-word titled songs. After a six year hiatus the band has decided to give it another go and start touring at the end of the year in the U.S., followed by further tours in Europe starting in 2010. Hopefully for the sake of the Cranberries some of their fans are still lingering.

George A. Romero:

The man who started all of the zombie madness, George A. Romero, recently presented his latest film "Survival of the Dead" in Venice. Romero can be blamed when it comes to the zombie film plague. He was the director of the original "Night of the Living Dead," a movie from which most of our modern zombie culture emerges. The film claims to continue where "Day of the Dead" left off, along with zombie gore and a heart-warming love story. This July in Seattle the world record was broken as 2,894 zombies started blankly at each other until the Guinness judges could tabulate their numbers. These events are most often organized as a rally for blood donations although food drives have also had good success.

"Resident Evil: Afterlife"

The recently announced fourth film in the series is set to start filming in a month. Milla Jovovich and Ali Larter will reprise their roles from the previous films alongside Wentworth Miller (of TV's "Prison Break"). The "Resident Evil" films are based on a series of video games of the same name. This film will take place during a worldwide zombie infestation with the heroes hiding in a jail. The films have grossed over $450 million worldwide, so sequels will apparently continue as audiences continue to pay.

For many older Americans, fascination with the undead began in 1968 with George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead," however for me it started with Zach Snyder's updated "Dawn of the Dead" in 2004. This violent and darkly humorous social commentary included hours of intense and misspent musings on how best to fortify my high school from what I convinced myself was an inevitable zombie attack. In light of Scene's tasteful spread on vampires and zombies, take a bite out of the Top 3 (and One Worst) On-campus Libraries.

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By Szymon Ryzer

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Receiver Burress begins two-year prison term

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress apologized to his family and tearfully kissed his pregnant wife, Tiffany; his guilty plea.

Burress arrived in the courtroom Tuesday wearing jeans and a long-sleeved T-shirt, a stark contrast to his time in prison, a stark contrast to the undaunted New York Giants and Patriots in the final minute of the 2008 Super Bowl.

The Giants released Burress in April, but the 32-year-old told the judge he hopes to resume his NFL career when he completes his sentence.

"When I get out, I'll be 33, not 43," Burress said in a interview broadcast in court. "I still want to run and catch. I'll still have the God-given ability to snag footballs, that's what I love to do. Of course, I want to play again.

"I'm glad, an analyst on NFL Sirius Radio and the former head of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys, said Burress won't be too old for a comeback after he's released.

Burress will be eligible if a team wants him, as the NFL already has announced his suspension will be lifted upon completion of his sentence.

His attorney, Benjamin Braffman, said previously that Burress was thinking of his family in taking the plea, but Braffman questioned the fairness of the recommended prison sentence.

"This was not an intentional criminal act," Braffman said in a conference call. "It's very a serious punishment.

Burress had been indicted on two counts of possession and one count of reckless endangerment, but under a plea deal reached Aug. 20, he agreed to a single charge of attempted criminal possession of a weapon. The gun was not licensed in New York or in New Jersey, where Burress lived. His license to carry a concealed weapon in Florida had expired in May 2008.

Before sentencing Tuesday, Braffman called Burress a fundamentally decent man.

"This is a very tragic case in many, many ways," Braffman said.

Former Giant's star was convicted of gun charges after his handgun fired accidentally in a New York nightclub

NCAA

Iesch named interim president

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — James Iesch wants to fulfill Myles Brand's unfinished goals at the NCAA.

For now, that's Iesch's job. He was named Brand's interim replacement Tuesday, less than a week after the NCAA president died of pancreatic cancer at age 67.

Iesch had been serving as the NCAA's vice president for administration and chief financial officer, overseeing the budget for the premier governing body of college athletics.

"We will continue to focus on those areas that are fiscal stability of our organization and, most importantly, continue to emphasize to the student-athlete," Iesch said during a conference call with reporters. "Within the next few days, I will be reaching out to members of the athletic community and our staff as we chart our course.

NCAA Executive Committee chairman Michael Adams said the decision was made Monday night. He gave no timetable for naming a new, full-time president.

But until then, Iesch is in charge and Adams does not expect the longterm NCAA executive to be merely a figurehead. Adams said several other candidates were considered, though he did not name them, and that he wants Iesch to pursue the kind of agenda Brand laid out.

"He (Iesch) served as liaison to the search group that brought Myles Brand into this organization, and if we don't get the financing right, all the other association goals would be moot. So the board has full confidence in Jim Iesch's ability," Adams said.

"We will move ahead with Myles' goals," Iesch joined the NCAA's staff in 1998 after holding administrative posts at Arkansas, Kansas State and Montana State.

Over the past nine months, as Brand underwent cancer treatment, Iesch was one of four members on the president's cabinet who helped oversee the day-to-day tasks. The other three were Beraad Franklin, Greg Shabazz and Wally Restof, all of whom hold high vice president titles.

The executive committee is not scheduled to meet again until Oct. 29, with details of the formal search almost certainly taking center stage. Among those believed to be top candidates are Franklin, Adams and University of Hartford president Walter Harrison.

"Myles did talk with me about the people in the association in which he had the most confidence," Adams said. "I mentioned four or five people in that regard. He did not offer a belief in who the next interim should be and, as Myles usually did, he trusted the decision of the committee."
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — No. 1 Florida kept six more players out of practice Tuesday because of flu-like symptoms.

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Also at practice were defensive back Josh Evans, running back Mike Gillislee, defensive end Earl Okine and walk-on offensive lineman Shawn Schmieder.

"We're all right," Meyer said. "We've just got to get ready. We're doing what we've got to do. What we can control, we control. Guys are jumping everything we can. I think we'll be all right."

Meyer sounded as if he were coming down with something himself, but insisted he was just hoarse because of flulike symptoms.

"They're still not 100 percent," Meyer said. "We had six others come down today with it, so we're battling a little bit right now."

The Gators all had a round of flu shots Sunday, about a week after one school official predicted that as many as 40 percent of students could catch swine flu this season.

"Team doctors and trainers responded by placing hand sanitizer and prevention checklists all around the facility."

When asked about the flu, linebacker Ryan Stamper jokingly coughed at reporters, then laughed.

"We're doing a real good job with that, trying to keep guys from catching that," Stamper said.

Also Tuesday, linebacker Brandon Spikes (Achilles' tendon) and receiver Dezmin Thompson (hamstring) did not practice. Meyer was optimistic Thompson would be able to play Saturday at Kentucky.

"They ran him again today and he's feeling real good, but I'm just kind of cautious right now," Meyer said. "We didn't hit the mark last week, so I want to hit the mark this week."

BUCCANEERS’ SAFETY PHILLIPS OUT FOR SEASON

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Jermaine Phillips will miss the remainder of the season with a broken left thumb.

The Bucs made the announcement Tuesday, placing the eight-year pro on injured reserve. He was hurt during Sunday's 33-20 loss to the Buffalo Bills.

Losing Phillips weakens a struggling secondary that was already playing without starting safety Tanard Jackson, who was suspended for the first four games of the regular season for violating the NFL'sabolic abuse policy.

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Florida celebrates their 23-13 victory over Tennessee in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday. Concerned that his team could be threatened by a virus, head coach Urban Meyer kept six more players out of practice Tuesday.

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RAINSTORMS DELAYED ROCKIES START

DENVER — Aaron Cook finally got his wish.

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USC’s Carroll hoping for return of Barkley, Mays

LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll is hoping the return of perhaps Southern California's two most important players will put the Trojans back on track after last week's loss at Washington.

Carroll also is back at work on a familiar task for the Trojans coach in recent years. He has to restore his talented players' confidence after another early-season Pac-10 loss likely knocked them out of the national title race yet again.

MLB Philadelphia at Florida 7 p.m., ESPN

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MLB

**Philles victorious on Blanton's gem**

Associated Press

MIAMI — Joe Blanton said he approached his matchup against Josh Johnson like any other, and for the Philadelphia Phillies, that worked fine. Blanton allowed two hits in seven shutout innings to out-pitch the Marlins' ace, and Philadelphia won the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday, 9-3.

The victory reduced to five the Phillies' magic number for clinching the NL East.

Blanton (11-7) struck out nine and walked two. Johnson (15-5) twice struck out the side and had 10 strikeouts in five innings, but he gave up seven hits and four runs.

"If he doesn't give up any runs, or if he gives up a lot of runs, I still have to go out and pitch and stick with the same game plan either way," Blanton said.

The Phillies' right-hander went six shutout innings in his last start to beat Washington. He said he had better stuff this time, thanks to a slider that had been unreliable of late.

"I finally found it a little bit," Blanton said. "It kind of came back. That was nice. Hopefully it stays."

Blanton allowed no hits after a leadoff single in the second.

Philadelphia's Raul Ibanez hit his 32nd homer. Jayson Werth and Ryan Howard each had a two-RBI groundout and Jimmy Rollins' sacrifice fly.

"I think they hit one ball hard, and it was tough to swallow," Johnson said. "I was trying to battle, make good pitches, and they just hit them. It was just one of those days."

The Phillies won despite striking out 16 times and going 2-for-11 with runners in scoring position.

Facing Sergio Escalona, Florida scored three times in the eighth, with one play destined for the blooper reel. When Hanley Ramirez hit an RBI double, center fielder Shane Victorino chased it down, but when he tried to throw the ball toward the infield, it slipped from his hand and landed at his feet.

Compounding the comedy, Florida's Nick Johnson could have easily scored but didn't see the bobble and stopped at third. Ramirez didn't see Johnson stop and nearly caught up with him at third before retreating safely to second.

Clay Condrey pitched a perfect ninth to complete a five-hitter.
NBA

Players concerned about performance of refs

NBA referees failed to make contract agreement with league; president of basketball operations confident in replacements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA's president of basketball operations asserted that confident replacement officials would perform well if they are needed when games begin.

The players aren't so sure.

The NBA and its referees union have failed to reach an agreement on a new contract, so the league will begin training replacements this week. Without a new deal soon, those replacements would be used in games starting Oct. 1.

The officiating was criticized during the last lockout in 1995, but Joel Litvin said Tuesday it will be better this time because the replacements are from the WNBA and NBA Development League and familiar with the NBA program.

"These referees are sort of part of the extended family, which is what makes it different from '95. The vast majority are either D-League referees, they're WNBA referees, they've been to our summer leagues and been trained by our managers," Litvin said. "They've been to our tryouts.

"So unlike in '95, when we were selecting more or less strangers to be replacements, these are people that we know and have been working with for several years, which is a reason why we feel pretty good about how they will perform when they're on the floor."

But Lakers guard Derek Fisher said the NBA's referees are the best in the world and called for a quick resolution, saying not having them on the floor is "unacceptable."

"Players throughout the league are concerned that the use of replacement referees could compromise the integrity of our games," Fisher said in a statement released by the players' association the day before they were scheduled to meet again with league officials for negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement.

"Our fans deserve the best product that we can put on the court and that includes having the best referees. Anything less is unacceptable to our union and our members."

However, the league and the referees' union are still far apart on proposals involving changes to the referees' pension and severance packages, as well as a plan to develop younger officials. No further talks are scheduled after they broke down last week.

"Our preference is always to have our regular referees on the floor," Litvin said. "They're the best in the world. So whether that happens remains to be seen."

Training camp opens Thursday, and the league hopes to emerge with 50-60 officials to comprise the replacement roster. Most — perhaps all — will come from within leagues the NBA oversees, a key difference from the heavily criticized officiating during the previous lockout.

Officials from the CBA were used 14 years ago, so the NBA had no control over their training. Plus, early season games were officiated by two-person crews, as opposed to the three that have long been in place.

Litvin also points out that the physical style that ruled the mid-1990s, that, combined with the advances the league has made in the observation of officials, has Litvin believing the quality of play won't suffer this time.

"We're confident that we will pretty quickly be able to identify any referees who we don't think can perform this job, and likewise we'll pretty quickly identify those that are the stronger ones and we will schedule those referees the most," Litvin said. "So I guess for those reasons, we don't expect — we don't view this as a situation that will be like '95."

Nor is Litvin concerned with using officials from the WNBA, whose athletes are smaller and not as athletic as NBA players. He said many also referee D-League or summer league games and the rules interpretations are similar.

The league has had some success with replacement officials. There are currently 17 on the roster, including recent NBA Finals referees Joe Crawford, Danny Crawford and Ken Mauer, who began their careers as replacements during work stoppages.

The NBA also confirmed that Robbie Robinson and Michael Bendarson, former NBA refs who were fired by the league, are among those expected at camp. League officials have taken great steps to praise the work of their officials, particularly since the betting scandal involving former referee Tim Donaghy that brought their profession under scrutiny, and won't pretend the replacements can truly take their place.
Belles continued from page 20

Maryna Mierzwa, an impressive freshman, led all Saint Mary's golfers at last week's Jamboree after shooting a 76. Mierzwa's stroke total tied for the lowest score in the outing with Trine's Katelyn Pero.

Senior captain Perri Hamma earned third in the field at the Medalist Golf Club after posting a 79, the best score of her Saint Mary's career.

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outscored their opponents by a combined score of 14-0. Despite the seemingly lop-sided margins in all of Notre Dame's performances, coach Randy Waldrum doesn't think that the shutouts raise much cause for concern in the early going of the season. "Somebody had a rough loss that we got shut out in, we lost to very good teams," Waldrum said.

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Irish coach

"I think in the losses that we got shut out in, we lost to very good teams, and the games that we've won we were supposed to win," Waldrum said. "Those are fantastic teams (that the Irish have lost to) where you could play your best game ever and still lose."

Waldrum believes that some of the recent shutout losses may have occurred as a result of the team's relatively young core being somewhat unfamiliar with playing from behind. "I think a little bit of it is where last year we had a fantastic year," Waldrum said. "Six of our ten field players this year are freshmen and sophomores and they only played from behind four minutes all of last season, so this is a new experience for them and we're still trying to find our way a little bit."

In the games themselves, the Irish tried to adjust their strategy late in the game against both Santa Clara and Stanford to try to create offensive opportunities and tie the games.

"We played well against Santa Clara," Waldrum said. "We were down by one goal late in the game so we shifted some players up and tried to tie the game. It was similar in the Stanford game."

Waldrum likened those contests to comparable contests for other teams on the Notre Dame campus in recent years, including the football team and women's basketball team, where the teams played extremely well but came up just short in the end.

"We want to schedule good teams early on so you can see where your strengths and weaknesses are and you can adjust for the playoffs," Waldrum said. "It's like when Notre Dame football plays USC every year and a few years ago when they had Brady Quinn, although they played a fantastic game, they still lost."

"I think we played three really, really good games," Waldrum continued, "like when the women's basketball team plays Tennessee or UConn."

With the majority of the Big East portion of its schedule still ahead, Notre Dame has a chance to beat some quality competition before the postseason starts, where the Irish will undoubtedly see teams like Carolina, Stanford and Santa Clara.

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Injuries continued from page 20 today. He's got a little bit of an ankle. If he went out there today, he wouldn't be full speed. (I'll) give the other running backs the reps today and build him up to be full-go by game time."

One injured running back who Weis did not expect to return Saturday, though, was senior full-back James Aldridge. Aldridge hurt his shoulder in the season opener against Nevada and has not played since.

"I think what I'm planning on doing, even though he wants to try to play this week and try to play next week, I'm leaning more toward holding him this week and next week so that I get a full three weeks," Weis said. "With the bye week being after that and having him ready for whatever play after the bye."

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd's season-ending surgery Monday to repair a broken clavicle was the biggest injury news of the week. Tuesday, Weis said Floyd has been handling his situation with as much maturity as one could expect from a sophomore.

"He thinks he's a coach now," Weis said with a laugh. "He's accepted this role. He's dealing with it (and) I think he's going to be a great asset for us because he's into the game. He's just not one of those guys who is in the tank because he's hurt."

The new depth chart currently lists senior Robby Parris and junior Duvall Kamara as co-starters at Floyd's old "Z" wide receiver position. Junior Golden Tate is still listed the starter on the opposite side, but sophomore Devin Walker has moved up to second behind Tate, along with freshman Shaq Evans.

"Both those guys bring something different to the table," Weis said. "Devin's a little bit more experienced. Shan in very explosive. They know that now is the time. It's not practice squad. It's not a show team any more."

Weis also spoke Tuesday about his plans to improve the defense, which has given up a combined 64 points over the past two games since shutting out the Wolf Pack.

"I think that when you start giving up some yardage to some plays, like was happening in the last couple games in particular, you start losing some confidence," Weis said. "Not necessarily in the scheme or your teammates, but just on your own play making ability. So I think the number one thing I'm going to work on today, and the coaches are going to follow my lead, is making sure we start getting back to playing with some confidence."

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Kubinski continued from page 20 team's success, but the team's well being," senior Carl Santis-Ocampo said. "In such a challenging sport that sometimes can mentally get you down, (Kubinski) makes sure the team is always in high spirits."

Individual successes have also been a major part of Kubinski's term. Former Irish star Cole Isam was named to the PING All-Midwest Region team three years in a row under Kubinski, and fifth-year senior Josh Sandman was given similar honors in 2008.

The 2009-10 season is the first in which Kubinski's recruits will play a major role on the team, and he believes that the program will once again turn the corner and move back to the top of the Big East.

"This year is really the first year we're going to see the recruits from 2007/1 step up and compete favorably against the strongest teams nationally," Kubinski said. "With the experienced seniors we have and those younger players, I think our guys realize that it's their time now. We're excited for this season and for the seasons to come. We knew it would take a lot of hard work and patience and even some bumps along the way but I'm proud of how this group has always held their heads high, worked hard and are now ready to win."

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Three kills and a service ace later, the Belles finished the match off with a 23-13 third set victory.

Senior Loren Shapczynski led the way with 10 kills and 10 digs, junior Andrea Savig and junior Ali MacKinnon added 10 and nine kills apiece. Senior Robby Parris added nine kills and senior Alyssa Sawyer had nine digs.

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**MEN'S GOLF**

Kubinski brings Irish to national prominence

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Entering his sixth season as the head coach for the Irish, Jim Kubinski has already made a major impact on the program, and looks to continue building for the future.

Kubinski also has given the position half-way through the 2004-05 season, inheriting a very skilled team that went on to claim the Big East Conference title that season, but saw flaws in the structure of the program.

"From my very first meeting here, my focus has been to instill pride, discipline, confidence and good work habits," Kubinski said. "When I took over, a number of practices that I took for granted as necessities were not in place here."

Kubinski began putting those practices in place as soon as he arrived, and the Irish went on to win a second straight Big East championship in 2006.

"We've worked hard to structure practices, create class schedules conducive to playing and practicing as a team, build chemistry where it's about "us" rather than "I" or "my" and several seemingly little pieces that, when pieced together, have had a huge impact in preparing us to make the jump from a more regionalized program to a national program," Kubinski said.

The Irish golf program has substantially evolved over the past 10 years, due in large part to the coaching ability and recruiting efforts of Kubinski. He was nominated for the 2007 GOLF Magazine Top 100 Teachers list, which places his name in conversation as one of the best young coaches in the country.

"I think it's important to have a perspective on where we've come from as a program," Kubinski said. "Just 10 years ago, we had only one scholarship for men's golf, no championship Warren Golf Course, no Rolfs Varsity Building and a travel schedule that was mainly limited to the Midwest. In 10 short years, we now have our full NCAA complement of scholarship- ship opportunities, the very best practice facilities around, a fantastic and championship golf course and a schedule that sees us compete against the very best teams in the country and on the very best courses."

It is a team-oriented focus that defines the success that Kubinski and the Irish have had through out his tenure. During his coaching career, Kubinski's teams have recorded the top four single-season stroke averages in school history and nine of the 12 best single-round scores. In addition, Kubinski's teams have recorded 15 wins over Top 25 teams and have been ranked as high as No. 12.

"It is evident that (Kubinski) truly cares not only about the

**FOOTBALL**

Twists and Turns

Clausen, Allen ready for Purdue Saturday

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Injured quarterback Jimmy Clausen, Michigan's difficult 2008 schedule, which was 8-0 after its first eight games, this year's Irish find themselves at 5-3 one game into their conference season.

In their three losses this season, opponents have outscored the Irish by a combined score of 10-0. On the other hand, in their five victories, the Irish have

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Irish get used to shutouts

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Eight games into its young 2009 season, every contest No. 14 Notre Dame has played in has ended in a shutout.

However, unlike the 2008 squad, which was 8-0 after its first eight games, this year's Irish find themselves at 5-3 one game into their conference season.

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Saint Mary's sweeps Olivet to reach .500

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team concluded a stretch of five straight MIAA matches with a bang. The Belles had only one win with three losses in that stretch coming into their final match, but managed to sweep (15-13) at Angela Athletic Facility on Tuesday.

The win brings their overall record to the .200 mark at 5-5, and drops the Comets to a dismaying 3-9 on the season. The Belles came out aggressively on offense, taking an early 7-1 lead. With freshman Stephanie Bodine's five kills in six attempts, Olivet could not catch back in it and dropped the first set 25-14.

The second set mirrored the first as the Belles took the lead early and did not relinquish it, winning 25-18. The Comets showed some resiliency and came out strong in the third set. Led by senior Kim Travis' outside hitting, the Comets managed a 13-13 tie. The Belles, backed by the home crowd, subdued the comeback and recorded seven straight points to take a 20-13 lead.

As the Belles head into today's matchup, they will be counting on repeat perform-

**SMC GOLF**

Belles have high hopes for tourney

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After winning the first of four MIAA Jamborees of the season, the No. 13 Saint Mary's will be looking for its second victory as it heads to Hope College's home course, Macatawa Legends Country Club.

The Belles opened the season with a stellar win last week at the Medalist Golf Club. The team broke the school record for best combined score after shooting a 317, 15 strokes ahead of second place, MIAA-rival Olivet.

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