Bengal Bouts film highlights Missions

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

This weekend’s premiere of “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will reveal not only a few months’ work of a dedicated few, but also nearly 80 years’ work of a passionate many.

The 75-minute film, to be shown on tonight at the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, tells the story of the boxing club Bengal Bouts and its relationship with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Mark Weber, a 2009 graduate former boxing club president and captain and producer of the film, hopes the it will not only educate, but also remind audiences of the significant connection between the club and the developing country.

“Our goal is to transform the connection [with Bangladesh] from sending them an arm’s reach to an actual relationship,” Weber said. “It went from an abstract mission to something we could see and touch. This

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Cab companies: Over-charging is illegal

Most trips with two or more people within a three-mile radius of campus are three dollars

By ROBERT SINGER
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Students may be powerless to stop the pain of rising tuition costs or the falling temperatures, but they can do something to prevent cab drivers from illegally increasing their fares on the weekends, according to Modern Cab company manager Jean Ntakirutimana.

“I’ve heard students tell me that the driver has charged them five dollars to go from Main Circle to downtown,” said Kerry Clear, president of Blue Ribbon Taxi. “That is kind of silly.”

If students think they have been charged more than the company’s rate — which is considered price gouging and made illegal by city ordinances — they can report the cab driver to his or her company, Ntakirutimana said.

“If it happens, it may be with drivers who may seem greedy. Students can look outside of the car and look up the cab number and report the driver immediately to the cab company, so we can take care of the sit-

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Getting the ‘ring by spring’

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

While some students might be debating who to take to their SYR, others are thinking of their relationships in terms of lifelong commitment.

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Library petition to be submitted

By SARAH MEROVSH
News Writer

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The University has received a limited supply of the newly-developed H1N1 vaccine and will distribute the vaccine Friday to people determined to be at the highest risk. Director of Internal Communications Gail Mancini said.

Mancini said University Health Services has about 500 doses of the vaccine for students, faculty and staff, which will be first given to pregnant women, children under the age of 25 who have chronic health problems as determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Some of the health problems outlined include cancer, asthma and diabetes. The vaccine will be distributed Friday in Stepan Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As more of the vaccine becomes available, Health Services will expand the groups eligible to receive the vaccine.

The Observer reported Wednesday that there have been 659 presumed cases of the H1N1 virus, commonly referred to as swine flu, at Notre Dame since August. More information can be found at the University Health Services Web site.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bored with the lakes

Notre Dame is full of runners — a fact made even more apparent as the November weather has not deterred the joggers from running outside in Nike running tights and Under Armor. But during a recent conver—

Madeline Buckley, a friend who runs almost every day said she does not feel safe running off campus. This surprised me because campus is not large, and I am curious about how many runners at Notre Dame feel the same way as my friend.

As much as I love the two-mile, figure-eight campus, in the wrong neighborhoods, the repetitiveness is dizzying after awhile, and this short route gets boring quickly during a long run. My other usual running routes on campus have become routine as well. So I generally do the bulk of my runs off campus because it offers a greater variety of routes, instead of running past Carroll Hall, Moreau Seminary and the beach on St. Joe Lake over and over again.

And I always feel safe doing this. Of course, I would never venture off-campus on a run by myself after dark, and I would recommend looking at a map if the neighborhoods around campus are unfamiliar.

But aside from the occasional, terrifyingly large dog in someone’s yard, I never feel uneasy running through the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

In fact, I have come to prefer running off-campus. I run past some beautiful houses and through some beautiful neighborhoods. Getting away from campus, even if just for a five-mile run, is refreshing.

My current favorite route — and I encourage any runners out there to try it — is about 4.5 to five miles depending on the starting point on campus.

I head from Breen Phillips Hall to Main Circle and continue south down Notre Dame Ave. through the Northeast Neighborhood and near downtown South Bend. When I hit Wayne St., I head west toward Howard Park, and then pick up the East Race trail at Howard Park. I then take the East Race path north back to Notre Dame.

This little stretch runs near South High School, right by the University.

For any runner bored with the lake paths, I recommend using the East Race trail along the St. Joseph River. Pick up the trail on Angola Blvd. and go north back to campus.

Maybe I am completely off-base in assuming most Notre Dame runners stick to campus routes, but if I am not, try running off campus (safely of course).

Add some variety to your daily jog and learn your way around South Bend neighborhoods at the same.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE WEEKEND HANGOUT?

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OFFBEAT

SUV nearly slams into elephant on highway

OKLAHOMA CITY — It’s not unusual to see a deer or a cow crossing Oklahoma’s rural highways. But an elephant? A couple driving home from church nearly slammed into a giant pachyderm that had Escaped from a nearby Circus late Wednesday.

“Didn’t have time to hit the brakes. The elephant blended in with the road,” driver Bill Carpenter said Thursday. “At the very least second I said ‘elephant!’” Carpenter, 68, said he swerved his SUV at the last second and ended up side-swiping the 29-year-old female elephant on U.S. 81 in Enid, about 80 miles north of Oklahoma City.

Man fined for 911 call over female elephant on U.S. 81 swiping the 29-year-old Osman Raof Osman called the emergency line to complain that McDonald’s in Enid had left out a box of orange juice from his drive-through order. A restaurant employee later called 911 to report that Osman and others who were with him were blocking the lane, knocking on restaurant windows and intimidating employees.

Deputies tried to explain to Osman that referring such disputes is not what they do. They said he insisted he had the legal right to call police. He was taken to jail.

The Oregonian said Osman pleaded guilty recently to improper use of 911 and has been ordered to pay the fine.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The men’s basketball team will play Quincy tomorrow in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available by calling 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will host its Alumni Reunion Concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. with several hundred of its alumni at the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will be shown tomorrow at the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m. The film examines the Bengal Bouts boxing club and its partnership with the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh. Tickets are $3 for students and are available at performingarts.nd.edu.

A science lecture series entitled, “The Physics of Angels and Demons: Notre Dame at the Large Hadron Collider,” will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. The lecture, given by Mike Hildreth, Associate Professor of Physics, will take place in the Jordan Hall of Science, room 101.

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Badin Hall displays student art in annual show

Signature event will run through Nov. 19; prizes for best art awarded for first, second and third place

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Badin Hall’s annual signature event offers something unique, Academic Commissioner Melissa Guinan said. The Badin Art Show, which showcases the work of student and local artists, opened Thursday.

“It’s a different type of signature event, and it appeals to a different kind of audience,” Guinan said. “You get people who wouldn’t come to other events, like dances.”

Guinan said the event, organized by Badin’s Academic Commission members, has always been a big success. “It’s our fall signature event,” Guinan said. “It’s been going on for at least the past four or five years.”

While most of Badin attended the opening, most of the participants in the art show aren’t from Badin, Guinan said. “Only six girls out of the 30 or more participants are from Badin,” Guinan said.

The participants are from all over campus, and include several art students from Saint Mary’s College and some local residents, Guinan said. The number of participants also rose this year. “We have art students and non-art students,” Guinan said.

“We have lots of different mediums and styles.” These include some first-time mediums and unique works, including music recordings and a choreographed dance, Guinan said.

Meg Keegan, a junior, said she decided to participate after noticing the call for entries on her dorm’s Stall Notes. “I’m an Environmental Sciences major,” Keegan said. “I like art on the side. [The Badin Art Show] is a great way to get to know other artists. I didn’t know this kind of stuff happened.”

Sophomores Zach Stackhouse and Jamie Baffa entered a collaborative painting into the contest. “We took up the opportunity when it became available,” Stackhouse said. “This is the first time we’ve participated in this sort of event on campus.” Baffa said. “We needed an artistic outlet, even though we’re bad at art.”

“It’s one of my favorite parts about Notre Dame — the presence of art on campus,” Stackhouse said. “I don’t know this kind of stuff happened.”

Erin Hallagan, a sophomore and member of Badin’s Academic Commission, said she is looking forward to seeing the artwork. “I like being able to look at the art in a private setting and getting to see what looks good where.” Hallagan also said she enjoys seeing the descriptions under the artists’ names. “I like seeing why the artist chose to do it,” she said.

Prizes were awarded for first, second and third places. Saint Mary’s junior Eileen Laskowski won first place with a drawing titled “Nervous Habits.” “It was a pleasant surprise,” Laskowski, an art major, said. “This is the first step. I’m seeing how my work compares to others my age.”

Laskowski participated in last year’s Badin Art Show. “Last year I took a course here at Notre Dame,” Laskowski said. “The drawing professor mentioned it. This year, I knew one of the coordinators. I just finished this piece. I decided to put it in.”

Second place went to fifth year senior Matthew Degnan for his digital photograph, “The Forgotten.” Third place went to freshman Audrey Hayes for her oil painting, “Girl With an iPod.” Also third place was sophomore Waylon Chen for his wire sculpture “Widemouth Bass.”

The show, which will run through Nov. 19 in Badin Hall’s social space, is free to attend.

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**SMC Right to Life Club launches campaign**

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The five life-sized silhouettes of pregnant women around Saint Mary's campus are not part of a display sponsored by the art department; they are part of a month-long campaign by the College's Right to Life Club to advocate support on campus for pregnant women.

The Right to Life Club made the cardboard cutouts after getting the idea from the Students for Life of America Web site. The cutouts are meant to be a visual reminder for students on campus to ask the question “Are we supporting them enough?” Anne Maguire, the club’s vice president, said.

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“Think if you were a pregnant student walking around campus,” said Maguire. “If students feel that they are welcome on campus among their peers, it can make all the difference.”

The club’s goal for the month is to spread the knowledge that support is needed for pregnant women on campus.

Maguire said she believes this topic is especially pertinent to Saint Mary’s as it is an all-women’s college.

“Being Pro-life is a women’s issue, since abortion hurts women so much,” she said. “Not that the baby isn’t important — it is. But the women are sometimes forgotten.”

The message of support for pregnant women is geared toward students, although the College does not have specific outreach programs to students who are or have been pregnant, Maguire said.

“There is nothing advertised on campus for anywhere a pregnant woman can go for advice and support,” Maguire said. “But there has to be a need for it. We are all Belles, and we support one another. That’s what Saint Mary’s is about. We have to feel the need to help the women on campus. It just makes sense.”

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Not all of the feedback has been positive.

“We have had both positive and negative responses,” Maguire said. “But both are good. As long as people notice, and they think about it and it challenges them, we know it’s been a success.”

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Superior Court Judge Joan Orie Melvin of Pittsburgh, a 1978 University of Notre Dame alumna, was elected Nov. 3 (Tuesday) to a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Melvin, a Republican, defeated her superior court colleague, Democrat Jack Panella, with 53 percent of the vote.

A native of Pittsburgh, Melvin majored in economics at Notre Dame, where she lived in Lyons Hall, and earned a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1981.

A judge for more than 24 years, Orie Melvin first served in the Pittsburgh Municipal Courts, where she created the first domestic violence court in Pennsylvania. She was appointed to the Allegheny County bench in 1990 and seven years later became the first female Republican elected to the state Superior Court, where she has heard more than 8,000 cases.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Nicaragua hit by Hurricane Ida**

Hurricane Ida, roaring into Nicaragua’s Atlantic coast Thursday, destroying homes, damaging schools and downing bridges before losing steam and becoming a tropical storm.

Ida, clocking 75 mph (125 kph) winds, struck land and set off a surge in Tadabasuni that inundated about 60 miles northeast of Bluefields, said meteorologist Damián Feltgen of the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

About 80 percent of homes were destroyed in a coastal village of about 100 flimsy, wooden shacks near the mouth of the Rio Grande de Matagalpa, Nicaragua’s National Civil Defense director, Mario Perez, said.

**U.N. advises Gaza investigation**

The U.S. General Assembly urged Israel and the Palestinians Thursday to investigate alleged war crimes during last winter’s conflict in Gaza and to ensure the accountability of Security Council action if they do.

The 192-member world body approved an Arab-drafted resolution by a vote of 114-10 with 41 abstentions and 16 countries not voting.

Supporters insisted there must be accountability — especially from Israel — for the alleged violations of international law during the Gaza conflict in which 13 Israelis and almost 1,400 Palestinians were killed, including many civilians.

**Shooter opens fire at Fort Hood**

Tragic attack at army base under investigation after gunman kills 12, wounds 30

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A soldier opened fire at a U.S. Army base near Austin on Thursday, unleashing a stream of gunfire that left 12 people dead and 31 wounded.

Authorities killed the gunman, and apprehended two other soldiers suspected in what the military said was the worst mass shooting at a U.S. military base.

The shooting began around 1:30 p.m., Lt. Gen. Bob Cone said at a news conference. He said all the casualties took place at the base’s Soldier Readiness Center, where soldiers who are about to be deployed or who are returning undergo medical screening.

“It’s a terrible tragedy. It’s stunning,” Cone said.

A law enforcement official identified the shooting suspect as Army Maj. Malik Nadal Hasan. The official said Hasan, believed to be in his late 30s, was killed after opening fire at the base.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

The official says investigators are trying to determine if Hasan was his birth name, or if he changed his name and converted to Islam at some point in his life.

Cone said the soldier used two handguns in the attack. It was not clear if the gunman had stopped to reload.

A graduation ceremony for soldiers who finished college courses while deployed was going on in an auditorium at the Readiness Center at the time of the shooting, said Sgt. Rebekah Lampam, a Fort Hood spokeswoman.

Greg Schanepp, U.S. Rep. from Texas, was representing Carter at the graduation, said John Stone, a spokesman for Carter, whose district includes the Army post.

Schanepp was at the ceremony when a soldier who had been shot in the back came running toward him and alerted him of the shooting, Stone said. The soldier told Schanepp not to go in the direction of the shooter, he said. Stone said he believes Schanepp was in the theater.

The base was locked down after the shootings. The wounded were dispersed among hospitals in central Texas, Cone said.

The shootings on the Texas military base stirred memories of other recent mass shootings in the United States, including 13 dead at a New York immigration center in March, 10 killed during a gunman’s rampage across Alabama in March and 32 killed in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history at Virginia Tech in 2007.

Around the country, some bases stepped up security precautions, but no others were locked down.

“The bottom line for us is that we are increasing security at our gates because the threat hasn’t yet been defined, and we’re reminding our Marines to be vigilant in their areas of responsibility,” said Capt. Bob Dolan, public affairs officer for the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

In Washington, President Barack Obama called the shooting “a horrific outburst of violence.” He said it’s a tragedy to lose a soldier overseas and even more horrifying when they come under fire at an Army base on American soil.

“We will make sure that we get answers to every single question about this horrible incident,” the commander in chief said. “We are going to stay on this.”

Covering 339 square miles, Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the United States. Home to about 52,000 troops as of this earlier year, the sprawling base is located halfway between Austin and Waco.

About a mile from Fort Hood’s east gate, Cynthia Thomas, director of Under the Hood Cafe, a local coffee shop and nonprofit military support center, has been calling soldiers and their friends on the phone to make sure they’re OK.

**National News**

**Calif. market for medical marijuana**

The medical marijuana dispensary in this California wine country town is in a former auto dealership, and has more registered customers than the town has residents. Los Angeles has more pot shops than Starbucks and almost as many as public schools.

The surge in medical marijuana in California has left many communities scrambling to regulate the free-for-all, while others are trying to ban the drug altogether.

Some local governments are looking to take an approach similar to Sebastopol, where officials hope the business as a strong source of tax revenue during the recession.

**Democrats advance climate bill**

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**Local News**

**Ind. swine flu death toll rises**

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**Kenya**

**ICC plans to investigate Kenya violence**

Nairobi, Kenya — The International Criminal Court’s chief prosecutor said Thursday that Kenya’s postelection violence that killed 1,100 people was a crime against humanity and pleaded with Kenyans to initiate proceedings that could result in top officials facing trial.

Luis Moreno Ocampo said he told President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga that he will ask the Netherlands-based ICC judges to allow him to formally open an investigation into the violence that followed a contentious presidential election.

The fighting erupted along tribal lines amid accusations by the opposition that Kibaki’s ruling party rigged presidential elections. Odinga was his rival and the violence ended when they agreed to a power-sharing arrangement.

Kenyan violence issues were taken up last week in The Hague, where the court’s judges were seen as weak and susceptible to corruption.

Harun Mwamvi Macharia, whose 3-year-old daughter died when the church her family sought shelter in was torched by Kalenjin warriors, was gratified that there might now be trials.

“Is that it a lesson for future generations, they should be prosecuted without mercy,” Macharia said of the culprits, adding that if they are not prosecuted, violence will be “inevitable” during Kenya’s next national vote in 2012. Macharia’s wife saved five of their six children from the church inferno and suffered third-degree burns.

More than 600,000 people were displaced, over 40,000 buildings were burnt and more than 3,000 women were raped, many allegedly by the police, in Kenya’s worst violence since winning independence from Britain in 1963.
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will give [audiences] a more personal understanding.

Weber also hopes the film will encourage audiences to take action in the global fight on poverty.

“This is a story so unique and inspiring we hope to encourage people to go out and do good in the world,” he said. “We hope to empower the people [of Bangladesh] to also be their own agents of change.”

William Donaruma, a Notre Dame film professor who also produced the documentary, said he also hopes to give audiences not only a glimpse of what the Missions do but also an appreciation of the country itself.

“We want them [audiences] to have a better understanding of where and what Bangladesh is,” Donaruma said. “We want to show that the money [generated from Bengal Bouts] is helping people. This will be an entertaining ride but also informative.”

Weber said the Mission works from the bottom up to make Bangladesh a self-sustainable country through both education and the training of Bengali leaders.

“That is the difference between aid and development,” he said. “The word here is empowerment.”

He said the missionaries in Bangladesh aim to “work themselves out of the job,” and how Bengali leaders help their own country.

Weber, who majored in the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) and Film, said the idea for the film took root during his sophomore year in 2007, when he stayed on campus for fall break. During the week, he said, he met with Holy Cross priests to discuss their missions in Bangladesh.

“We’ve been doing this [Bengal Bouts] for 80 years,” Weber recalled thinking. “No students have been over there. It’s time to go.”

The project gained momentum that January.

“We formed a team that’s passionate and talented,” Weber said.

That May, funded by a joint effort of Bengal Bouts alumni and the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a group of five boxers, along with Donaruma and cinematographer John Klein, traveled to Bangladesh for two weeks to witness the progress of the missions and undertake much of the documentation for the film. The five, which included Weber, Pat Ryan, Leo Rubinkowski, Patrick Martin and Tomas Castillo, were the first students in the history of the program to travel to Bangladesh, Weber said.

As representatives of a Catholic university, the group was admittedly wary about their reception into the country, as Bangladesh is predominately Muslim.

But the group was pleasantly surprised upon arrival.

“We were welcomed with open arms,” Weber said. “The group stayed with Holy Cross Missions in the various cities they visited, from the capital city Dhaka to other smaller ones like Jalchara and Pirgacha.

There, he said, they witnessed the fruit of the missions’ years of labor — from the many schools to trained Bengali leaders.

“We did research over there to get an idea of what we wanted for the film,” Donaruma said.

The group encountered many technical challenges in the impoverished country.

Much of the time, he said, there was no electricity. Weber also said the team struggled to transport the heavy equipment, which had to be removed from the crowded van when crossing bridges.

Once back in the United States, production of the film began as the team began looking through the documentation of the poverty they witnessed.

“The most difficult part about the post-production is finding the story,” Weber said.

After the production began, he said, another challenge was picking through the footage and also adding a musical score, which was composed by Gene Ort.

Weber returned to Bangladesh the following year to research his thesis, titled “Education: Life Blood of Sustainable Development.”

Weber said the Congregation of the Holy Cross first went to Bangladesh (then the Bengal region of India) in 1853. A main goal was, as it continues to be today, education. This includes not only opening new schools, Weber said, but also working to fund scholarships for students, initiate meal programs and pay for teacher salaries.

Boxing, Weber said, was begun at Notre Dame in the 1920s by famed football coach Knute Rockne as a spring training regiment for his players. Later in 1931 Rockne teamed with boxing coach Dominic “Nappy” Napolitano to hold a series of bouts and donate the donations to Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. The tournament was soon dubbed Bengal Bouts.

Each year, Donaruma said, Bengal Bouts generates between $50,000 and $70,000.

“That goes a long way in a place like Bangladesh,” he said.

This year, Donaruma said, marks the $1 million mark for the boxing club.

The weekend’s premiere and its surrounding events were planned and organized largely by boxing alum Ryan as well as Weber’s mother, Karen.

Bengal Bouts alumni, Weber said, will attend a private screening of the film tonight as well as a reception, have a reserved section of the stadium at Saturday’s football game against Navy and get recognized on the field at halftime.

“The core principles of Bengal Bouts don’t graduate,” Weber said. “The passion in alumni can be directed back to the missions.”

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Former boxing club captain Pat Ryan poses during a 2008 trip to Bangladesh. The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will screen tonight at the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m.
IN BRIEF

Tyson Foods charged in labor suit

A federal court has ruled that Tyson Foods Inc. violated federal labor standards for not paying production line employees for the time it takes them to put on and remove protective and sanitary gear.

The company was ordered to pay $250,000 in damages, according to the ruling Wednesday in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. The U.S. Department of Labor, which found Tyson had improperly worked employees for a year, has considered a gauge of the pace of layoffs.

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SMC professor examines women in mathematics

By BRITTANY VANSENPON
News Writer

Saint Mary's College commemorated women in the mathematical field in the third installment of a three-part lecture series, which took place in Spes Unica Hall.

Mathematics professor Sister Miriam Cooney delivered the third lecture, titled "Issues In Math Education.

Cooney's main focus was addressing the social issues in mathematics that involve women, citing how women in the past had to deal with choosing between their marriage or career.

"It's not like that anymore," Cooney said. "Now it's marriage or career.

Cooney offered research provided by Fennema, Jane Martin and Elizabeth Tidball, which men attribute their success to talent whereas women do not.

"I was kind of surprised about these issues," sophomore Taylor Chamberlain said. "I never really thought about it before, but once I started thinking about it and applying it to myself, I really realized it's very much true."

Another stimulating issue Cooney addressed was the need for women attending universities or colleges to learn from other women in teaching positions of their chosen field of interest.

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"Her dad went to Notre Dame and her mom went to Saint Mary's," Mac Carthagh said. "I thought it would be special to propose to her here and make it a memorable moment."

While some students choose to propose on campus, others have met their future spouse at some atypical campus events.

Notre Dame senior Mike Brickl and Saint Mary's senior Kelsey Robertson met each other their freshmen year at Domenfest.

"We are probably the first people that this has ever happened to," Brickl said. Because of the stereotype surrounding Saint Mary's students and marriage, Robertson said she often receives questions about her relationship. "I didn't go to Saint Mary's to find a husband at Notre Dame," she said. "But a lot of Saint Mary's girls look at mine and Mike's relationship and get hopeful because we're an example of the myth not really being a myth."

All three couples say that being engaged does affect people's perception of them once there is a ring involved but that the fact still remains that they are students and have to go to school.

"Some of my friends gush over the fact that I'm engaged but I don't think there's really that much of a difference," Minta said. "We're not going to get married until a year or so after graduation so there's no wedding to plan."

Crecelius and Kramer said they are excited to be engaged but they are putting school ahead of wedding plans.

"I haven't had a lot of time to enjoy being engaged," Kramer said. "I'm happy but I need to focus on school."

The engagement doesn't have homework, Crecelius added.

"Being engaged students for more than a year has changed social interactions for the Brickl and Robertson.

"On-campus interactions are very different," Brickl said. "People treat us differently as a couple than they do as individuals."

While many people in the Notre Dame community feel that there is a strong "ring by spring" attitude that students feel as they get closer to graduation, Minta said she felt there was no pressure on her and Mac Carthagh, who have been together for more than three years, to get engaged.

"For us, it was more about being ready for the next official step rather than a set date; it was never about getting a ring before graduation because we knew we were going to be together," Minta said.

"I was kind of surprised about when we'd get engaged," Robertson said. "But there are others that are thinking that there is a clock ticking."

The pair, who got engaged in June 2008, will get married the Lady of Loretto Church at Saint Mary's this June.

Robertson said there was no question that they would get married in the Notre Dame community, which was an integral part of their relationship.

"This is our place," she said. "This is where we met, fell in love and where our whole relationship developed. There is nowhere else that is as special or as sacred to us."

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Friday, November 6

8:00 am Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens
9:00 am Irish Green Opens with live entertainment by the Rick Clifford Band (until 5:45 pm)
10:00 am Kids Activities: Face Painting and Balloon Twisting (until 6:00 pm)
11:00 am Kids Activities: Face Painting and Balloon Twisting until 1:00 pm
12:00 pm Visit from the ND Cheerleaders
1:00 pm Notre Dame Glee Club Performance (until 1:00 pm)
2:00 pm Irish Green Closes

Saturday, November 7

8:00 am Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens
9:30 am Irish Green Opens with live entertainment by 3rd SeSílicon (until 12:35 pm)
10:30 am Kids Activities: Face Painting and Balloon Twisting until 1:00 pm
12:30 pm Notre Dame Glee Club Performance (until 1:00 pm)
1:00 pm Irish Green Closes
2:30 pm Kickoff ND vs. Navy

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Ed Damaske's position." McManus Warnell, manager of the National Alumni Board, member and former chairman of the Notre Dame College of Business.

To speak at Notre Dame

In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after taking Tylenol pain-relief capsules that had been laced with potassium cyanide. The crime, still unsolved, eventually led to large-scale reforms in the way food and drug products are packaged and sold in the United States.

For Johnson & Johnson, the drug’s manufacturer, the “Tylenol crisis” resulted in a new level of corporate crisis management, namely, how does a company show its concern for public safety while at the same time, survive as a business in the face of controversy and fear?

John R. Mullen, a 1953 University of Notre Dame graduate and the vice president for corporate affairs who was instrumentally involved in Johnson & Johnson’s response, will speak at Notre Dame about the experience. His talk, “Leadership in a Corporate Crisis: Johnson & Johnson and Tylenol,” will take place Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at Notre Dame and is open to the public. All Notre Dame undergraduate business ethics students will attend the talk to supplement their in-class exploration of the case.

Mullen joined Johnson & Johnson’s Law Department in 1957, thereafter serving in a number of positions, including assistant counsel, assistant-secretary and vice president of personnel. He then became vice president of corporate relations, and finished his career with Johnson & Johnson in 1997 as vice president of corporate affairs.

Mullen’s Notre Dame appointments include vice president of the National Alumni Board, member and former chairman of the Notre Dame College of Business Advisory Council, member of the Alum Board, and Public Relations Council, and chairman of the Veterans’ Committee for International Peace Studies Advisory Council.
Baby found alive in box under bed

Associated Press

CHIPLEY, Fla. — Investigators spent five days searching a rural area of dense vines and marshes for a missing infant, only to find her lying quietly in a 2-foot by 3-foot cardboard box that had been shoved under her baby sitter’s bed.

Clothing was pumped around it to muffle any sounds and baking soda placed inside to mask the stench of dirty diapers.

Authorities said the baby’s mother, Christyina Lynn Mercer, gave the infant to baby sitter Susan Elizabeth Baker early Saturday, then reported her missing about 10 hours later. About 100 law enforcement agents and others spent days scouring around the baby’s home in a remote, makeshift community of dirt roads, tin-roof shacks and old mobile homes. Searches also dug through trash cans and bins.

All along, the baby was under the bed.

Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock choked up Thursday as he described how 7-month-old Shannon Dedrick was stashed in the box for 12 straight days.

“She was way back under the bed,” he said. “But she was not crying.”

Baker had written a letter to Gov. Charlie Crist’s office in August, pleading for help for the baby and claiming her father shook her and both parents did drugs in front of her. She asked Mercer a week ago if she could have permanent custody, Haddock said. Officials do not believe Shannon’s father, who is Baker’s stepbrother, was involved in the disappearance.

Haddock said Shannon apparently had been fed and cared for while she was with Baker, who lived about 12 miles from Mercer. He said Baker became a suspect several days ago but never told them where the baby was, even as they interviewed her.

Shannon appeared healthy, much to the relief of investigators.

“Once we got the hospital, five or six of us called our wives to let them know that we found the child and a lot of grown men were shedding tears,” Haddock said.

Mercer’s mother, Candis Royster, attended Thursday’s news conference and said afterward that she was there to show support for her daughter and granddaughter. “I love my daughter very deeply,” she said briefly before leaving the news conference.

At a court hearing later, family members were escorted by sheriff’s deputies and didn’t talk to reporters.

Mercer was charged with interference of child custody, desertion of a child and several other charges. Charges against Baker included neglect of a child with aggravated circumstances and interference of child custody. Bond was set at $150,000 for Baker and $75,000 for Mercer.

In separate hearings, the women and interference of child-custody agents and others spent days Saturday, then reported her Shannon was being abused less than two weeks after she was born.

Investigators frequently went to the infant’s home from August to late September and reported that both parents used marijuana and kept a messy home. But they said Shannon seemed to be cared for and in September, a physician determined she was healthy.

Susan Baker was involved in another missing child case in South Carolina more than two decades ago. She had been a baby sitter for James Baker and his now ex-wife before she married him, a family member said.

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Baker included neglect of a child and several other charges. Charges against Mercer were hung jury and against Baker turned up nothing. She and her husband, James Baker, were extradited to South Carolina in 2000 and charged with assault and battery in Paul’s disappearance, according to court documents provided by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. But a grand jury never indicted them and the child was never found.

Children’s show set to open to public

PITTSBURGH — For just this weekend, a neighborhood in this city that has lain dormant in boxes and under plastic coverings for nearly a decade, is coming back to life.

Everyone important will be there in Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood of Make-Believe: Daniel Striped Tiger, X the Owl, Henrietta Pussycat and even Mr. McFeely in the flesh.

The set is being rebuilt and opened to the public Saturday and Sunday, giving generations of Americans who grew up with Fred Rogers and his hand-knit cardigans — as well as their children who watch his reruns — a real-life look at one of TV’s most famous neighborhoods.

“It’s really an iconic part of Pittsburgh,” says David Newell, the show’s original Mr. McFeely.

The weekend marks the returning of the WQED studio, where the show was taped, after Fred Rogers. The show, now in its 41st year, is the longest-running show on public television, according to Maria Pisano, WQED’s marketing associate.

Newell and Pisano have been fielding e-mails packed with memories from people across the country and the world.

One woman from Chicago remembers visiting the set with her father as a child. Now, she plans to make the 460-mile trip to Pittsburgh this weekend with her 5-year-old son so he can have the same memory.

An American now living in Sweden wrote to Pisano to express her disappointment in missing the event. The public television station in Erie, Pa., wrote to say it is sending a bus load of members to visit the studio. A Milwaukee resident sent an e-mail just to share her memories. Pisano said.

“People are very emotional-connected to the show and their memories,” Pisano said. “It’s really amazing to see the impact.”

It’s unclear when, or if, WQED will have the opportunity to again rebuild the set in the studio where the show was filmed, since its high-definition facilities are used by clients. It was only possible to open it up to the public for one weekend, Newell said.

Replies of parts of the set exist in some places, such as Idlewild Park in Ligonier, Pa., where a trolley takes children through the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, and the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh that has a play area based on the set.

King Friday’s castle and the tree where Henrietta and X the Owl lived are on display at WQED year-round. But Lady Elaine’s Museum Round has been in storage since taping of the show ended in 2001, as has the tower and the rest of the color set.

Not only is Mister Rogers himself conspicuously absent — Fred Rogers died of cancer in 2003 at age 74 — so is the timeless trolley that has dinged along the tracks for 40 years. It’s preserved in plexiglass at the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, Pa.

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WEST BANK

Palestinian president declines to run again

Associated Press

The most attractive candidate to replace 74-year-old Abbas would likely be Marwan Barghouti. A prominent Fatah leader who was convicted of terrorism, Barghouti was also jailed for life in 2002 for his involvement in fatal Palestinian attacks.

Activists say Barghouti, the top West Bank Fatah official until his arrest, is determined to run from prison. The charismatic Palestinian was once a favorite of Israeli peace activists but turned increasingly militant. His refusal to recognize the Israeli court's right to try him, and his defiant gestures and smiles for the cameras, heightened his stature among anti-Israeli Palestinians.

He ran for president from his cell in 2004 but withdrew under pressure from Fatah leaders. Last week, the Associated Press says, he is determined to stay in the contest. Barghouti's incarceration could work both for and against him. It might be difficult for him to campaign from a jail cell, but his nomination could force his release.

Barghouti’s imprisonment has shielded him from being absorbed into the absence of a peace accord with Israel, a shattered West Bank economy and Hamas in power in Gaza.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Love thee Notre Dame

The realznt realization that I only have the privilege of serving as your Fighting Irish Leprechaun for two more home games inside Notre Dame Stadium has me in a panic. Before I have the honor of taking my final steps on that hallowed field, I would like to thank you and share with all of you the most important lesson that I have taken away from my experience here at Notre Dame.

Rocket was right when he told us that “some legendary stuff’ was about to take place inside our stadium as our Fighting Irish took on Southern Cal. On that day I came out of our tunnel ready to be all that I could be for Notre Dame, our student section came out in full force waving green and chanting “Here come the Irish” and our team came ready to fight like the true champions they are steadily becoming.

As we fought back within yards of tying the game, the overwhelming emotion of it all washed over me and I shed quite a few tears. They were not tears of sadness, but of amazement and joy as I stood in awe of the power of that moment. When the game ended I was swept away by the Notre Dame Spirit. So many times we forget about the experience here at Notre Dame.

The most important lesson that I have taken away from my position is that living in the moment with love and gratitude in your heart is the most positive development for many students.

Love thee Notre Dame.
Your Fighting Irish Leprechaun

Daniel Cole Collins
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Nov 3
Part 4 by Cory Hartmann

The 7th Annual Council of Elders of Middle Earth and Other Mythical, Magical Beings in Realms Unknown meeting, held in a mixture of bewilderment and disbelief as a stark raving madman had just inexplicably tore through the brick wall of Party Room #3 in the back of the local Toho-R-U S of Humptulips. Washington (south on Highway 4, more than a hundred and fifty years after the first boxcars picked up their angular tips behind felt Robin Hood hats as how their bows grew true, the soft swoosh of metal against leather whispered as imitation rapiers were drawn, and calloused hands nervously clutching expectant pokéballs. Their trepidation vanished from their pockmarked faces as the madman sunk that other realm of all-lowercase, and mockery, their vindication had finally arrived. The huge taste of repeated defeat hung sour on their collective tongue, and they were anxious to test the strength of their arms — magnificent specimens conditioned with years of lifting countless cans of Mountain Dew from the depths of the floor up to the height of their mouth. Never no longer, these were action deprived warriors thirsting for validation. "YOU — SHALL — NOT — PASS!" screeched Aragorn Ketchum McCloud of Tattooine, earthshaking clarion notes in the air while the action deprived warriors test the strength of their arms, magnificent specimens conditioned with years of lifting countless cans of Mountain Dew from the depths of the floor up to the height of their mouth. Never no longer, these were action deprived warriors thirsting for validation. "YOU — SHALL — NOT — PASS!" screeched Aragorn Ketchum McCloud of Tattooine. The BCS system encourages cheating.

Human nature dictates that we more selish and self-centered, and the greater the impetus to control the process that aways into a top-four ranked teams dreams depends on "acknowledging" an undefeated University of Florida Gators. While each opponent of the number-one ranked University of Florida Gators. officiating seems to favor the currently top-ranked University of Florida Gators. University of Florida Gators. coaches attract better recruits. University administrators and athletic departments can stack their golden coin bowl payouts for the conference with the nation—al champion and that they have in fact on the field with zebra-striped shirts), bowl committee, university administrators, athletic departments, booster clubs and corporate sponsors each own a piece of the regional team while trashing a truly national champion as much as the BCS. Yet as it currently stands, both the conscience and unconscious can act with bias to promote a particular team or confer- ence. Schedules are massaged to include as many home games as possible against just the right nonconference opponents to boost late-season BCS rankings. Other sport ignores the successful following of rabid NFL fans during that playoff system. Such personal chutzpah about attending two bowls makes as much sense as say- ing Gator fans are currently limited to attend either the SEC championship game or a bowl game.

The BCS stranglehold this season, like most others past, will ignore at least one team that should have been given the chance to prove its metal on the grid-iron. How long the BCS oligarchy reigns is anyone’s guess — at least until third and fourth-ranked teams unite for change. We wait until then while the BCS pushes up its two favorite teams and the rest of us are left to push up daisies.

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Looking for any weaknesses the field sizing up his enemy, the beast is dangerous enough. “Quit.” This dreadlocked hunter in the universe, Predator known to make an error in judgment throughout this tournament. Statistically, he is one of the safest players out there, rarely taking anything beyond a carefully calculated risk. This controlled offense makes him a huge threat.

**Harry.** Don’t know if preparation will be enough to take down Godzilla in this match. Looking at this beast, it’s hard to believe that anything less than a strategic air attack could take him down.

Oh wait, the Predator is closing in! Charging across the field with reckless abandon, firing energy bolts as he goes, he has found his way under the gargantuan lizard! The Predator has pulled out his blades and it appears he is swiping at Godzilla’s Achilles tendon, a daring strategy that might just pay off. I gotta admire the guts in that guy, it takes some sort of steel to run directly at that behemoth.

Oh wait, Godzilla has raised his foot! It appears the Predator has been crushed! No! He’s up again, just shaken from the fall. He’s climbing on top of the foot, he’s scaling the side, using his knives as climbing picks — what has gotten into this guy? He’s out of his mind. With an earth-shattering roar Godzilla shakes himself and the Predator has lost his grip! He’s flying through the air and oh my God, still shooting at Godzilla as he falls! Gotta love that in a player. Tracking the diminutive hunter through the air, Godzilla lets loose a laser bolt from his mouth and wait... wait... I don’t see the Predator. Could it be yes! GODZILLA HAS DONE IT!!!

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**Scene Writer**

**By Nick Anderson**

Everyone said it couldn’t be done but seventh seed Sasquatch has made it to the finals of the folklore bracket. Not only has the Sasquatch vanquished such foes as the grotesque Genie, the lovable Leprechaun and the magical Mermaid, but he has also done it in style.

His opponent, the number one seed Paul Bunyan, seemed unstoppable and un-phased by the parade of monstronites Sasquatch had stomped all over. To arrive at this mythical position, Mr. Bunyan had faced some of the most daunting challenges. He had to make an error in judgment, which so frequently results in violence. He appeared to be a clear-cut case of brains versus brawn.

Prior to the match Paul Bunyan remained confused as to whether many creatures had such distaste for him, which so frequently resulted in violence. He appeared to be a clear-cut case of brains versus brawn.

The Sasquatch went so far as to challenge Paul Bunyan, inviting the lumberjack to prove successful in the end. After all, Paul Bunyan was only “human.” He went on to clarify this statement, “only human had incredibly enormous and carrying an axe of ridiculous magnitude.”

The match-up began as one would expect with the clever Sasquatch leaving deceitful footprints all over the forest floor and waiting in anticipation for Bunyan to be fooled. Bunyan instead chose to wash his face in the lake and trim his beard with an axe, a risky endeavor by the lumberjack.

The Sasquatch almost chose this moment to emerge from the safety of the woods but thought that this was just a trick the deceivingly ignorant Bunyan had employed. Bunyan remained unaware of any such competition and moved on to wash his flannel shirt as well as his lumberjack shoes.

The unnerved Sasquatch once again snuck a peek at the enormous Paul Bunyan with his eye to the heavenly skies. The Sasquatch had planned an entire defensive game plan but could not find a way to coax Bunyan into battle.

The Sasquatch went so far as to make grunting noises and kick the giant but his ears were too high and his jeans too thick. In what was proving to be a mythical mismatch, the Sasquatch could not even get enough of Paul Bunyan’s attention to get crushed.

In a last ditch effort to get recognized, the Sasquatch lifted Bunyan’s axe with all of his strength and flailed the dangerous device at the lumberjack. The scream that emerged when the axe was lodged in the giant’s arm was one the Sasquatch would never forget, or really ever have a chance to remember as he was quickly stomped out like a burning wildfire by Bunyan’s enormous bare heel.

“Never enjoy the crunching sound,” insisted Bunyan defending his innocence in what he called a terrible mistake.

He apologized for the accident and for his own recovery, insisting that “I am a lumberjack and I’m still OK, and I plan on returning to sleeping all night and working all day.”

Hopefully he will also get excited and finally figure out the match-up system when he goes against the winner of the Mythical bracket as the number one seed and representative of the Folklore bracket.

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By SYMON RYZNER

"All good stories come to an end. Unfortunately, Cerberus's maniac run to the Elite Eight was cut short by the hydra, who ended this heartwarming Cinderella story with strength, tenacity and just a small bit of immortality."

The tournament so far has been a flurry of action ranging from violent massacres to mysterious, shadowy battles hardly known to the eyes of man. The mythology bracket has seen some of the fiercest fights, but at the final meeting of these beasts of antiquity, only two remained standing: the Hydra and Cerberus.

"Cerberus proved himself a top tier monster. Down in the Final Four, he rolled over the manticore andspanned: the Hydra and Cerberus."

Because Cerberus' main offensive weapon was a lock-jawed bite, he was never able to fully decapitate the hydra. Working his advantage over the wounded fiend, three of the heads were rendered comatose. Cerberus, the more mobile of the two, came at the miscreant from every direction. As the red, blood-slickened terrain slowed his agility, the hydra slow took control of the fight.

Once the great dog was in the hydra's deadly maw, five of the hydra's heads rent flesh from bone, leaving a sight only Michael Vick would enjoy.

"Hades, Cerberus' keeper and trainer, watched in shock as his pet was purged. A single tare rolled down the cheek of the lord of the underworld, leaving a barren patch of ground where it landed. The long walk back to the land of the dead would be lonely for this former master."

The hydra, finally defeating a worthy opponent, roared in victory. The media feared getting too close, lest being disfigured by spraying acid blood. It was assumed the brilliance was looking forward to facing Paul Bunyan in the Final Four.

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By ERIC PRISTER

"The forest took stamina," the Dragon said. "Merlin thought I would get impatient. Once again, he underestimated me."

In fact, Merlin was the one who became impatient, and growing tired of waiting, exited the forest to face the Dragon head-on. The Dragon, having seen this before, began patiently burning the forest down with his fire breath.

"The forest took stamina," the Dragon said. "After I broke his staff, I had so often done throughout the tournament. "He thought he was smarted his other, non-human opponents. Dragons resent the belief that we have less intelligence than those miniscule humans, even those with magic. He was so smart, he would have known that."

Merlin was unable to comment after the match.

The Dragon is set to face Godzilla in his Final Four matchup, a clash of two over-sized lizards with a ferocity that can only be described as cold-blooded and calculating. The Dragon said he under- stood not to underestimate his opponent.

"Merlin didn't believe I had the intelligence to defeat him," the Dragon said. "I won't make the same mistake. I have to be on my guard. I destroyed Tokyo, for God's sake."

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Anti-doping tribunal suspends Wickmayer

BRUSSELS — U.S. Open semifinalist Yanina Wickmayer was suspended for one year by a Belgian anti-doping tribunal Thursday, accused of failing to report her whereabouts to drug-testing officials three times.

The Flemish regional tribunal rejected Wickmayer’s defense of “reasonable.” Tribunal spokesman Koen Goossens said Wickmayer’s suspension takes immediate effect, but Wickmayer can appeal the decision.

The 18-ranked Belgian has denied any wrongdoing and was scheduled to appear before the Court of Arbitration for Sport. She is playing in a tournament in Ball this week.

A Belgian tennis player, 2002 Wimbledon semifinalist Xavier Malisse, also was suspended for seven days by the Flemish regional tribunal for the whereabouts rule.

Wickmayer’s suspension came as a surprise, because a prosecutor recommended she receive only a warning for missing three tests over 18 months. The tribunal said Wickmayer’s failure to live up to anti-doping rules required a suspension.

Wickmayer said last month she has had trouble with her password in the computerized system overseen by the World Anti-Doping Agency. She also said someone had once snuck into her home, but she was traveling too much to report it.

She has insisted she never missed an anti-doping test and said samples were always negative.

Wickmayer has enjoyed a breakthrough year, including her run to the semifinals at the U.S. Open after never before moving past the second round at a Grand Slam tournament. She won her first two tour titles at Estoril in May and at Lanz last month.

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Track and Field

Track chief suspended over Semenya debacle

JOHANNESBURG — The South African track chief who lied about his role in running down and assassinating Castor Semenya’s gender tests was suspended Thursday.

South African Olympic Committee and Black African National Olympic Committee officials held a meeting Monday in Pretoria, South Africa, to decide on the fate of track chief Marthinus van Staden.

The meeting also considered the file of former track and field chief association chairman and anti-doping committee chairman Jean de la Rionda, who is due to be suspended at a later date.

The committee decided not to interfere with the case of van Staden.

The Olympic committee also said it will consider holding the first South African track officials for their “disregard of Mr. Semenya’s rights to privacy.” The statement did not elaborate.

Earlier Thursday, SAAD said in a statement it wished to “publicly and unconditionally apologize to Castor Semenya and her family, the president of South Africa as well as to all South Africans for the handling of her gender verification processes and the subsequent abhorrent.”

That statement referred to recent criticism of ASA from the South African National Congress.

Semenya won the 800-meter world championships in August after the International Amateur Athletics Federation said it had ordered gender tests.

Chelani said he lied about his knowledge of the tests to protect Semenya’s privacy. Despite calls for her resignation, he received a vote of confidence from the ASA.

The 18-year-old Semenya, a student at the University of Pretoria. She has appeared in two public appearances since returning from the World Championships in Berlin.

Last month, she and other South Africans who earned medals at the world championships were honored at a dinner organized by the ANC’s Youth League.

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MLB

Lincecum facing pot charge

SEATTLE — San Francisco Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum was arrested and charged with marijuana possession before possession is immediate.

Winkler said Lincecum pitched a no-hitter, retired the first 74 batters he faced and gave up a home run to the hitting major league home run.

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NCAA Football

Oklahoma State wide receivers Jeremy Broadway, left, and Dez Bryant celebrate with the fans following the Cowboys’ 39-3 victory over Sam Houston State in 2008. Bryant will not play again this season for lying to an NCAA investigator.

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The NCAA has rejected a final appeal to reinstate Dez Bryant, and Oklahoma State (No. 19 BCS, No. 18 AP) probably has seen the last of its All-America receiver.

The NCAA rejected Oklahoma State’s appeal to reinstate Bryant on Thursday, meaning he won’t be back this season.

The junior is considered a top NFL prospect and few expect him to return for another season in Stillwater.

Bryant sat out the past five games for Oklahoma State 0-2, 3-1 Big 12 after the school ruled him ineligible for lying to an NCAA investigator looking into Bryant’s offseason meeting with former NFL player Devon Sanders.

The NCAA decided last week that Bryant should be suspended until next September, and OSU appealed to the NCAA’s Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. That group announced Thursday that it had rejected Bryant’s appeal in a two-paragraph statement that included no explanation.

The NCAA indicated in its initial decision that it was showing leniency toward Bryant, because it could have taken his eligibility away entirely.

Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season while also scoring twice on punt returns. He was ruled the only one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award left in school this year.

In a letter to the NCAA that accompanied his request for reinstatement, Bryant had asked to be allowed to play again this season and that his “punishment is not so bad that I do not get to play football again at OSU.”

“We’re obviously disappointed for Dez. As a team, we’ll move forward from here,” Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said in a statement.

Gundy had allowed Bryant to skip some team activities, including practice, because Bryant found it difficult emotionally to be around the team while ineligible.

He was in Dallas for an interview last week when the NCAA’s initial decision came out.

“Hey he’s in and out of the orbit. It’s just been a tough time for everybody.”

“He’s still working out and doing some things and somewhat on his own and somewhat with us,” Gundy added.

While Bryant was away, Brewer said, he had been “really trying to get with his family and make some decisions for him for the long haul.”

NCAA rejects Bryant’s final appeal

NCAA Football

Former NFL referee from jail

Brooksville, Fla. — Disgraced former NFL referee Tim Donaghy was a free man Wednesday after serving most of a 15-month sentence in a gambling scandal.

Pai Biderman, a consultant working with Donaghy, said he was released from Hernando County Jail in Florida. Donaghy had been jailed there since August after officials said he violated travel restrictions while living at a halfway house in the Tampa area.

A New York judge sentenced the ex-referee in July 2008 after Donaghy said he took thousands of dollars from a professional gambler in exchange for insider tips on games—including games he worked.

The 42-year-old pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce in the tips-for-payoffs scheme.

NOW calls for Raiders coach Cable to be suspended

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The National Organization for Women called on the Oakland Raiders to suspend coach Tom Cable while the team investigates allegations he has a history of violent behavior toward women.

NOW president Terry O’Neill praised the Raiders in a statement for undertaking a “serious evaluation” of charges made by Cable’s first wife, Sandy Cable, and former girlfriend, Marie Latz, that the coach physically abused them at various times during their relationships.

But she said that Cable should be suspended while that investigation proceeds. The Raiders had no comment.

“This is the National Football League,” O’Neill said in a phone interview. "Boys and girls around the country, as well as many women, look to the leaders of the NFL as our role models."
Lieberman breaks another gender barrier

Associated Press

DALLAS — The first woman to play pro basketball with guys in also has a basketball team to coach them.

In 1986, Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman was introduced Thursday as the head coach of the Dallas Mavericks, becoming the first woman to be a head coach in the NBA Development League, which will tip off next November.

The D-League team is partially owned by Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks’ president of basketball operations. Hiring Lieberman was a no-brainer, and he’s confident young men won’t have a problem taking orders from a woman — at least, not this woman.

“She’s got the skin, the experience, she knows what she’s doing — so I certainly hope she’s well beyond those issues,” Nelson said.

“Besides, if you can’t respect authority, no matter what form or color it comes in, I don’t think you’re on my team.”

Lieberman has been a basketball pioneer since she was 17, when she joined the U.S. Olympic team for the first women’s tournament, at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. She was an assistant coach at Old Dominion and in various other roles, including being a player in the minor leagues.

“In 1986, my goal was not to be a girl playing in a men’s league, it was to be a player in a men’s league,” she added.

“The D-League team is part of development league and that has supported the team. It’s a basketball pioneer and Hall of Famer continues her journey.”

NBA

Lieberman has been losing $12 million a year to use the arena, incur operating costs and run a variety of options for financial viability in this city.

The $150 million arena was officially named after the late John H. Worthington, a prominent local businessman and philanthropist.

The state Department of Development and Finance will be a critical element to ensuring healthy, competitive sports franchises in markets across the country, including Cleveland and Cincinnati in Ohio, and our priority continues to be to secure long-term financial viability in this great city,” he said.

Options in the report, produced by Stephen Buser, a finance professor from the business college at Ohio State University, include plans to continue the current ownership or public-private partnerships.

He says in the report the Blue Jackets are at a disadvantage for NHL teams for reasons including that the team must pay $5 million a year to use the arena, incur costs of managing the arena and have no access to parking revenue or payments for arena naming rights.

The $150 million arena was financed by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. It is one of the few NHL facilities in the country that is privately owned — largely because county voters wanted it that way. They have rejected taxes to issues three times between 1986 and 1997.

The team’s owners unsuccessfully asked that the current state budget include tax incentives on beer, wine, liquor and cigarettes in Franklin County to raise $65 million over the next 10 years, something state lawmakers and city and county officials, department spokesman Bob Grevey said Thursday. While nothing specific is on the table, the state recognizes the importance of keeping the team in Columbus, he said.

Lieberman because her son, T.J., is 15 and she wants to keep watching him play basketball.

“When I told him I was going to do this, he was so excited,” she said. “That was so different from when I came back last summer. He was like, ‘Ma, come on.’ But then the night I played, kids were blowing up his cell phone and he’s like, ‘Dude! I’m here with her! We’re making history!’”

The Mavericks will loan several players from their roster and obviously will have input on other signees. Lieberman said she would like to watch Mavs coach Rick Carlisle so she can run the same drills and use similar technical terms to make the transition between the teams easier on all the players.

Longtime NBA coach Del Harris will be the team’s general manager. Former slam dunk champion Spud Webb, who is from the area, will be president of basketball operations. The team has yet to be officially named.

NHL

Blue Jackets in financial trouble

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Columbus may have trouble holding onto the NHL’s Blue Jackets because the club has been losing $12 million a year to use the arena, incur operating costs and run a variety of options for financial viability in this city.

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The team’s owners unsuccessfully asked that the current state budget include tax incentives on beer, wine, liquor and cigarettes in Franklin County to raise $65 million over the next 10 years, something state lawmakers and city and county officials, department spokesman Bob Grevey said Thursday. While nothing specific is on the table, the state recognizes the importance of keeping the team in Columbus, he said.

Local voters have repeatedly rejected public financing of the center, and the tax issue will be on the November ballot again.

The team came to town nine years ago through significant private funding — much of it from the late John H. McConnell of steel finishing company Worthington Industries. McConnell died last year, leaving his son John P. McConnell at the helm of the business.
FENCING

Irish send best to USFA Juniors

By CHRIS MASOU D
Sports Writer

Following back-to-back second-place finishes in the NCAA Championships, the Irish begin this season looking to grab that elusive title. Led by sophomore epeeist Courtney Hurley and sophomore Olympic Gerek Meinhardt, Notre Dame will send its best to compete in the USFA NAC Juniors today in Kansas City, Mo. “We have a different team now,” coach Janusz Bednarski said. “One third of the fencers are new, so we are trying to find out from the individual competition in the fall and we will know their strength. There was big enthusiasm brought by the new kids coming here.”

Despite being one of the youngest teams in collegiate fencing, the Irish finished the regular season first overall before falling to Penn State in the final weekend to build up player rank-
ing and construction equipment in the winter. “From my experience, the team is very strong,” Bednarski said. “It has a blend of very good top inter-
collegiate competition in the winter.”

“Meinhardt, the youngest male Olympian in Beijing, understands the challenges attached to his nametag. “I have to focus hard against every competitor,” Meinhardt said. “Because I’m at the top, people want to bring me down.”

But Meinhardt is just a small piece of a very talented core of young Irish fencers on the men’s side, including sophomore Enzo Castellani and junior Avery Zuck. “On the women’s side, Hurley and her older sister, senior Kelley Hurley, will play an instrumental role in leading a squad balanced in talent and experience. Courtney is coming off a sen-
tional performance last weekend in the Junior World Cup event held in Montreal, bringing home the gold medal.”

“She was first on the contin-
ent in the world cup competi-
tion, which gave her a lot of points to the international standing,” Bednarski said. “It’s a good sign to win a big world cup event, and she won last year, so she keeps the level.”

Led by the only Notre Dame coach to win multiple national titles in fewer than five seasons, this year’s squad promises to give Irish fans plenty to look forward to as the season progresses.

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MLB

Matsui named World Series MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui took a meaty cut, watched the ball fly and wined when it hooked a foot foul. That’s about all that went wrong for him.

Matsui put the world in World Series MVP, earning the award by homering, dou-
bling, singing and driving in six runs Wednesday night as the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 to claim their 27th champi-
onship.

Matsui became the first Japanese-born player to win the award that started in 1925. He hit .415 for 131 with three home runs and eight RBIs. His performance in Game 6 matched the record for RBIs in a Series game. No one, however, had done it in a clincher. “It’s awesome,” Matsui said through a translator. “Unbelievable. I’m surprised myself.”

Standing on a podium in shallow center field, Matsui waved his new championship hat and shook hands with commissioner Bud Selig. Matsui won three titles in Japan and was eager to cele-
brate his first in the Bronx. “I guess it’s hard to make a comparison. When I was in Japan, that was the ultimate goal. Being here, winning the World Series, becoming world champions, that’s what you strive for here.”

“You could say that I guess this is the best moment of my life right now,” he said. “It’s been a long read and very difficult journey.”

Matsui’s two-run drive off Pedro Martinez in the second inning put the Yankees ahead for good. Nicknamed “Godzilla” back home, Matsui sent a shot to right field that banged off an advertisement on the facing of the second deck — fittingly, it was a sign for the Japanese company Komatsu, which makes min-
ning and construction equip-
ment.

After his hard foul, Matsui added a two-run single in the third and lined a two-run double off the right-center field wall in the fifth. The giant video board in center field showed fans holding Japanese signs and while the sellout crowd roared, he stood placidly at second base. Fans cheered when Matsui’s feat, matching Bobby Richardson’s 1960 mark for RBIs in any Series game, was posted on the scoreboard.

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ment for Matsui and will have a huge impact,” Murakami said.

“Ichiro Suzuki has had many accomplishments, but he’s won the most games in a single sea-
son. As the first Japanese to win an MVP in the World Series, this is a great accomplish-
ment for Matsui,” Murakami said.

“New York is a tough place to play, so this is a great achievement for him given all he has been through with injuries and missing time,” he said.

Matsui’s eight RBIs were the most in a World Series since Reggie Jackson had the same total in 1977 and 1978. “Just wonderful,” Jackson said. “He struggles to play the field now. Great, great player. Represents his coun-
try well. He’s a gentleman. He’s a class act. Great player and to put on a performance like that in what may be his last time in Yankee Stadium, you just tip your cap and enjoy it.”

Matsui left Japan and signed with the Yankees in 2003. At 35, his greatest achievement might’ve come as the final game in pin-
stripes. This year wrapped up Matsui’s $52 million, four-
year contract. It remains to be seen what the aging Yankees will do with him. Whatever happens, he cer-
tainly left his mark.

“I hope so. I hope it works out that way,” he said. “I love New York, I love the Yankees.”

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**GOLF**

**Watney leads WGC in Shanghai**

By MOLLY SAMMON Sports Writer

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**Nd Swimming And Diving**

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NEW YORK — The sign men were out bright and early at the Yankees minor league complex, sticking vinyl strips with a fresh, white “27” over the “26” that had been up on the board for nine, long years to mark the team’s total of World Series titles.

Wind caused a few problems at the Flómine complex in Tampa, Fla., but eventually the numbers were posted along with a new “2009” in what had been an open blue space below “2000.”

“It’s a ton of joy,” manager Joe Girardi said on WFAN radio later in the day. “There’s a sense of relief because you know that you could rest your mind a little bit for a while.”

Turnout and turmoil ceased in Yankeeland, at least for the moment. A 7-3 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night had brought the title back to the Bronx, etching the names of Alex Rodriguez, Hideki Matsui, Johnny Damon, CC Sabathia and others into the history books.

There may not be room for Damon, who turned 36 the next day, and the 35-year-old Matsui, especially if the Yankees land Holliday, the top available free-agent starter on the market. Damon and Holliday both are represented by the same agent, Scott Boras.

“Why are you playing well and winning, the confidence continues to build,” coach Debbie Brown said. “It makes practice more fun. It’s definitely a positive thing.”

The streak could work against the Irish, too. Because of their accomplishments, the players will enter both opposing arenas with targets on their backs.

“I think all the teams work really hard to beat us and there’s a lot of incentive,” Brown said. “It’s a big thing for them in a year where we’re playing well and we’re undefeated. We expect that both teams are going to play really, really well against us.”

Both teams have an extra motivation to come out strong — the Big East championship. The Orange (16-4, 7-3 Big East) have coasted through the conference so far this season and are its only undefeated team.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish hit the road for Big East games

By LAURA MYERS

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Notre Dame looks to bring its win streak to an even dozen this weekend as it travels to Marquette and Syracuse for its last conference road games of the season.

The Irish (16-4, 10-0 Big East) have coasted through the conference so far this season and are its only undefeated team.

“With both of these teams this weekend, especially Syracuse, it’s important for them to win in order to make the tournament,” Brown said.

“They could play Matt Holliday in right field, too,” Boras said. “He has a strong arm. They have needs for two outfielders.”

Brown said the Irish will do everything they can to keep that from happening. The Irish have played every player in more than one conference game this season and make frequent use of the bench. But that might not be the case this weekend.

Marquette and Syracuse are playing at a pretty high level right now and we don’t want to do anything that will disrupt the rhythm of the team,” Brown said. “We feel confident about a lot of the players but right now we need to put our best foot forward and continue playing our starters more.”

Brown said the team has been focusing on the fundamentals to prepare for Marquette and Syracuse.

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Irish host USF in Big East Tourney quarterfinal

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

For a team that’s managed to scrape together only two winning streaks all season, there is no better time for the Irish to start a third. A week after beating No. 8 Connecticut, Notre Dame (10-7-1, 8-3-0 Big East) will host No. 13 South Florida (12-3-2, 6-3-2 Big East) Sunday at 1 p.m. in a quarterfinal match of the Big East tournament at Alumni Stadium. The game will be a rematch of the 2008 Big East semifinals in Tampa Bay, where the Bulls defeated the Irish 2-1.

“I really think [South Florida] will be a tough test,” ninth-year coach Bobby Clark said. “We will need to have the same focus as we had last weekend against Connecticut. It is important that we concentrate on what we bring to the table and not our opponent. If we do that, we will be in good shape.”

The No. 3-seed Bulls and the No. 2-seed Irish also squared off earlier this season in a closely contested 2-1 South Florida victory in Tampa Bay. Despite heavily out-shooting the Bulls, Notre Dame could not overcome losing senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn to injury only minutes into the match in the sweltering Florida heat.

“It was a match where we were playing without both [sophomore defender] Aaron Maund and [freshman defender] Dillon Powers who were away in Egypt with the US Under-20 team for the World Cup,” Clark said. “Losing Aaron was a double blow having earlier lost [senior defender] Cory Reilich.”

While defensive injuries prevented the Irish from keeping a steady starting eleven, the Notre Dame defensive has come into its own since its early struggles.

“I feel that our defense has settled down since then,” Clark said. “Hopefully, it will provide a more stable base than back in September. I am sure that South Florida will also have grown, but we have now found our feet as a team and are beginning to hit our best form of the season.”

The Bulls are coming into Alumni Stadium after a 2-1 victory over Marquette in the opening round of the Big East Tournament Wednesday night. After staking out a 2-0 lead with goals in the 16th and 77th minutes, South Florida cruised to an easy victory over Golden Eagles, who were kept off the board until the 84th minute.

While the Irish offense should keep the Bulls on their heels throughout the match, it will be the Notre Dame defense and goalkeeping that will decide the game.

Still unresolved is the Irish goalkeeping situation during the tournament. Senior Andrew Quinn has a 3-4-1 record with a 1.23 goals against average, while fellow senior Philip Tuttle carries a 7-3-0 record with four shutouts alongside his 0.65 goals against average.

“Both lads have played well this year, and once we see fitness later in the week, we will make a decision,” Clark said. “We are very lucky that we have two first class keepers, and Will Walsh, our other keeper, is not too shabby either.”

Still, Clark acknowledged that wins or losses will result from the actions of more than just one player, and that, if Notre Dame hopes to mount a deep run in the Big East tournament, the Irish will have to play a complete game.

“To go far in tournaments, we need to have good team defense,” Clark said. “This is the springboard for success. If we defend well as a team, then we will be in good shape to transition into attack. I feel this team knows their strengths, and if we work as a tight unit, then we have the players to go far.”

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Waldrum said. “It’s gonna be difficult much defensively this year,” experience, and they haven’t given challenges for the Irish with their.“Nash has more of a role, and for Peoples, to start a game, that’s kind of new territory for him,” Brey said. “Those guys have been good trying to figure out how to play together, and we’re trying to help them with that. Last year, when we started practice, we were kind of a finished product, and we were good. (This year) we’re going to change a lot, and we have a chance to do some things. And that’s where we’re different, and they need to be patient, and I have to remember to be patient as I watch them and try to figure it out.”

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believes that the 2009 edition of the Red Storm could pose challenges for the Irish with their experience and strong defensive play. “They’ve got a roster that’s pretty senior dominated, so they’ve got experience, and they haven’t given up defensively this year,” Waldrum said. “It’s gonna be difficult.” St. John’s finds themselves in the conference tournament, “Both teams are going in with momentum and St. John’s is trying to get into the NCAA Tournament, and to do that they want to win the conference tournament,” Waldrum said. The winner of the semifinal match between Notre Dame and St. John’s will face the winner of the other semifinal match between Marquette and West Virginia for the Big East crown.

Waldrum said. “West Virginia is a high-pressure team and puts the ball around. Marquette is a passing game and try to move the ball in style as sophomore Kristy Frilling won her opening round match in the ITA National Indoor Championships Thursday. The Irish will also send a doubles pairing to the Midwest Regional Singles Championships. Frilling will next face sighted-seed

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McGlinn challenges PW in first round of playoffs

By MATTHEW ROBISON, KEVIN BALDWIN, KAITLYN MURPHY and COLIN KING
Sports Writer

In a match-up between the top-seeded team and the eighth-seeded team, Pasquerilla West (6-0) will look to continue its path toward perfection in a first round game against McGlinn (3-3). While the Purple Weasels are looking to get their season off to a better note but hopefully would have liked to finish on a high note, Katie Smith said. “We know we have the upper hand.” Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. “But in the playoffs, teams give it everything we have. We expect McGlinn to come out ready.”

The Shamrocks nearly fell to Lewis, who was playing spoiler in their final regular season game, which was essentially a playoff game for McGlinn. However, the Shamrocks have proven they have the talent to down tournament opponents and do not plan on making an early exit.

“You’re going to treat every play, every snap, like it is the last of the season,” said Curley. “We know they are a challenge.”

Weasels realize the heightened intensity of the playoff game this week, one can expect that both teams will be practicing harder and focusing more in preparation.

“We practice feels a little different,” Curley said. “We are all a little more focused.”

The games should be much more exciting. With both teams coming in with nothing to lose attitude, look for both teams to focus on the intensity of every play. Defenses will be covering tighter, receivers will be sprinting harder than usual.

The Purple Weasels and the Shamrocks will meet at LaBar Field Sunday at 1 p.m.

Pangborn vs. Farley

After beginning the season as one of the top teams, Farley’s second half was disappointing, with a loss and two ties heading into the last week of the regular season. Pangborn will look to hand the Finest (3-1-2) its second and final loss in the regular season of the playoffs on Sunday.

“We had a good season,” Farley’s head coach said. “We struggled last week, but being back Katie Smith said. “We want to finish strong and I think we’ll be back in the playoffs.”

The Finest’s biggest asset has been their resilient defense, neutralizing opponents’ passing games with their defensive backs’ superior ability to reel in interceptions, largely led by Smith. Their roster also has the advantage of depth, key plays are not limited to just a few main contributors.

“Our talent is pretty spread out through the team, anyone can come up with big plays when we need them to,” Smith said.

Farley will need a strong defensive performance to stifle the Pyros offense. The Phoxes have had success with a balanced approach. Junior quarterback Gabby Tate has proven herself to be versatile as she has been showcasing all aspects of the game.

“We’ve been working towards the stadium from day one. Our team has meshed together really well so we’re glad we get to play more games together,” sophomore wide receiver Gabby Coney said.

Whatever comes out top on Sunday will play the winner of Pasquerilla West and McGlinn next week.

Pasquerilla East vs. Walsh

Sunday’s playoff match-up between Pasquerilla East (3-2-1) and Walsh (5-5) will showcase two of the best quarterbacks in the league.

The Pyros’ senior quarterback Tara Pillai hopes to bring the team their first playoff victory since 2007. On the other side of the field, the Wild Women will rely on talented junior quarterback Amy Langnecker to generate big plays.

Walsh’s senior captain Molly McCarthy said that Langnecker’s primary targets will be senior Sierra Smith and junior Lindsay Schanzer, both of whom out-performed many defenses they faced this season. Senior defensive end Kim Bugos and junior linebacker Carolyn Leary will lead the Wild Women’s defense against an aggressive Pasquerilla East squad.

McCarthy emphasized the high level of dedication and spirit among the Wild Women as they get ready to take on Pasquerilla East.

“We’re working hard to make sure we’re prepared,” she said. “Our team is pretty diverse in terms of age, so we’ve got a great combo of fresh enthusiasm and talent from our new girls and know-how, grit and desire from our older girls.”

Not only has Walsh out-performed all but one of the teams they faced on the field this season, but McCarthy argues that the character of the team far surpasses any other.

“For such a small dorm, I think it’s very telling when you see around 30-40 girls show up for each game,” McCarthy said.

Pillai said her team has the willpower to win.

“Walsh is our biggest test so far and we’ve got to drive hard and focus on what we can control on every play. Defenses will be covering tighter, receivers will be sprinting harder than usual,” Pillow said.

Those early scores will be tough to come by against the Howard defense. The Ducks (6-0) have made their mark playing stingy defense, pressuring opponents into turnovers and mistakes while an opportunistic offense looks to cash in.

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Howard vs. Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh (3-3) looks to spoil undefeated Howard’s title chances in the first round of playoffs Sunday.

The Chaos are led by an experienced group of seniors and the sophomore quarterback to wide receiver connection of Rebecca Cink and Brittinia Alexander, respectively.

“Rebecca has been able to scramble and run really well,” Alexander said. “She’s also made really good decisions with the ball all year long.”

In order for Cavanaugh to have a shot against Howard, Alexander, and Cink must come up big. The Chaos have noticed a trend during the regular season as the offense goes, so goes the team.

“The offense has executed well this season in our three wins,” Cink said. “When we’ve struggled, it has been in rainy weather that has been difficult to pass the ball in. If we get a couple scores early, we should be fine.”

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ate ligament (ACL) and meniscus, putting him out of commission for the season. Though he could not play, Sullivan assumed the role of defensive backs coach and has played a large role in the defense’s success. [Sullivan’s] [injury] was a pretty big hit for the secondary,” senior cornerback Jeremy Bruck said. “After that, we rallied together and things turned out okay.”

Bruck also said Sullivan’s coaching was a large reason why the secondary still performed so well.

“Even though he was injured, he really stepped up.” Bruck said. “He’s the reason we are where we are today.”

Even the rest of the defense credits the secondary as the X-factor of the defense’s success. “Everything starts with the defensive backs,” junior linebacker Reid Mahoney said. “They come ready to play and we all like to hit hard.”

With the secondary playing at such a high level, the Otters focus on stopping the run and forcing the opposing team to pass against what coach Joe Westerhaus called a very disciplined secondary.

Sorin defense hates Christmas,” said Mahoney, adjusting his metaphor accordingly. “We’re ready for Sunday.”

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likely to see action this weekend.

“We’re hoping that he practices next week,” Jackson said.

“arly rectress. Sister Sue left Notre Dame 0 and captured the top seed in any sort of trouble.”

Sister Sue left Notre Dame after the 2008 school year, but her legacy has lived on. This year, the Weasels are 6-0 and captured the top seed in their division heading into the playoffs, and as the captians said, this might be the best Weasel team to date.

In the past, we’ve had some really talented players, but we always had some weak spots,” Curley said. “This year we have the most spread out athleticism I’ve ever seen. Our defense has been unouchable and our offense, when it gets going, is almost machine-like.”

The girls have also grown particularly close off the field. They regularly have team dinners and get-togethers to hang out, talk football strategy, and get any disorientation out of the way before their game.

“The team camaraderie is by far the best since we’ve been here,” Curley said. “Unity-wise, we are the best Weasel team to date.

The girls will start their quest for championship number three when they face McGlinn (3-2-1) Sunday at 1 p.m. Among other things, the Weasels will be looking to consolidate the notion that they are the best Weasel football team ever described, truly a “dynasty.”
Men’s Interhall Football

Vermin, Juggerknotts chase elusive playoff win

By ANDREW OWENS, CHRIS ALLEN, MEGAN FINNERAN and BARRICK BOLLMAN
Sports Writer

Carroll and Knott meet in the first round of the playoffs Sunday, and both will be playing for one of the biggest wins in recent dorm history.

Neither the Vermin (2-0-2) nor the Juggerknotts (3-0-1) have lost this season, but it has been since years since either won in the playoffs.

Carroll junior captain Nick Ruof said the Vermin relish the chance to be victorious in the postseason.

“It’s extremely important to Carroll Hall,” he said. “We’re playing for pride. We won’t be happy campers out in the middle of nowhere if we lose.”

The Vermin defense has anchored the team all season long and they hope for the unit to continue to play hard-nosed defense Sunday.

“The defense has been extremely important to our team,” Ruof said. “Defense wins championships, and that’s what we want to do.”

Ruof also acknowledged that the Juggerknotts will provide the Vermin with a unique challenge and that Carroll will have to play a complete game to win.

“The key to beating Knott is playing good football, converting on all our possessions and not making mistakes,” he said.

Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said Knott senior is ready for 2009 to be the year that it wins its first playoff game.

“We have a lot of young energy that has contributed to the strong season we have had,” he said. “We are confident in our players.”

Although the Juggerknotts are seeded above Carroll, the third seed against the sixth seed, Fitzgerald said the team will take nothing for granted.

“We need to keep playing how we have been playing all season,” Fitzgerald said. “We want to play our game and if we do that we will have our chances. At practice this week we’ve been going over plays and making sure we know our assignments.”

Carroll and Knott come from different divisions, so the two teams are not familiar with each other.

“It will be a little different than what we’ve played,” Fitzgerald said. “When we play teams in our league we know what types of plays they run and how their defense works. We don’t have to worry about that as much.”

The Vermin and Juggerknotts will play Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field with the winner advancing to play either Sorin or Siegfried.

Stanford vs. St. Edward’s

Two years removed from its last Interhall championship, Stanford (4-0) knows what it takes to succeed in the postseason. When the Griffins face St. Edward’s (2-2) Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, they will try to prove it.

“We have a lot of players left from the team that won two years ago,” senior captain Chris Gill said. “The players from last year’s team made the playoffs also. We all know what to expect. Being the top seed, we know [St. Edward’s would] love nothing more than to come out and beat us.”

Stanford will come out with the balanced attack that has placed them at the top of the bracket, led by junior quarterback Tony Rizzo. The defense, which stifled opponents all season, will try to stop an unpredictable St. Ed’s attack, but the Griffins are prepared.

“We’re ready for anything,” Gill said. “We just have to come out and play the way we’ve been playing and get out to an early lead. Our defense will have to play up to its standard.”

As the top seed playing a team that squeaked into the playoffs, Stanford might be tempted to overlook the Gentlemen, but Gill knows too well the experience danger this match-up can be.

“My freshman year we were the eighth seed and went out and beat the one seed,” Gill said. “It’s Interhall football so anybody can beat anybody. We have to play like they are the best team we will face all season.”

St. Edward’s knows it faces a challenge in facing the top-seeded Griffins, but is not intimidated.

“We haven’t really seen them, being in a different division, so all our information is hearsay and rumour,” St. Edward’s coach Cameron Hogue said. “It comes down to executing our game plan. We’re going to play our game and make Stanford adjust to us.”

Hogue also dismissed the David vs. Goliath connotations that being a low seed playing the higher seed would conjure up.

“Being the lowest seed doesn’t add motivation for us,” Hogue said. “It’s still Interhall football and all it takes is two big plays to win the game.”

The top-seeded Griffins will take on the Gentlemen Sunday at Riehle Field at 1 p.m.

Sorin vs. Siegfried

One of the best defenses in league history will look to knock the defending champions out of the playoffs in the first round Sunday when Sorin (3-0-1) meets 2008 champion Siegfried (2-1-1).

With single elimination dictating who continues to the next round, this game begins the first of three very important weekends. Only one team will advance to the next step on the path to the Stadium.

Sorin has consistently looked to sophomore Matt Pepe to make key catches and put points on the board, along with freshman Ryan Robinson, senior Rob Gallic and numerous other men who have worked to make the Otters’ offense a strong one.

But the biggest reason for Sorin’s undefeated season lies not in its offense, but in its stalwart defense, led by junior lineman Matt Gamber.

In four games, the Otters have repeatedly stopped teams from converting on fourth down with blocks and interceptions. They have yet to allow a single point to any team in its four games.

“Coming in as a freshman, it’s pretty exciting to have a team do so well,” freshman Killian Fraley said. “It’s nice when a team can come together like this and work hard to stop our opponents.”

While Siegfried does not have a flawless defense, its offense has proven itself time and time again, scoring at least one touchdown every game thus far. The Ramblers mainly look to junior quarterback Matt Meinert to make things happen, moving the ball through both the passing and running game.

Defensively, they have only given up a total of 16 points, thanks in large part to players like junior defensive lineman Dan Scime.

“We’re all really excited that it’s the playoffs now and we want to keep the championship trophy in Siegfried,” freshman David Whitmore said.

Sorin and Siegfried will play at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Field.

Morrissey vs. Dillon

In one of the most evenly matched games of the first round, Dillon (3-1) will play Morrissey (3-1) in a match-up of a strong defense against a versatile offense.

Dillon has been a dominating force throughout the season, blowing out O’Neill, Keenan and Keshug. In each contest, the Big Red held their opponents scoreless while scoring multiple touchdowns. Their only loss came at the hands of undefeated and unified Stanford 12-7. The key to their success has been a solid defense, giving up only seven points all season.

“Games are won and lost in the trenches,” junior captain Jordan Sumner said. “We have played well on the offensive and defensive line all year.”

Morrissey hasn’t been as dominant throughout the entire sea- son. After blowing out an over-matched Alumni team in the beginning of the year and easily dispatching still-forming Duncan, Morrissey beat defending champion and perennial powerhouse Siegfried 9-7. However, in their last game of the season, the Minors suffered a defeat to Knott Hall, hamstrung by mental lapses.

After the mental mistakes cost them the game against the Juggerknotts, Morrissey’s goal in the playoffs is to win and have a very simple plan to accomplish that objective.

We want to score points … touchdowns preferably,” senior captain Phil Yuhas said. “On defense, we need to reap some souls and not let the other guys in the end zone.”

Both teams recognize the importance of the playoffs, which is the goal of every team at the start of the season.

“The playoffs are the real sea- son,” Yuhas said. “Special things happen in the playoffs that don’t happen in the sea- son.”

The two teams will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field with a semifinal berth at stake.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame makes trek to Alaska for two-game set

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The Irish travel 3,500 miles to Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend for a two-game CCHA series against the Nanooks in the second weekend of conference play. "It's nice to get away from home," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson joked. "But not this far away."

One of the biggest goals for the No. 9 Irish (4-3-1, 1-0-0 CCHA) this weekend will be to finally light the lamp during even strength play. Of the five goals the Irish scored against Ohio State last weekend, four were on the power play and one was an empty-netter.

"It's kind of evolved now where we've got guys pressing," Jackson said. "We've got guys where they don't score, they tighten up on the sticks, and all of a sudden they're trying to do too much or shooting the puck from bad angles."

Senior captain Ryan Thang echoed Jackson, saying that the team's even strength woes were more about mentality than anything else.

"It's just a matter of time," Thang said. "We've just got to stay positive." This weekend may not be the best set of circumstances for the Irish to break their slump, though, as Alaska (5-0-1 CCHA) has only given up an average of 1.2 goals per game this season.

"It's going to be tough," Thang said. "Alaska's playing great." Part of the Nanooks' success defensively can be attributed to sophomore goalie Scott Greenham, who has given up only seven goals on the season with a .949 save percentage. The situation in the Notre Dame goal is slightly murkier, however. Junior Brad Phillips, the presumed starter coming into the season, has started five games for the Irish with a 2.18 goals against average. Freshman Mike Johnson, though, has looked impressive in his two starts, with only one goal allowed and a .982 save percentage. Jackson said that both were

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Playoffs?!

Stout Otter defense ready for Ramblers

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If the old adage "Defense wins championships" is true, Sorin's first round playoff game against Siegfried should be nothing more than a speed bump on the road to a championship in a few weeks. The Otters (3-0-1) enter the playoffs undefeated and looking to shut down opposing offenses.

Junior midfielder Erica Santoro keeps the ball away from a Louisville defender during the Irish's 1-0 victory Sept. 27.

"It's going to be tough," Brey said. "It's energizing. There are new things to talk about every day, as somebody does something and you say "Wow, I didn't know he could do that. Maybe we should tweak things." I'm still trying to figure out our identity a little bit and we're still going to be trying to do that, but it's a fun atmosphere to work in."

Since the start of practice, Brey has looked to five upper-classmen to fill in the spots around Harangody and Jackson— seniors Jonathan Peoples and Ben Hansbrough, along with juniors Tyone Nash, Garren Scott and Tim Abromaitis — each of whom will need to prove himself to earn his role on the squad.