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Students face eviction from Turtle Creek

New amendment hits home; ND calls its involvement unlikely

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

In the first visible legal result of last summer's controversial disorderly house ordinance amendment, six Notre Dame students returned from fall break last weekend to find eviction notices waiting for them at their homes in Turtle Creek Apartments.

The six residents of three Turtle Creek apartments are now fighting a court battle after host-

ing parties the weekend of Sept. 9-10 where the Indiana State Excise Police issued about 100 underage drinking citations, South Bend Assistant City Attorney Ann-Carol Nash said Tuesday.

The city sent the students notices to abate about a week after the citations "as a confirmation that alcohol-related violations of state law had taken place," Nash said.

The eviction notices, filed in court Oct. 21, were sent by Turtle Creek Management, Nash said.

Judy Stowell, director of communications for Turtle Creek, declined to comment on the situation Tuesday.

"Turtle Creek Management

cannot comment on pending legal actions," she said. "It's a company policy."

One of the students facing eviction told The Observer Tuesday he was advised by his attorney not to comment until discussions with Turtle Creek attorneys have been completed. The Observer was unable to contact the other students Tuesday.

Nash declined to give a timetable of the legal proceedings.

For student body president Dave Baron, it's difficult to watch the evictions unfold.

"I was extremely disappointed," said Baron, who fought the amendment during the summer along with a small group of stu-

dent government representatives. "But [eviction] is something I had foreseen as being encouraged as the resolution was passed."

The amendment, passed by the South Bend Common Council on July 25, tacked on a list of alcohol-related violations to the current list of activities prohibited by the city's disorderly house ordinance — and allows the city to send tenants a notice to abate after just one noise violation, while the previous ordinance required three.

If prohibited activities reoccur after the first notice, the amendment gives the city the ability to

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Stadium restoration approved

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

The Board of Trustees (BOT) recently approved a restoration project to begin this spring on one of the University's most well-known, and most visited, campus spots — Notre Dame Stadium.

"Notre Dame Stadium is a legendary landmark in American athletics, home to more Heisman Trophy winners and All-Americans than any other football venue in the nation," Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said in a statement. "It is incumbent upon us to both preserve a building that is filled with many special memories for our athletes, students, alumni and fans, and ensure its structural integrity for decades to come. We will do that in a way that is architecturally consistent, technically thorough, and fiscally prudent."

A four-phase, four-year project to repair parts of the original bowl of Notre Dame Stadium, which has been the home of Irish football since 1930, was deemed necessary by consultants with knowledge about stadiums, said James Lyphout, vice president for business operations.

"The original seating bowl is 75 years old and has been exposed to the elements, including thousands of freeze/thaw temperature cycles, during its life."

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New ticket distribution system to debut



The Leprechaun Legion cheers last season. This year's ticket distribution has more steps to obtain a student booklet.

Basketball vouchers will be handed out at 'Late Night with the Legion' event tonight

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Dwindling student attendance at men's basketball games last year motivated the significant change in how students will acquire ticket booklets to watch the Irish in action this season, organizers said.

Contrary to past seasons, students now have two responsibilities to acquire basketball ticket booklets.

Students must first attend "Late Night with the Legion," held tonight at the Joyce Center from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. to pick up a redeemable ticket voucher.

They are then required to redeem their ticket vouchers for student ticket booklets this Thursday and Friday.

Matt Walsh, chair of student government's University affairs committee, said the new process has the dual purpose of promoting the men's basketball program while ensuring a "more equitable" means of ticket distribution.

Walsh said the new procedure was implemented primarily because student attendance at home basketball games dropped in comparison to the previous year. Organizers from both student government and the Leprechaun Legion hope the event will boost support for the program.

"It will hopefully get people pumped up about the upcoming season, and in doing so, get them to attend more home

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Seminar students go on popular Appalachia trip

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Nearly 200 Notre Dame students traveled to Appalachia during fall break to participate in the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) Appalachia Seminar, making it the most popular out of the experiential and service-learning courses offered by the Center.

During the immersion experience, the students were divided into groups of approximately 10 people

and dispersed to 19 different work sites in Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Applications for the one-credit seminar were due the first week of the school year and students were accepted based on their academic standing, said Angela Miller-McGraw, director of the Appalachia Seminar.

In addition to attending the actual fall break immersion seminar, students must attend pre and post immersion classes. During these classes, Miller-McGraw said students read assigned materials relevant to the subject matter and submit a writing component. These extra components distinguish the seminars from being defined as a service trip and allow the students

to receive one credit.

"It is very important to recognize the fact that the CSC sponsors seminars, which allow students to gain credit hours through course work and service-learning immersion," Miller-McGraw said. "This is different from a service trip, which is strictly volunteering."

Junior site leader Lucy Summerville worked primarily on renovating a house. Summerville, along with her 11 group members, also volunteered at local schools and nursing homes to experience the culture of Appalachia.

"The trip was excellent," Summerville said. "Everyone worked together so well. We were able to

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Students work at the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW) as part of a fall break Appalachia Seminar.

INSIDE COLUMN

Tales of the Rails

I took the 11-hour overnight Amtrak #48 train home to Syracuse for fall break.

When daylight broke through the window after a long night of tossing and turning, I went to the dining car for coffee and an impromptu lesson in the pervasiveness of Notre Dame foot-

Katie Perry

Assistant News Editor

ball.

"Mind if I join you?" an elderly man asked as he took a seat across from another man of comparable age with large wire-rimmed glasses.

"You'll have to speak louder — hard of hearing," he said.

"Mind if I join you?"

The man with the wire-rimmed glasses nodded as he gazed out the window.

"I've never been a fan of upstate," he said as we sped away from the Buffalo station. "I'm from the city — New York that is."

"Well you must be quite the mover," his new friend said with a grin.

"If that were the case I wouldn't get mugged so often," the man with the wire-rimmed glasses said.

"Maybe it's time to relocate to someplace safer," suggested the other man.

"Oh no I couldn't. I've never lived anywhere else."

"New York is not such a bad place to be stuck," the other man said.

"I'll drink to that," the man with the wire-rimmed glasses said. "I'll drink to anything. On third thought, I'll drink anything — and it tastes better when someone else picks up the tab!"

"I've heard that one before," the man replied.

"Well pin a rose on your nose," the man with the wire-rimmed glasses said as he reached for the newspaper and thumbed through to the sports section.

"Hey, Notre Dame," he shouted across the aisle to me.

I put my coffee down and looked up. Either my sweatshirt and baseball cap gave me away, or he was one of the 50 people in my car who wanted to throw me onto the tracks at 4:30 a.m. after an unfortunate "bag shift" set off my singing ND keychain.

"Tough loss kid, but no reason to hang your head," he said. "To tell you the truth, I never thought I'd see the return of Irish football — not like this at least."

The other agreed and the two men spent the next hour gushing over do-you-remember-when's and how-about-that-season's. They were immediately lost in a sea of nostalgia.

It's then I realized how much Notre Dame football is about history and tradition. It's about something so universal and so American that it gives apple pie and Jimmy Stewart a run for their money.

"It's good to be back, ain't it kid?" the man in the wire-rimmed glasses said.

I smiled and handed him my musical keychain. Suddenly, the fight song filled up the cabin as we chugged toward New York — although still very much in a South Bend state of mind.







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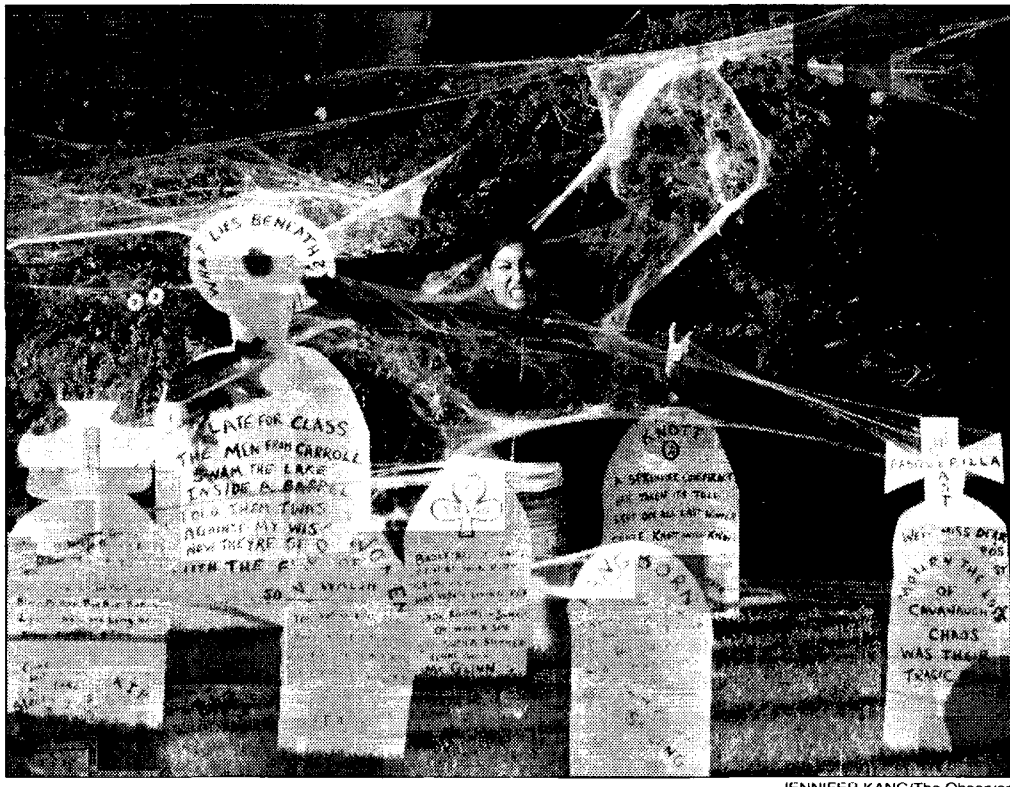
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT CLASS DO YOU WISH WAS OFFERED?

					
Becca Teeter	Okechi Ogboukin	Jason Dehaemers	Mike Podgajny	John Duffy	Chris Adam
sophomore Cavanaugh	junior Cavanaugh	freshman Sorin	sophomore Zahm	junior Sorin	senior Keough
"Dating Casually 101."	"The Art of Killing Bugs and How Not to be Afraid of Them."	"Tetherball."	"Lon Record Power Conditioning 101."	"The Art of Exploring John Duffy from Back to Front."	"Organizational Leadership and Supervision ... like the Purdue quarterback."



Freshman Ashlyn Izumo from Pasquerilla East plays in the graveyard set up in front of Howard Hall as part of a Halloween display Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Potty peeper escapes jail sentence

NORTH CONWAY, N.H. — A Maine man arrested after he was found peering at a teenage girl at a rest-stop outhouse pleaded no contest to criminal trespass, and a judge urged him to seek help for whatever drove him to climb into the waste-filled toilet.

Gary J. Moody was given a 30-day sentence that will be suspended if he maintains good behavior for two years. In exchange for his plea, disorderly conduct charges against Moody will be dropped, as well, if he stays out of trouble.

Moody, 45, of Pittston, Maine, was arrested on June 26 after a 14-year-old girl reported hearing a noise and then seeing a face looking up at her from the pit toilet on U.S. Forest Service property in Albany.

District Court Judge Pamela Albee cited Moody's public humiliation from the ensuing publicity in choosing not to send him to jail.

Woman says cat saved her from fire

NORA SPRINGS, Iowa — Linda Froning's cat may have shared one of its nine lives.

Froning said she was asleep on a couch last Thursday morning when her cat jumped on her, waking her up to a house full of smoke.

Froning said she called her son, Jamie, a Nora Springs volunteer firefighter who works for Mason City.

Jamie Froning said he told his mom to get out of the house and then called the fire department.

The house was full of smoke when he showed up, he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Welsh Family Hall will be hosting Father Eugene Gorski for a discussion called "Experiencing God's Presence" at 7 p.m. in Welsh's Family Room today.

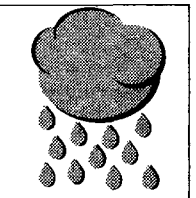
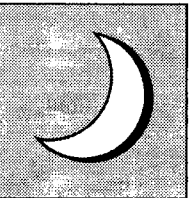
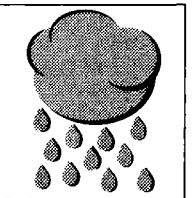
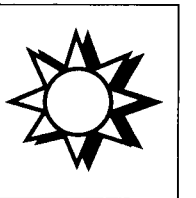
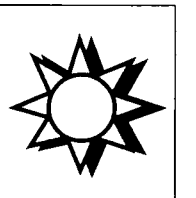
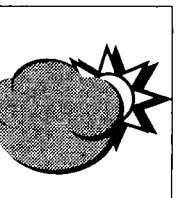
Imam Feisal Rauf, president of the American Sufi Muslim Association, will give the lecture "Healing the Divide between Islam and the West" today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium.

The Notre Dame Glee Club Fall Concert will take place at 8 p.m. Friday in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The concert is presented by the Department of Music. Tickets are \$3 for students, faculty, staff and senior citizens.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, will present the 2005 Terrence Keeley Vatican Lecture at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz will speak on Dec. 15 at Goddard Auditorium on Earlham College's campus. The event is presented by Wernle Children's Home of Richmond, Ind., a nonprofit behavioral healthcare facility. Tickets are \$40. For tickets or more information, call Todd Knight at (765) 939-4576.

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Students partake in service seminars over fall break

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

While some students may view fall break's purpose as rest and relaxation, many others use their time off to better themselves and their communities through volunteer work.

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) offers students a variety of seminar options that allow students to participate in a weeklong service-learning immersion during break. This year, the CSC offered the Gospel of Life Seminar,

Washington Seminar on Health Care in America, Global Health Initiative Seminar, Cultural Diversity Seminar and the Gullah Seminar, along with their most popular Appalachia Seminar.

Sophomore political science major Katie McLough went to Washington, D.C. as part of the Washington Seminar on Health Care in America with 17 other students to listen to political representatives and independent groups discuss issues surrounding prescription drug plans and rising costs.

"Most [students] who went on this trip are pre-med or biology majors who wanted to figure out how health care issues would affect them in the future," McLough said. "I went because I wanted to learn more about the issue, and clarify where I stand on [government] prescription plan policies."

The CSC seminars are not students' only opportunity to volunteer during fall break.

ACE staff representative Tony DeSapio worked with 17 Notre Dame students to help reconstruct

five ACE schools in the towns of Biloxi and Pascagoula, Mississippi.

"Students took away a lot from this project," DeSapio said. "They witnessed what people are sacrificing to keep these schools going."

The group volunteered at schools located further from the coast that had recovered from Katrina's wrath. They also aided in the rebuilding process for schools that were completely destroyed.

Due to the success of this trip, ACE has committed to doing a similar trip each fall in one of the 30 cities where their schools are located.

"Our program really makes an impact when [students] comes into an area that can use our help,"

DeSapio said.

Sophomore David Gruener felt a strong urge to volunteer in New Orleans after he witnessed the damage done to the area. He was able to completely gut and repair a church in New Orleans with a group of volunteers from his home state of Washington.

The group chose to repair the church to give community members a focal point of hope when everything else seems hopeless.

"The trip was amazing. It was a very humbling experience to see all of the devastation down in New Orleans. Being able to help in any way possible was a blessing," Gruener said.

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Notre Dame team wins 'Fed Challenge'

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

Five Notre Dame undergraduate students outdid a Indiana University team to win the Oct. 17 Indiana state "Fed Challenge," which tested their knowledge of how the Federal Reserve creates policy to foster a strong and stable economy.

The challenge, which is a preliminary competition testing students' knowledge, took place at the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The students, Leah Cogswell, Claire Gasperetti, Mark Hockley, Daniel Klute and Jenna Leary, were coached to victory by Notre Dame associate professor of economics and policy studies Dr. Frank Bonello.

The team had 20 minutes to present their analysis of the United States' current economic situation including a forecast and a monetary policy recommendation. They then defended their analysis to a panel of professional economists in a 15-minute question and answer period.

A panel of economics experts

chose team members and invited all economics majors to apply. The 12 individual applicants went through the same presentation and questioning process that the actual competition consists of and were narrowed down to the five team members.

This is only the second year Notre Dame has sponsored a team, Bonello said, stressing the advantages of student participation in the competition.

"We wanted to be involved in the competition because we believe that it provides students with an excellent and unique extracurricular educational opportunity," he said.

Many students became involved with the Fed Challenge to learn more about monetary policy and to keep their knowledge of the current economic system up-to-date.

"My participation in the Fed challenge will help me with my research skills, deductive reasoning and public speaking skills regardless of my future career," said Cogswell, a senior economics and mathematics major who has participated in the challenge for two years.

Students said being on the team required a big time commitment to prepare for the challenge.

"We prepared by meeting at least once a week as a team, working together on our economic analysis, giving practice presentations and answering questions from guest judges," Cogswell said.

Making sure the presentation is kept as up-to-date as possible is an important aspect of the challenge, Klute said.

"We had to read just about every news article about the economy that we could find," said Klute, a senior economics major.

By winning the state competition, Notre Dame's team has earned the right to compete at the district competition in Chicago on Nov. 7. The team will compete against four other state champions, with the winner going to compete at the national level in Washington, D.C.

Moody's Investor Services will award cash prizes at the national competition. They have indicated that they will award \$25,000 to the first place team, \$15,000 to the second place team and \$7,500 to the third place team. The prizes are to be split between the winning team and their school.

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Tickets

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games ... It will hopefully lead to more student tickets being released in upcoming years," Walsh said. "We also hope the new procedure will allow the most dedicated fans a greater chance to secure tickets."

Walsh said during the summer, student government members researched other peer institutions to see how they approached similar issues with basketball programs and ticket distribution.

"We found that ND was pretty much the only large [NCAA Division I] school that did not do an event such as the one [tonight]," he said.

The first annual "Late Night with the Legion" is a free event that will feature the official Notre Dame men's basketball walk-on tryouts, an opportunity to compete in a shooting contest with the players and a venue to interact with team members and coaches.

Vouchers will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis at the end of the event. In order to ensure those who arrive first receive vouchers, wristbands will be distributed when students enter the event at Gate 11.

Students are allowed to bring up to two IDs, including their own, to obtain two vouchers.

A voucher received at the event will guarantee a student ticket booklet — as well as a complimentary Leprechaun

Legion T-shirt — granted the student redeems it Thursday and Friday at the Joyce Center Gate 10 box office between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Students may bring up to four vouchers and IDs redeemable for up to four student ticket booklets.

But organizers said the availability of these vouchers will be limited.

"Many students have voiced concern that more tickets should be made available solely for students to attend home games," Walsh said. "However, since attendance dropped [last year], the Ticket Office — rightfully so — was not going to give out more student tickets."

As in previous years, 2,700 vouchers — and ultimately ticket booklets — will be available at the event. Walsh said it is important for students to note that Notre Dame distributes "many" more student tickets than "almost every" D-1 school.

A big problem in years past, especially last year, was that many students purchased a ticket booklet for the entire season but only attended a few games, Walsh said.

"[For that reason] we are going to implement a ticket share program this year, hopefully online at ndbay.com, but [student government] is still working on the details," he said.

Walsh said student government collaborated with the Leprechaun Legion, head basketball coach Mike Brey and the ticket office in the organization and implementation of

the new ticket process.

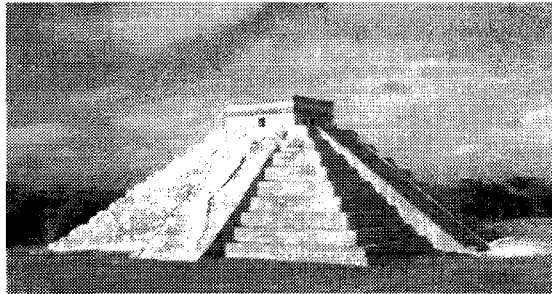
"The new system is a result of research by some of my committee members, discussion at Student Senate last year, discussion and planning within my committee and an

overall desire to put on such an event from all parties involved," Walsh said.

The Irish will tip off the season on Nov. 3 at a home opener exhibition game against Lewis University. As in previ-

ous years, student seating will be via general admission within designated student sections.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rice advises Israel to loosen border

OTTAWA — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice suggested Tuesday that Israel must loosen controls at border crossings to allow freer passage for Palestinians and economic development in areas that would one day be an independent Palestinian state.

Rice spoke in the Canadian capital a day after reports that a top Mideast envoy had criticized Israel for moving too slowly on negotiations to open borders around the Gaza Strip.

Israel withdrew troops and settlers from Gaza over the summer after nearly 30 years. The territory, now under Palestinian control, is on the other side of Israel from the larger Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank, and Palestinians must cross Israel or go through Egypt to pass between the two areas.

U.N. threatens Syria with sanctions

UNITED NATIONS — The United States, France and Britain on Tuesday demanded that Syria detain government officials suspected of involvement in the assassination of a former Lebanese prime minister and ensure their cooperation with a U.N. probe or face possible sanctions.

The call was contained in a strongly worded draft resolution that orders Syria to make the officials or individuals "fully and unconditionally available" to a U.N. probe that has accused Syria of obstructing its work.

That language was a clear attempt to pressure Syria into giving the U.N.-backed investigators access to top security officials — possibly including the brother-in-law of President Bashar Assad — who may have been involved in Hariri's slaying.

Mexico warns of flu crisis possibility

OTTAWA — Mexico's health minister urged wealthy nations to help provide flu drugs to the developing world, saying Tuesday that the divide between the rich and the poor would be catastrophic in the event of a global bird flu pandemic.

"I think the ethical, the political, the future security implications of the situation where only the wealthy countries have access to vaccines and drugs would be unimaginable," Julio Frenk told The Associated Press on the sidelines of a conference to prepare for a global flu pandemic.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress debates torture ruling

WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiators are feeling heat from the White House and constituents as they consider whether to back a Senate-approved ban on torturing detainees in U.S. custody or weaken the prohibition, as the White House prefers.

Led by Vice President Dick Cheney, the Bush administration is floating a proposal that would allow the president to exempt covert agents outside the Defense Department from the ban.

Meanwhile, some newspapers are calling for lawmakers to support Sen. John McCain's provision that would bar the use of "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" against anyone in U.S. government custody, regardless of where they are held.

Group airs anti-Miers commercial

WASHINGTON — A conservative group opposing Harriet Miers bought \$250,000 of television and radio time Tuesday to broadcast an advertisement nationwide calling for President Bush to withdraw his nominee for the Supreme Court.

The White House said it was standing behind Miers. "She is going to be going before the Senate Judiciary Committee in less than two weeks," Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said. "She looks forward to answering their questions. And I think that people should not try to rush to judgment on it."

Death toll in Iraq reaches 2,000

President Bush warns the public and the military to expect more casualties

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The American military death toll in the Iraq war reached 2,000 Tuesday with the announcements of three more deaths, including an Army sergeant who died of wounds at a military hospital in Texas and two Marines killed last week in fighting west of Baghdad.

The 2,000 mark was reached amid growing doubts among the American public about the Iraq conflict, launched in March 2003 to destroy Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction. None was ever found.

In Washington, the U.S. Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the fallen 2,000. "We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their courage, for their valor, for their strength, for their commitment to our country," said Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Critics of the war also acknowledged the sacrifice, even as they questioned the policies of those who lead it.

"Our armed forces are serving ably in Iraq under enormously difficult circumstances, and the policy of our government must be worthy of their sacrifice. Unfortunately, it is not, and the American people know it," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat.

Sen. Robert Byrd, a veteran Democrat from West Virginia, said Americans should expect "many more losses to come."

"More than 135,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq. They did not ask to be sent to war, but each day, they carry out their duty while risking their lives. It is only reasonable that the American people, and their elected representatives, ask more questions about



Soldiers stand before the 14th of Ramadan Mosque, the site of a car bomb that brought the U.S. death toll in Iraq to 2,000 on Tuesday.

what the future holds in Iraq," Byrd said.

President Bush warned the U.S. public to brace for more casualties in the fight against "as brutal an enemy as we have ever faced, unconstrained by any notion of common humanity and by the rules of warfare."

"No one should underestimate the difficulties ahead," Bush said in a speech Tuesday before the Joint Armed Forces Officers' Wives' luncheon in Washington.

As a sign of those challenges, one of Iraq's most ruthless terror groups —

al-Qaida in Iraq — claimed responsibility for Monday's suicide attacks against hotels housing Western journalists and contractors in Baghdad, as well as suicide bombings Tuesday in northern Iraq.

In the latest casualty reports, the Pentagon said Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., 34, of Killeen, Texas, died Saturday in San Antonio of wounds suffered Oct. 17 in a blast in Samarra, a city 60 miles north of the Iraqi capital.

Earlier Tuesday, the U.S. military announced the deaths of two unidentified

Marines in fighting last week in a village 25 miles west of Baghdad. Those announcements brought the U.S. death toll to 2,000, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press.

It was unclear who was the 2,000th service member to die in Iraq since the U.S. military often delays death announcements until families are notified. On Monday, for example, the U.S. command announced that an unidentified Marine was killed in action the day before — after the deaths of the three service members reported Tuesday.

UNITED STATES

Counsel turns focus to Cheney

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Tuesday sidestepped questions about whether Vice President Dick Cheney passed on to his top aide the identity of a CIA officer central to a federal grand jury probe.

Notes in the hands of a federal prosecutor suggest that Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, first heard of the CIA officer from Cheney himself. The New York Times reported in Tuesday's editions.

A federal prosecutor is investigating whether the officer's identity was improperly disclosed.

The Times said notes of a previously undisclosed June 12, 2003, conversation between Libby and Cheney appear to differ from Libby's grand jury testimony that he first heard of Valerie Plame from journalists.

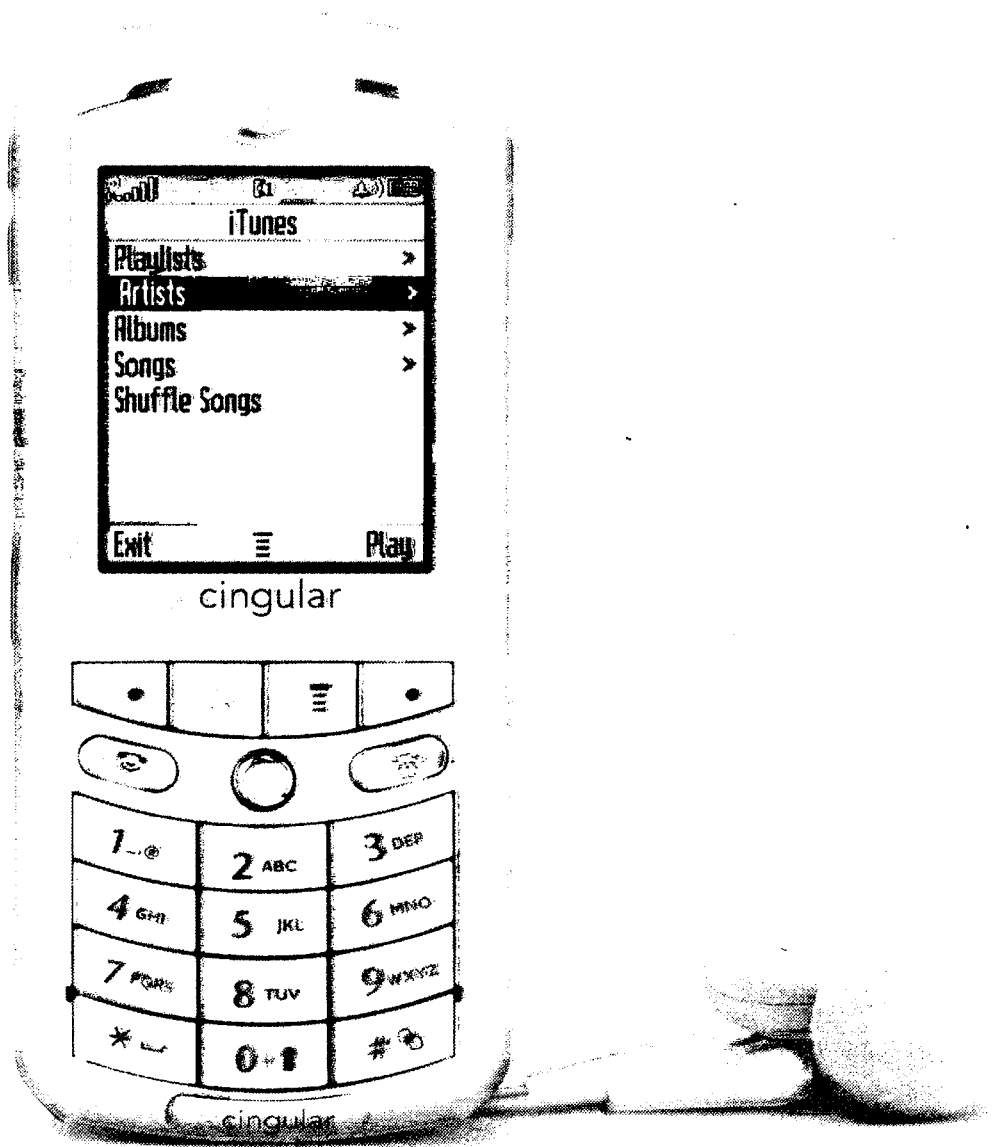
"This is a question relating to an ongoing investigation and we're not having any further comment on the investigation while it's ongoing," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Pressed about Cheney's knowledge about the CIA officer, McClellan said: "I think you're prejudging things and speculating and we're not going to prejudice or speculate about things."

McClellan said Cheney — who participated in a morning video conference on the Florida hurricane from Wyoming, where he is speaking at a University of Wyoming dinner tonight — is doing a "great job" as vice president. The spokesman also said Cheney's public comments have always been truthful.

The New York Times identified its sources in the story as lawyers involved in the case.

Libby has emerged at the center of Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald's criminal investigation in recent weeks because of the Cheney aide's conversations about Plame with Times reporter Judith Miller.



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NASDAQ	2,109.45	-6.38
NYSE	7,361.84	-12.69
S&P 500	1,196.54	-2.84
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,280.62	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,182.10	-25.50

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IN BRIEF

Crude oil prices rise as degrees fall

NEW YORK — Crude-oil futures leapt \$2 past \$62.50 a barrel amid a cold snap in the U.S. Northeast and a report that ConocoPhillips Inc. lost power at a New Jersey refinery. Natural gas prices set a record.

While the power outage lasted less than an hour, ConocoPhillips said its 238,000-barrel-a-day Bayway refinery in Linden, N.J., still doesn't know when it can restart.

The refinery news in particular sent refined-product futures higher, with heating oil leading the gains.

"I think that added to the momentum, but we were already going up when that came out," said Phil Flynn, a broker for Chicago-based Alaron Trading Corp. "It shows that the supply-and-demand balance is still so tightly wound that any disruption" can send prices higher.

Benchmark light, sweet crude oil for December settled up \$2.12 at \$62.44 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Heating oil for November rose more than 10 cents on the day to touch a high \$1.90 a gallon. It settled at \$1.8899 a gallon, up 9.26 cents.

Gasoline for the same month rose more than 9 cents to post a high of \$1.6750 a gallon, closing up 7.22 cents at \$1.6538 a gallon.

New car designs use alternative fuels

CHIBA, Japan — The usually futuristic "concept cars" at the Tokyo auto show are taking on an all-too-real immediacy this year amid soaring oil prices, with ecologically-friendly autos grabbing the limelight.

The overriding message at the Tokyo Motor Show, opening Saturday to the public, is that gas-guzzlers must make way for green cars that pollute less and rely less on shrinking supplies of fossil fuels.

Reporters got a preview Wednesday of the show's offerings of experimental ecological cars galore, including a vehicle that switches back and forth between an electric motor and a hydrogen-powered engine from Mazda Motor Corp. and a fuel cell small car from Suzuki Motor Corp.

Auto officials say it's urgent to develop cars that run on fuels other than gasoline. Crude oil prices have doubled over the last five years as the global oil supply struggles to keep up with ballooning demand.

Bernanke will set inflation rates

Prospective chairman believes interest ranges will boost consumer confidence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ben Bernanke may bring more openness to the secretive Federal Reserve by spelling out what the central bank thinks is an acceptable range of inflation. And that could help consumers and investors better understand where interest-rate policy is heading.

While Bernanke sought to assure Wall Street that he would continue Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's policies if confirmed to replace him, this is an area of some disagreement between them. Greenspan believes setting targets reduces the Fed's flexibility.

Central banks in Britain, Australia and other countries have adopted inflation targets. Although the Fed hasn't, members pay close attention to inflation barometers.

Supporters say if the Fed were to adopt a target it would provide Wall Street and Main Street with a clearer picture of where the economy is headed, so investors can adjust their investments accordingly.

Clearer signals from the Fed about inflation, economic conditions and interest rates can help shape public and investor perceptions and assist the Fed in attaining its goals of nurturing a climate where the economy can grow, employment can flourish and inflation is under control, Bernanke has argued.

"An incremental move toward inflation targeting, in the form of the announcement of a long-run inflation objective, might help the Fed communicate better and perhaps improve policy decisions as



Ben Bernanke and Alan Greenspan, right, walk into the Oval Office on Monday. President Bush nominated Bernanke to replace Greenspan as Federal Reserve chairman.

well, without the costs feared by those concerned about the potential loss of flexibility," Bernanke said in a 2003 speech, when he was a Fed governor.

Bernanke was at the Fed for nearly three years before taking his current job as chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, where he serves as the president's chief economist.

Bernanke rejected the

idea that targeting locks in the Fed in a 2000 piece he co-wrote with other academics that appeared in the Wall Street Journal.

"Inflation targeting does not mandate that the central bank maintain the announced inflation target level at all times, come hell, high water or severe economic shocks," wrote Bernanke, then a Princeton University economics professor.

He said investor confidence may actually be boosted if the Fed publicly explains why a target was missed and how the central bank plans to get the economy back on track.

A target where "core" inflation — excluding food and energy prices — hovers in an annual range of 1 percent to 2 percent might be a reasonable bound, Bernanke has indicated in the past.

Senate cuts Medicare spending

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Republican-led effort to slow spending on health care programs for the poor, elderly and disabled survived a stern test in the Senate Tuesday.

That chamber's Finance Committee, voting along party lines, approved legislation that would trim overall spending on Medicare and Medicaid by about \$10 billion over five years. The committee's 11 Republicans supported the legislation. The committee's nine Democrats opposed it.

In doing so, Democrats cited what they believed was inadequate assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina. In particular, Democrats wanted to temporarily extend Medicaid coverage to thousands of people currently ineligible for the program even though they have lost their jobs and their home.

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ago today, the levees broke. And eight weeks later, I cannot in good conscience join in cutting health care, when Congress has left the health care needs of Katrina's victims unaddressed," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, the top Democrat on the Finance Committee.

Republicans said they weren't thrilled with the bill, either, mainly because they said it did not go far enough to overhaul Medicaid, the nation's health insurance program for the poor. But they rejected the notion that beneficiaries would get a reduced level of care as a result of the changes they approved.

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The legislation reflected the difficult balancing act facing the committee's chairman, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Grassley had to maintain support from all 11 committee Republican to ensure the measure's passage. But some wanted more significant reductions in Medicaid than others were willing to accept.

In the end, the legislation the panel approved Tuesday would reduce Medicare spending by about \$5.8 billion over five years and Medicaid by about \$4.3 billion during that time.

Even with those reductions, however, the Congressional Budget Office projects that financing of the two programs would grow substantially over the coming five years.

The CBO predicts Medicaid spending will increase from about \$192 billion in 2006 to about \$260 billion in 2010. Medicare spending will increase from about \$385 billion in the coming year to about \$525 billion in 2010. The increases reflect growing health care costs and a growing number of people becoming eligible for the programs.

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Lyphout said. "Over time in this climate, structures such as the stadium require maintenance."

The freeze/thaw damage has led to the deterioration of the original seating bowl and the necessary repairs will be made over the next few years, Lyphout said.

"In this case, the waterproof membrane will be replaced and the concrete below it will be patched where necessary," he said.

Work is expected to begin this spring on the east and northeast parts of the stadium, Lyphout said.

Repairs of the original bowl will continue in a counter-clockwise pattern in off-seasons until 2009, according to

the University statement.

"Fans can rest assured that, while these repairs must be made in a timely manner, the stadium itself is quite safe," Doug Marsh, University architect, said in the statement. "The upcoming project is a proactive effort to ensure that this historic facility continues to serve the University for many years to come."

Lyphout said the University worked with a variety of consultants knowledgeable about stadiums and other concrete structures of similar vintage.

"We continually keep close tabs on the conditions of all University facilities and develop time lines for reinvestment in the form of remodeling and renovations," he said. "The stadium is no different, and, as such, we have been monitoring its

condition for many years." Lyphout said that cost projections for the project are still being developed. "A portion of it will be paid with reserves established in an athletic facilities renewal fund," he said.

From 1995-97, the University expanded the stadium to increase seating capacity from 59,075 to 80,795 by adding a new brick bowl around the old structure, the press release said.

"We wish to maintain Notre Dame Stadium for the long-term future and these steps are essential to achieve that. The repairs are very similar to the work that has been done to a variety of similar stadiums throughout the country, especially those in the north such as the Big Ten facilities," Lyphout said.

While minor repairs were made to the original stadium during the expansion project, more repairs are now necessary, though unrelated to the expansion, he said.

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Seminar

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form relationships with people in our group that we usually would not have the chance to because you are too busy at school."

Sophomore site leader Patrick O'Brien and his group worked in southern West Virginia with the non-profit organization Big Creek People in Action to renovate an elderly woman's mobile trailer.

O'Brien and his group used the immersion opportunity to travel within their site's region to meet and aid the people. They were also able to tour a local coal mine and go hiking in the mountains.

"The best part of the trip was interacting with the local people we met," O'Brien said. "Most have so little, but their spirit is unparalleled. They laughed and joked with us while we worked and made a concerted effort to show us their culture."

Students were charged a fee of \$175 to participate in the Appalachia Seminar. This fee covered the transportation to the site, food and rent.

During their week-long immersion, students were lodged at various locations within their site locale such as community centers and church basements.

Junior Katie McHugh, who completed her third Appalachia Seminar over fall break, said that traveling to Appalachia gave her a great opportunity to lead and to meet a new group of people.

"I would highly recommend to everyone to take the opportunity to do this trip while they are a student at Notre Dame," she said.

O'Brien agreed that the seminar was worthwhile and hard work put into this paid off by the reaction of those he helped.

"Overall, this experience was wonderful, a definite eye-opener, and something I would love to do again in the future," he said.

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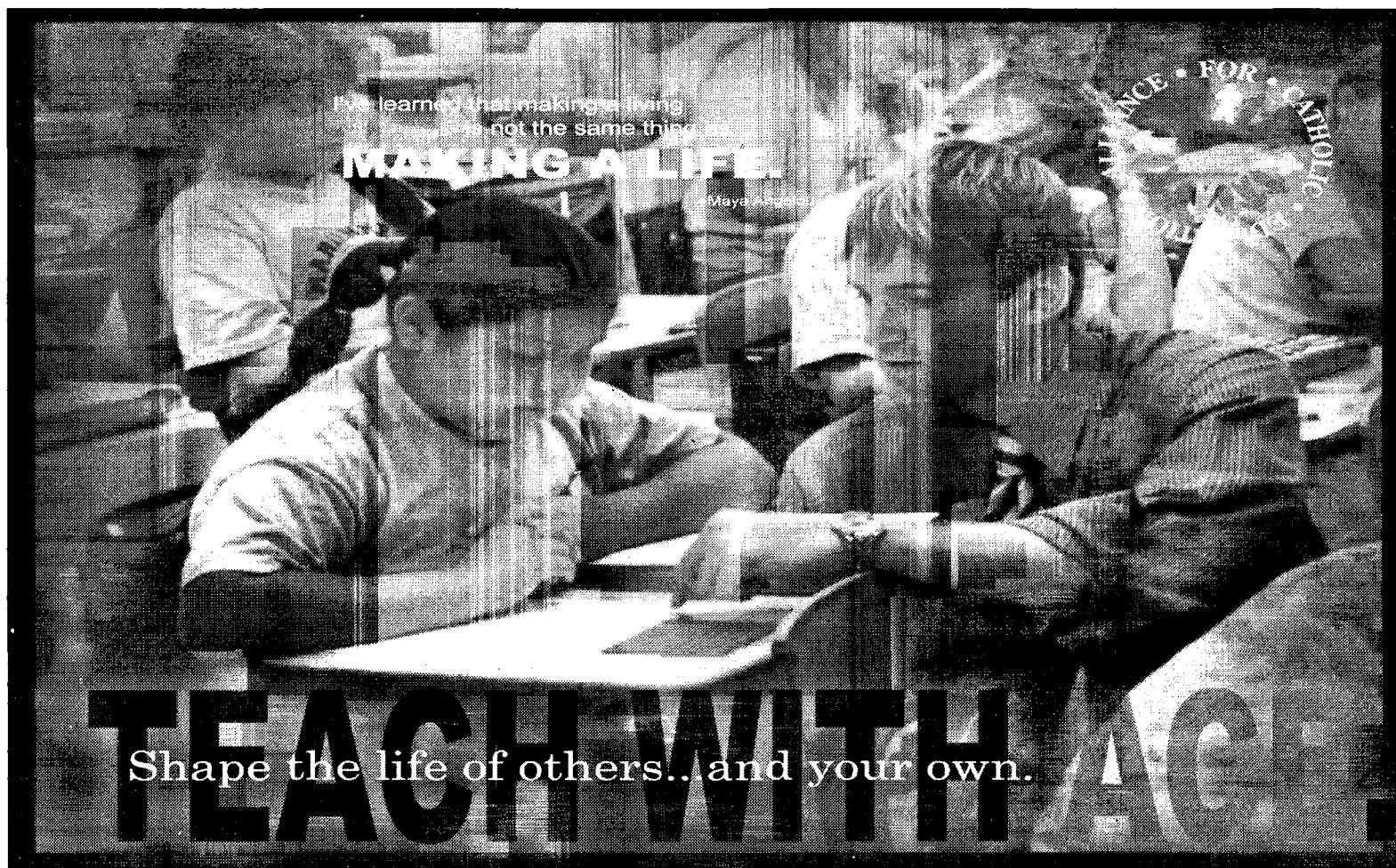
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Rebuilding New Orleans: An Interdisciplinary Discussion

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Eviction

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file a civil suit against the tenants and landlord resulting in fines anywhere from \$250 to \$2,500.

But landlords do not face city fines if they evict the tenants within 30 days of receiving the notice to abate — a clause that initially bothered Baron, who called the situation faced by the six students “unfair.”

“One single offense should not be grounds for eviction,” Baron said. “If the city’s going to send a notice to abate, they should allow for some sort of abate.”

Nash stuck firmly by the

amendment and its application.

“I don’t mean any disrespect to Dave Baron ... but the assumption that you should have an extra warning because you broke the law one time is not something most people will sympathize with,” she said.

If she were a landlord, Nash said she would have acted in the same way as the Turtle Creek owners.

“I think it’s an appropriate thing to do,” she said. “I think anytime a tenant violates the terms, it’s appropriate to file an eviction for breaking the legal terms of the lease.”

Any violation of state, local or federal law constitutes a breach of the lease and can be grounds for termination of the lease, or evic-

tion, Nash said.

Nash said the purpose of a notice to abate was to inform Turtle Creek Management that a tenant had engaged in illegal activity, since the owners were presumably not present during the incident.

“That tenant already knew,” she said. “They don’t need to be told that they committed that activity. They did it.”

Baron disagreed with Nash’s reasoning as to the purpose of the notice to abate.

“I think that the city did more than inform the landlords of prohibited behavior. It actively encouraged eviction,” he said.

Baron said student government would follow several courses of action on the six students’ behalf,

including continuing discussion with the city and Common Council, attempting to coordinate legal defense for the students and seeking help from the Notre Dame administration.

But Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk on Tuesday echoed statements he made in August about the University’s distance from this type of proceedings facing its students.

“Civil action lawsuits — we’re typically not involved in those kinds of cases,” Kirk said, adding he doesn’t expect these particular cases to be any different.

“I learned about [the eviction proceedings] from the news,” Kirk said. “I don’t even know the names of the students who were supposedly evicted.”

Baron said the students facing eviction should be helped by the University and encouraged to change their behavior, like students who run into trouble in the dorms.

“This is an event where members of the Notre Dame family are practically being put out of the street,” he said. “In some respects, it’s the ultimate punishment.”

Not only do the evictions show that students will not receive warning, Baron said, but they also contradict statements made by city officials several months ago.

“During the summer, and when this ordinance was talked about [in September] at COR [Council of Representatives], it was assured by city officials that this ordinance wasn’t targeting students, that it applied to everyone,” Baron said. “It’s pretty obvious it is [targeting students] ... The bust of the parties on Sept. 10 was not due to complaints. It was the activity of a proactive task force that went into a known area of student partying.”

And known it is. While Nash said she couldn’t rank Turtle Creek as more or less problematic than other apartment complexes, she described its reputation as a hotbed for parties, disorder and illegal activity.

“My understanding, from reading The Observer and talking with neighbors ... [is that] it has in past years been considered a place where anything goes,” Nash said. “The new owners [who took over the complex last spring] don’t want to seem to have that reputation, which is to their credit.”

But what Nash said may be to the owners’ credit may also lead to their business downfall, Baron said.

“[Students will be] more reluctant to take out apartments in Turtle Creek,” he said.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Repair crews across Florida struggled Tuesday to restore electricity to up to 6 million people, reopen the region’s airports and replace countless windows blown out of downtown high-rises during Hurricane Wilma’s ruinous dash across the state.

Officials said it could take weeks for Florida’s most heavily populated region — the Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach area — to return to normal.

Water and gas became precious commodities, and people waited for hours for free

water, ice and food. Lines stretched for blocks at the few gas stations with the electricity needed to pump fuel, and arguments broke out when motorists tried to cut in line. More than 500 people waited outside one store for cleanup supplies.

But barely 24 hours after the Category 3 storm struck, there were signs of recovery.

“We have power! We have power!” several residents of Miami Lakes chanted as they ran out their back doors when the lights came on.

The quantity of debris was daunting: Pieces of roofs, trees, signs, awnings, fences, billboards and pool screens were scattered across several counties. Damage estimates ranged up to \$10 billion.

“Tomorrow’s going to be better than today,” Gov. Jeb Bush said.

Some of the worst damage was in downtown Fort Lauderdale, where Wilma was the strongest hurricane to strike since 1950. Winds of more than 100 mph blew out windows in high-rises, many built before Florida enacted tougher construction codes following Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

The school district’s 14-story headquarters — known as the “Crystal Palace” — was stripped of nearly its entire glass facade on one side.

“We’re going to have to fix it in a way that is stronger,” schools superintendent Frank Till said.

Government officials and business executives scrambled to repair buildings and find other places to work. Broward County court officials were trying to determine whether sessions could be held at the damaged courthouse in coming days.

Academic Integrity at Notre Dame: What Role for Faculty?

The rise in plagiarism and cheating on college campuses poses a significant threat to higher education. Drawing upon surveys of students and faculty on hundreds of college campuses, including Notre Dame, the presenter will discuss the important role that faculty and others can play in reducing student engagement in academic dishonesty.

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The spiritual power of women

I can still remember very clearly the day when I first became aware of the untapped spiritual power of women.

I was browsing through a local bookstore and came across a collection of black and white photographs. They were pictures of women, naked and aged all of them, with faced lined by troubles and breasts sagging with time. There was nothing in any of them like that which most (young) men or (old) poets are inclined to call beauty. No face would have launched a single ship, or sold even the smallest

amount of beer. Indeed, their sensuality would have driven many away in disgust.

But in defiance of every standard that stood against them, there was holistic clarity and strength in these women that seemed to me an ocean against which time and eternity, gods and demons, men and wars could only bluster in vain. It is a spirituality of great potential.

I will not try to describe it further. For one thing, I could never possibly do it justice, and if you need convincing that such a spiritual depth exists in women, then this is not the column for you. Instead, I ask this question: Why do we pretend it does not exist?

In our Western world, not that long ago the majority saw women as flowers — beautiful, fragile and even collectable, but ultimately fleeting and unsuited for the exploration of time and eternity. Even today our theologians, philosophers and physicists are largely men. Notre Dame

itself possesses a mission that is ostensibly a fusion of mind and soul, yet it is governed almost exclusively by men, and those few women who do reach positions of power are paraded out on special occasions like hunting trophies.

Sometimes it seems like the 19th century never left.

Nor does the student culture provide stable ground from which the inner spirituality of women can gain widespread acceptance. A few months into my freshman year I had been taught that a) Notre Dame girls (not women) are ugly, b) Saint Mary's chicks (again, not women) have their own stereotype and c) Notre Dame men (not boys) are hot and all of the above desire them constantly. In hall councils I learned that women's dorms are politically inept and their governance idiotic — things to be manipulated, not respected. I also learned that the deciding factor in the theme of any dance sponsored by a men's dorm is how little clothing the visiting women can be compelled to wear.

Obviously Notre Dame is an environment that is firmly committed to advancing the status of women in the social consciousness and to kindling the true depths of their spiritual nature.

And then there is the Catholic Church itself. What has been lost because one half of the human experience has been eviscerated from the enclave of spiritual power and influence? The Church rejects absolutely the ordination of women, though in all of my time as a student of theology, I have never once been given an acceptable justification for this ban, one based on sound logic or valid scriptural evidence. This shortage of solid grounding, in an otherwise logical faith, is generally the hallmark of shortsighted and foolish errors, such that later generations will

come to lament.

But even if the Church has a fine reason for denying the ordination of women, what reason does it have for denying the deaconate to women (there are deaconesses in the New Testament), or for our present pontiff's distaste for female altar servers? Why, when there is so much drawn from the male persona of Christ portrayed in the Gospel is there next to nothing said of the female persona of Christ portrayed in the Book of Wisdom? When there is such self-evident and unique grace found in the souls of women, why are they barred from even proximity to the central power structure of the Church, for certainly the Church would only benefit from the unique grace of such a union.

These questions are unsettling. However, our Western world has come a long way since the 19th century. We now acknowledge the sensuality and sexuality of women though it was once a grievous insult to suggest that a woman was even physically capable of sexual pleasure. There are women in our armed forces and government, though once John Knox famously decried the abomination that "the weak, the sick and impotent persons" should be the leaders of "the whole and strong." Accepting and embracing the spirituality of women in a formal context is simply the next logical step, and a great social benefit that has been long in coming.

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Lance Gallop

Tidewater Blues

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Too much PC can be BS

Ever notice how childlike students at Brandeis University can be? Not to say we wear diapers, but in our conflict-resolution skills: We whine, we complain, we yell.

How can I tell? Like any other immature kid, typical Brandeis students cannot engage in proper debate. They don't care that opinions contrary to their own exist and refuse to calmly and civilly express disagreement to the appropriate parties.

Have any of you ever watched a presidential debate? There's never any name-calling or shouting. Meanwhile, here's an example of how "debate" is at Brandeis: Within two days of any Brandeis Republican flyer being posted, it is invariably torn down. Debate, from my understanding, is a two-sided process that doesn't include rebuttal through vandalism.

I am sure all the overwhelmingly liberal liberals at Brandeis pride themselves on being politically correct. Here is a definition of political correctness, from the

American Heritage Dictionary:

"1) Of, relating to, or supporting broad social, political and educational change, especially to redress historical injustices in matters such as race, class, gender and sexual orientation. 2) Being or perceived as being overly concerned with such change, often to the exclusion of other matters."

I'd venture to say that most Brandeisians believe they fit under the first definition, but I would like to highlight definition number two; that is the Brandeis culture. Somewhere down the road to liberalism and enlightenment, the Brandeis community "excluded" the "other matters" of civility, discourse and open-mindedness. This institution is so used to being liberal that any ideology even slightly centrist is greeted with undue anger.

The Brandeis University mission statement says: "[Brandeis] strives to reflect the heterogeneity of the United States and of the world community whose ideas and concerns it shares. Brandeis renews the American heritage of cultural diversity, equal access to opportunity, and freedom of expression." Where did that go? Since

when was it within the bounds of "freedom of expression" to tear down a few Brandeis Republican signs? Since when was it "heterogeneous" for everyone to have to agree on important issues?

"Attack the idea, not the person," advised an outspoken Republican with whom I spoke. Think about debating the point your ideological opponent is making. It's nearly impossible to change someone's mind when he's defensive.

By all means, be passionate about your beliefs, your identity and your opinions. I'm all for passion. But realize that just because someone disagrees with you, he is not a monster or an imbecile.

It is about time that people at Brandeis realized that disagreement and competition are necessary for the betterment of society. Without opposition, the tyranny of the majority reigns supreme — and everyone knows liberals hate tyranny.

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"To endure is greater than to dare;
to tire out hostile fortune; to be daunted
by no difficulty; to keep heart when all
have lost it — who can say this is not
greatness?"

William Makepeace Thackeray
English novelist

U-WIRE

Cleanly little secret

Growing up, I assumed there were three ways to clean: The wrong way, the right way and my mom's way, which shames the right way into becoming the wrong way.

My mother is the queen of clean. If cleanliness is next to godliness, she deserves a chapter in a mythology textbook. The one constant in her kitchen, besides my brother and me rummaging through the pantry, is a crumpled, wet paper towel on the countertop just waiting to wipe something clean. "Crums" is, both literally and figuratively, a dirty word in our house.

Now that I am living in my own apartment, I find myself exhibiting some of my mom's traits. I constantly wipe off tables and countertops, spot dirt and dust on an atomic level and love Oprah. (OK, I made that up. I actually see dirt on a subatomic level.)

The biggest beneficiaries of my cleaning, aside from my own sanity, are my roommates. At the beginning of the year, I politely declined their offers to help me clean. Now, they save their breath and simply know Saturdays feature two sounds — the roar of the crowds at the college football game we're watching on television and the whir of the vacuum cleaner at halftime.

Still, I would not say I am obsessed with cleanliness. That implies I would have a nervous breakdown if I saw dirty dishes in the sink for more than

30 minutes. (Attention, my roommates: Don't even think about it.) I just like cleaning, simple as that. The sense of accomplishment that is a spotless room is very fulfilling to me, not to mention more pleasing to the nose than the alternative.

The biggest problem with cleaning is things eventually get dirty again. This neverending battle is like a video game where I am the hero and dirt is the bad guy. As any self-respecting video game player knows, the key to beating a bad guy is to have the coolest weapons. For my battles, I rely on an arsenal that is basic and effective with a little flair — the Honda-with-a-rear-spoiler of cleaning supply closets, if you will.

It starts with the disinfectant wipes, because everything is handier in wipe form. If some genius before me had not tried to clean himself with these wipes — resulting in the warnings on the wipes container to keep them out of your eyes and off your skin — I would have definitely tried it. As it stands, I'll stick to non-human surfaces.

The vacuum is the old, reliable standby, not to mention an excellent dance partner. The vacuum's younger, hipper cousin is the Swiffer. Whoever invented this half-broom, half-mop device deserves a Nobel Prize. Don't get me wrong, Professor Schelling deserved a Nobel for his work with Game Theory. But can Game Theory get dirt off the floor with a dry cloth and then clean the floor with a wet cloth, all in five minutes and with no mess? The folks in Sweden don't know what they are missing, and I think that

stinks.

Speaking of things that stink, the most dangerous part of cleaning involves the toilet. There are only so many flushes and so many sprays of air freshener you can use before you need to polish the porcelain throne. The problem is, like the board game Operation, you do not want to get too close to the sides of the toilet while scrubbing.

Enter what I call the toilet gun — my favorite cleaning appliance. It's one of those toilet brushes with a canister of toilet bowl cleaner inside. Whenever the toilet is dirty or I want to amuse myself, I aim the brush into the toilet and pull the trigger. Out comes the cleaning solution, and, after a few good scrubs, down the drain the bad stuff goes.

Because toilet grime is the last bad guy of my cleaning video game, it's only natural a special weapon is needed to kill it. And how did I get this weapon? The easiest way possible — the cheat code known as "mom." The toilet gun was one of the first things she got me for my apartment when I moved in last year.

So come on over and use my toilet. I guarantee it will be clean, just like the rest of the apartment. Just please, take your shoes off first.

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Discriminating, the American way

It is a good thing that discrimination doesn't exist. When I heard the other day that Gov.

Schwarzenegger recently vetoed the Religious Freedom & Civil Marriage Protection Act (a.k.a. A.B.

849), thus denying homosexuals the same rights as heterosexuals, I was worried that some people might be discriminated against. Then I remembered that discrimination doesn't exist, and I felt a lot better.

Apparently there are people, citizens no less, who perceive certain laws, especially marriage laws, to be discriminatory. What are these people thinking? From 1850 to 1977 California marriage laws were gender neutral, that is, marriage laws had no reference to "man" or "woman." But in 1977, California lawmakers decided to amend marriage laws to include the words "man" and "woman," thereby prohibiting homosexuals from engaging in marriage. I mean, come on. This is America.

Perhaps California lawmakers were confused. Do they believe that under current law same-sex couples are not able to marry the person of their choice? Maybe lawmakers think that same-sex couples are denied thousands of rights entirely on the basis of whether their partner has a vagina or a penis? As if.

Obviously, these lawmakers have forgotten some basic grammar school history: America is not a discriminatory nation. America does not even have a history of discrimination. Allow me to illustrate a few shining moments in our nation's non-discriminatory past:

1857: In a case known commonly as the Dred Scott Decision, the U.S.

Supreme Court finally ended the long debate over the legality of slavery, declaring that A) Mr. Scott was not a person and B) that he was a piece of property. This famous decision thus prevented a civil war.

1920: In what was known as the suffrage movement (called suffrage because women were forcing men to suffer by not allowing them to vote), white, married males were finally given the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment.

1944: During World War II, thousands of Japanese Americans living on the West Coast "voluntarily" decided to move to "internment camps" for a "vacation." A disgruntled man named Korematsu sued the United States claiming that his "vacation" infringed upon his civil rights. The court ruled that individual civil liberties outweigh national security interests, especially in time of war, thus forever ending government infringement upon individual freedoms and the debate over civil rights.

It is clear from this brief overview of history, that if discrimination ever did exist, it doesn't anymore, especially not among the homosexual community. Lawmakers should just quit wasting time and taxes on efforts to outlaw fictional problems like "discrimination" and "equal protection." Instead, why don't our lawmakers focus on real, non-fictional problems, like finding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction?

... Oh, wait.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



MOVIE REVIEWS

Cameron Crowe's latest film a letdown

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

If you've never had the desire to head out on a road trip, you will after seeing writer-director Cameron Crowe's newest film, "Elizabethtown." However, aside from an itch to travel, a few laugh-out-loud moments and an interesting concept, the movie may leave audience members slightly disappointed.

"Elizabethtown" is about a young man named Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom) who blows eight years of his professional life and shortly after finds out his father has suddenly passed away.

On his venture to fulfill his father's last wishes in Elizabethtown, a small Kentucky town, Drew meets a quirky flight attendant named Claire Colburn (Kirsten Dunst), who helps him turn his life around. Through a series of crazy events, Drew comes to find new meaning in his life.

Crowe is a talented director whose previous films include "Almost Famous" and "Jerry Maguire," but for all of the potential in "Elizabethtown," the means rarely lead to an end.

A scattering of well thought-out

scenes and a few choice moments carry the film, but nothing ties them together into a completely coherent picture.

Orlando Bloom takes on his first leading part out of elf ears and off pirate ships. The character of Drew Baylor gave Bloom a complex role to fill, and he seemed quite comfortable with the job.

Although his performance may not be Oscar-worthy, it definitely shows the Bloom deserves the respect he has received in recent years from members of the film community, as well as from his adoring fans.

Unlike Bloom, who has just begun to explore modern leading roles, Dunst seems to be doing the same old thing. Dunst is playing a "character" she is very familiar with — herself. As Claire, the odd yet loveable young flight attendant, she spits out cheesy lines as "I'm impossible to forget, but I'm hard to remember."

Though some of her lines might be a stretch, she doesn't seem to be stretching her acting abilities at all.

The supporting actresses in "Elizabethtown" also highlight both the high and low points of the film. Veteran actress Susan Sarandon plays a fairly small part, but proves she is still the true leading lady as she steals the show

Elizabethtown



Director: Cameron Crowe
Writer: Cameron Crowe
Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Orlando Bloom, Susan Sarandon and Judy Greer



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Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom) tries to find himself as he romances Claire (Kirsten Dunst) in writer-director Cameron Crowe's latest, "Elizabethtown."

in her role as the neurotic grieving widow.

On the other end of the spectrum is Jessica Biel who plays the part of Ellen, a stuck-up employee of the company Drew worked for and his recent ex-girlfriend.

Although she has been praised as one of Hollywood's next top actresses, the only list her role in "Elizabethtown" will top is most monotonous performance. Even an evil ex-girlfriend who is in a movie for all of five minutes should show a few signs of life, something that could definitely not be seen in Biel.

One of the things that makes

"Elizabethtown" a more respectable film is the soundtrack. Each song seemed to fall at exactly the right moment, and accentuated the mood of the scenes better than a lot of movies do.

With a variety of music ranging from the recent breakout band, My Morning Jacket ("Where to Begin"), to classics like Tom Petty ("It'll All Work Out"), there seemed to be a little something for everyone.

Overall, Crowe's film provides laughs, touching moments, a good soundtrack

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'Doom' a mindlessly bad sci-fi action film

By TREVOR GASS
Scene Critic

It's "Doom." The movie. You don't go to see it for its complex and engaging storyline. Or its well developed, loveable characters. Or its fresh, original concept. Most importantly, you certainly will not go see it because this review said it was worthy of your six dollars.

Take a less than mediocre premise (genetics science experiment gone wrong), a crew of terribly written marines (including everybody's favorite, The Rock), throw them on Mars with an arsenal of fully automatic weapons and unleash the mutated zombie monsters.

The original Doom computer game created by the masterminds at Id Software in 1992 was a huge success despite the non-existent storyline. The groundbreaking game engine and addictive replay kept gamers rooted at their computer screens for hours on end.

The more recent release of the game Doom 3 incorporated a functioning storyline (scientists opening portals to Hell) to accompany the game's blood splattering antics.

What does "Doom" the movie have in common with the gaming franchise? Not much.

The movie could have been written as a generic sub-par science fiction/horror script with a few references from the games thrown in as lame attempts at justifying the use of the Doom name. The few parallels that do exist occur

with the incorporation of a handful of monsters from the Doom universe and the legendary BFG9000, which stands for BioForce Gun, among other colorful interpretations of the acronym.

Beyond these points, this film could have been released under another name and no one would have been the wiser.

For hardcore fans of the Doom games or mindless bloody violence, the film might hold some redeeming value. Seeing the BFG in action was definitely one of the cooler parts in the movie. However, it only happened twice.

As for the bloody violence department, the substandard action is drowned out by terrible execution. It could be more entertaining to sit in the theater placing bets on who dies next than actually following the story.

The entire middle portion of the movie amounts to just that: the crew of marines being killed one by one as they fumble through the darkness while managing to trip over every horror movie cliché they can find. At times, simply watching is painful.

Sticking heads up into the dark air vent? Check. Chase the killer monster into the dark sewer? Check. Split up the marines whenever possible? "Doom" has got it covered.

Most of the characters die before audiences get a chance to know them. Those who do stick around long enough to develop their stereotyped, one-dimensional personalities do nothing but prolong the painful viewing experi-



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Sarge (The Rock), left, and John Grimm (Karl Urban), right, lead a team of marines who are investigating what went wrong on a space station in "Doom."

ence.

Most of the movie involves watching marines run back and forth through the same three hallways, shooting at badly rendered computer generated monsters while spouting off profanity and terrible one-liners.

As if it couldn't get any worse, the screenwriters decided that it would be a good idea to end the movie with a Kung Fu battle. What? Kung Fu has nothing to do with Doom.

The only innovative point of the movie

occurred when the camera switched to a first person perspective. This is one aspect where the movie is faithful to the game, though the novelty wears off quickly. The effect was refreshing but nothing especially spectacular.

All in all, if expectations are set at an appropriately low level, audiences might not be too disappointed, though if given the choice, not going at all is probably the better option.

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SCENE FEATURE

A grand day out for Wallace and Gromit

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Over 15 years ago, the world first came to know a certain pair of clay-animated figures. It was in a short film describing a space voyage to the moon in pursuit of perfect cheese — a lunar trip taken by middle-aged Englishman Wallace and his trusted dog, Gromit.

Despite being somewhat foiled in their quest by a robot who wishes only to learn to ski, the pair came out successfully in the end with a stash of moon cheese.

Since that first short, "A Grand Day Out," Wallace and Gromit have expanded their success in two other short films and a recent feature, "The Curse of the Were-Rabbit."

Now attracting such famous talents as Helena Bonham-Carter and Ralph Fiennes, director Nick Park's Wallace and Gromit, no more than a daffy, cheese-loving inventor and his steadfast and brilliant canine companion, have grown in popularity and prestige to become one of the most well-known and beloved man-and-dog pairs in recent movie history.

Inventor, dog owner, entrepreneur, cheese connoisseur — Park's Wallace is both brilliant at his scientific pursuits

and slightly "out of it" when it comes to the practicality of using his inventions.

For example, in "The Wrong Trousers," the first W&G short to win an Academy Award, Wallace invents his famous pair of mechanical trousers, only to be left clueless when the pants are manipulated by an evil penguin to steal a famous diamond from a nearby museum.

The outlandish nature of his inventions — such as a mind-manipulating device in "Curse of the Were-Rabbit" — adds to both Wallace's amusing character and the films' fun and subtly wacky nature.

Wallace's sweet personality, shining bald head and love of Cheddar, Stilton and Camembert make for a great and winning protagonist for each of the four W&G films.

Forget Air Bud, Beethoven or even Nana from the recent remake of "Peter Pan" — few on-screen canines can hold a candle to Park's Gromit.

Where Wallace, despite his daffiness, is usually the brains of any W&G operation, Gromit is the practicality, the performer of the grunt work and the source of each film's wry and loyal perspective.

Gromit is the more domestic of the pair, as he cooks, vacuums, gardens and tends to Wallace's outrageously intricate inventions.

Gromit, who is the only character in

"I like [claymation]. It's the kind of medium you can improvise on because it's all happening in front of the camera."

Nick Park
Animator



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Wallace (voice of Peter Sallis), left, and his faithful dog Gromit, right, have been the clay-mation stars of several short films that were international successes.

Park's universe who never speaks, expresses his affection for — and often exasperation with — his owner with silent-film-type gestures, facial expressions and funny, almost human behavior.

During more stressful times in each film, Gromit tends to take up his signature knitting needles. A loyal, intelligent and downright funny canine, Gromit is the perfect balance for Wallace in this comedy team.

Starting with "A Grand Day Out," animator Nick Park has since created three more Wallace and Gromit films, "The Wrong Trousers," "A Close Shave" and

"Curse of the Were-Rabbit" in the somewhat old-school clay animation style.

"I like this medium. It's the kind of medium you can improvise on because it's all happening in front of the camera," said Park in a recent interview with Moviehole.net.

In a time where CGI animation is the norm, Wallace and Gromit are both bucking trends and winning audiences worldwide.

Whether just one short is enough to whet a viewer's palate or all four films are seen marathon-style, watching any

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Wallace and Gromit's 'Curse' is a charm

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Scene Critic

Even though there are no state-of-the-art computer graphics, Steve Box and Nick Park's "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" is easily a contender for the best-animated movie of the year. It is a funny and light-hearted comedy that everyone can easily enjoy.

In a world where Pixar and computer animation reign supreme, the return to the days of stop-motion "clay-mation" is refreshing, especially when it brings some familiar faces back with it. After spending five years in production, Wallace and Gromit finally hit the big screen in their first feature-length picture.

The duo have been popular with people of all ages through the world since 1989 when they first appeared in the short flick "A Grand Day Out," which was nominated for the Best Animated Short Oscar.

They appeared in two more short films, "The Wrong Trousers" (1993) and "A Close Shave" (1995). These Oscar-winners were wildly popular in their home country of England and achieved marked success throughout the world.

The movies follow Wallace, the cheese-loving, ambitious, but simple-minded inventor who is always getting himself into scrapes of all kinds. As in all of their films, it is up to Wallace's dog Gromit to save the day. Bucking the trend of talka-

tive animated animals, Gromit never utters a word, yet still manages to express himself better than some actors in Hollywood.

In "The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," directed by Steve Box and Nick Park, Wallace (voiced by Peter Sallis) and Gromit run a rabbit-catching business, Anti-Pesto, to protect the vegetables that townspeople are growing for the annual Giant Vegetable Competition.

Since this is a humane business, the duo quickly ran out of cages to keep all of the captured rabbits contained. Wallace comes up with an invention to solve everything: After one of Wallace's quirky inventions goes awry, a monstrous rabbit is created, allowing for ever-amusing parodies of classic horror films, like "Frankenstein" and "King Kong."

The Were-Rabbit begins to devour the townspeople's prized vegetables and it becomes up to Wallace and Gromit to save the day. Along the way, Wallace tries to impress Lady Campanula (voiced by Helena Bonham Carter), who promotes Anti-Pesto's humane treatment of the rabbits, while at the same time competing against her suitor Victor Quartermaine (voiced by Ralph Fiennes), who would rather get rid of his problems with his gun.

There is very little wrong with "The Curse of the Were-Rabbit." The animation is practically flawless; the stop-motion animation is fluid throughout. Although a few children in the audience are likely to dislike the fact that it is not



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Wallace (voice of Peter Sallis), right, and his dog Gromit attempt to solve the myserty of the Were-Rabbit in the acclaimed duo's first feature-length film.

CGI, the movie should please everyone who grew up with a steady stream of clay-mation movies and television shows.

The script is superb and has something that everyone, young and old, will enjoy. It provides plenty of slapstick and goofiness to keep young kids laughing, as well as clever "adult" jokes for the older crowd, much like "Shrek" and other recent animated movies.

There is also plenty of on-screen humor to warrant repeated viewings, with everything from the labels on con-

tainers in the kitchen, to pictures hanging on the walls in the various houses. Seeing as how the previous "Wallace and Gromit" movies were all short films, the directors/writers did a good job of extending their work into a full-length movie.

This movie is well worth seeing, especially with Halloween just around the corner. And for the fans of the previous

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The Curse of the Were-Rabbit



Directors: Steve Box and Nick Park
Writers: Steve Box and Nick Park
Starring: Peter Sallis, Ralph Fiennes, Helena Bonham Carter, Peter Kay and Nicholas Smith

MOVIE REVIEWS

Plotting makes 'Flightplan' a bumpy trip

By PAT MOORE
Scene Critic

"Flightplan" is a thriller in the skies that delivers — for about an hour, anyway. With an intriguing story concept, an engrossingly suspenseful mood (thanks to director Robert Schwentke), and a talented lead actress in Jodie Foster, the film has the potential for greatness. But it falls short — and falls hard — with a late plot-destroying twist and a less than stellar ending.

Jodie Foster stars as Kyle, an engineer for a German airplane manufacturer who has suffered the tragic loss of her husband in an act of suicide. With her young daughter Julia, Kyle leaves home in Berlin to bury her husband in America. As their flight takes off, an emotionally worn Kyle and Julia cling to each other in the passenger cabin and fall asleep.

When Kyle awakens, her mind is not on her late husband, but on her daughter, mysteriously absent from her seat. Kyle's mild alarm turns to worry, and ultimately to panic as she cannot locate Julia. Much of the rest of the film depicts Kyle's struggle to find Julia and identify the person who has taken her.

"Flightplan" is entertaining in the

way it generates a thick aura of tension, confusion and suspense. The commercial aircraft in which the plot unfolds is enormous, making six-year-old Julia difficult to find.

Yet the confined setting of the airplane dictates that if Julia boarded the plane, she still must be on the plane, even if she is missing. Anxiety builds for both Kyle and the audience at the thought of Julia being so near, yet so elusive.

The flight's passengers are culturally diverse, eccentric, impersonal and unfriendly. Such casting of the passengers subtly contributes to the building suspense, as everyone becomes a suspect for abducting Julia, for both Kyle and the audience.

Jodie Foster's acting talent shines as the distraught mother, whose panic takes her to the brink of sanity. Hysterical, but not helpless, Kyle climbs, crawls and breaks into other compartments of the aircraft to search for Julia.

Perhaps the movie's greatest strength is the potent emotional connection Foster's character establishes with the audience. Like the character Lisa in the Wes Craven movie "Red Eye," Kyle is both the victim and the hero.

"Flightplan" is filled with twists and



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Passenger Julia (Jodie Foster) confronts Captain Rich (Sean Bean), middle, and Carson (Peter Sarsgaard), right, about her missing daughter in "Flightplan."

turns to keep the audience on its toes, the biggest of which takes place about an hour into the movie. Audiences won't see this one coming, because it is so far-fetched and ridiculous that it suspends belief.

The twist complicates the circumstances of Kyle's problem to the point that they become unbelievable and absurd, even for a Hollywood movie. And since the plot twist is so central to the script, it brings down the entire story.

What it does not bring down, however, is the movie's entertainment value. The movie builds suspense upon sus-

pense, and, regardless of plot integrity, keeps the audience engrossed until the end. The ending, while satisfying, is anticlimactic in that the conflict is resolved far too quickly.

The film's closing scene is not nearly as lengthy or dramatic as those of its peers, "Red Eye" and "Air Force One." Yet, as much as comparisons can be drawn with those movies, Schwentke's film is worth seeing on its own, regardless of the shortcomings. If you can forgive the screenwriters, "Flightplan" is solid, Friday night thriller fun.

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Flightplan



Director: Robert Schwentke
Writers: Peter Dowling and Billy Ray
Starring: Jodie Foster, Sean Bean, Michael Irby and Peter Sarsgaard

'In Her Shoes' a pretty comfortable fit

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

Based on the best-selling novel by Jennifer Weiner, "In Her Shoes" follows the story of two starkly different sisters and their journeys to self-discovery.

It might sound like just another chick-flick, but such an assessment is only half true. While it is a female-oriented film, it is also much deeper than most chick-flicks.

"In Her Shoes" progresses further than most into such sensitive subjects as the female struggle for self-actualization, the importance of family and the eternal bonds of sisterhood.

On the surface, the movie might appear to be fairly standard, but it ultimately proves itself to be a female empowering drama rooted in commitment to family and real life love.

Two siblings, Maggie (Cameron Diaz) and Rose Feller (Toni Collette) are more dissimilar than anyone could imagine, but are united in their love for expensive footwear. Beyond this, however, they have depended on each other ever since the loss of their young, mentally unstable mother.

Maggie is trapped in a chronic state of adolescence. An irresponsible slob who can't hold a job, she gets by on her good looks, promiscuity and the hospitality of others. Even more serious, she has a learning disability, which proves to be her biggest obstacle.

Her sister Rose is the ugly duckling of

the two. A frumpy workaholic lawyer, she is constantly forced to clean up the mess of Maggie's mistakes. Rose's biggest struggle is her hopeless outlook towards the future and her numerous insecurities.

Maggie, booted out of her father's house by her "evil stepmother," moves in with her older sister. A kleptomaniac, Maggie steals everything from her sister's money and shoes to her ever-so-hunky boss and latest love interest.

When Maggie's unrelenting behavior and seemingly calculated act of betrayal drives Rose to the point of a breakdown, the massive rift between the two exceeds all expectation for swift repair. Rose throws Maggie out of her home and, for a time, out of her life.

Maggie heads to Florida to milk the affections of her long estranged grandmother. During this time, Rose is given enough space to explore her own needs, and unexpectedly finds a genuine love interest in her retreat.

Ella (Shirley MacLaine, "Terms of Endearment"), the grandmother, welcomes Maggie with open arms. She becomes a sort of life coach for her granddaughter, pushing Maggie toward self-discovery and personal improvement. Through Ella, Maggie finds the unexpected inspiration she needs to get her life together and patch things up with her sister.

Cameron Diaz's performance is not quite what might be expected from the perky actress, but is still quite possibly the best role of her career. Diaz seems fully aware that Maggie will not be the



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Maggie (Cameron Diaz), left, plays an irresponsible slob who drives her sister Rose (Toni Collette), right, to the point of breakdown in "In Her Shoes."

favored sister and plays her scalawag character all out.

Still, Diaz is never remiss to shake her booty on camera, and that she does as she sashays her way out of trouble and develops into a much more likeable character. While the part could have been played by any other cliché party girl actress, the surprisingly strong performance from Diaz proves much more satisfying.

In fact, the acting is better than expected across-the-board, as actress

Toni Collette brings an emotionally charged, true to life performance to her character.

If "In Her Shoes" is a chick flick, then it's a good, emotionally intense one. Containing the essentials of any fiery female fiction, including love, deception, self-acceptance and of course shoes, this film leaves no subject to spare. Ladies, bring a tissue to this one.

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In Her Shoes



Director: Curtis Hanson
Writer: Susannah Grant
Starring: Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette, Shirley MacLaine and Brooke Smith

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NHL

Wilma forces back Panthers game

Storm causes minor damage to Florida's Bank Atlantic Center

Associated Press

MIAMI — Hurricane Wilma caused some minor damage to the Florida Panthers' arena, prompting the NHL to postpone another game because of the storm.

Saturday's scheduled visit by the Washington Capitals has been pushed back indefinitely, the league said Tuesday. It's the second straight Panthers home game affected by Wilma; last Saturday's scheduled visit by Ottawa will be played Dec. 5.

The Bank Atlantic Center is running on generator power and little else, Panthers spokesman Justin Copertino said Tuesday before Florida played at Pittsburgh. The refrigeration system keeping the ice sheet solid is still working, but it's unknown when other services will be restored.

"We don't know when the power is going to come on," Copertino said. "We haven't had any employees in there for two days."

Wilma also affected this weekend's college football schedule. Because the Orange Bowl's lighting system was damaged, the starting time for Saturday's game between North Carolina and sixth-ranked Miami was moved up to noon, the Atlantic Coast Conference said.

"We wanted to play in the Orange Bowl, since it's our home," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "I think it's an opportunity to give something back to the community a little bit. We're a tough, resilient community and we look forward to playing in front of our fans."

The Carolina-Miami game was originally scheduled to be played at 3:30 p.m., which means it would end in darkness — and potentially create a dangerous situation for both fans and players. An overwhelming majority of Miami-Dade County remained without power Tuesday, and a nighttime countywide curfew is starting daily at 8 p.m. until further notice.

Miami's campus is closed until Sunday. The Orange Bowl has deemed structurally safe;



Florida Panthers' Nathan Horton celebrates a goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins Tuesday. The NHL postponed Florida's next home game because of power shortages in the area.

a few sections of the building will be deemed inaccessible to fans for this weekend's game.

"It has been determined that it is in the best interests of our community to get back to a normal flow of activities as soon as possible," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said. "We are aware of the difficulties. ... But we hope in some small way that playing this game will be positive for the community."

Moving into the 3:30 p.m. slot is Clemson's visit to Georgia Tech, a game that was scheduled to start at noon. Wilma's looming arrival forced the postponement last weekend of Georgia Tech's visit to Miami, a game that will now be played on Nov. 19 in South Florida.

"We're focused," Miami quarterback Kyle Wright said. "We're disappointed we didn't get to play last weekend, and we're all excited to get back out there and play."

Also, Florida International's scheduled home game Saturday against Middle Tennessee has been postponed because of damage caused by Wilma. The game will be rescheduled, with the schools looking at a date in early December.

Copertino said the membrane covering the top of the Panthers' arena was damaged, and some cosmetic repairs —

like replacing ripped awnings — were scheduled to start Wednesday.

Players have been able to stay in contact with their families; forward Joe Nieuwendyk, who did not make Florida's current road trip because of injury, even planned to take some players' wives and small children to an Orlando hotel because of the accessibility of power and other necessities there.

"Everybody's fine," Copertino said. "There were no tremendous losses or damage."

The Panthers play in Philadelphia on Thursday and will fly home after that game. They'll likely be carrying extra bottled water and other items that are in short supply in South Florida, Copertino said.

Florida's next scheduled home game is Nov. 9 against the New York Rangers.

Also, Homestead-Miami Speedway sustained some wind damage, but next month's season-ending NASCAR race will go on as scheduled, the track president said Tuesday.

High wind blew parts of pit road's garage suites across the track and into the grandstand, damaging the seating area, debris fences and some of the track's new \$8.5 million lighting system for night racing.

There was no structural damage to the racing surface,

NFL

Fisher will start as featured back

Undrafted, third-year pro will replace Green in Packers' backfield

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Tony Fisher is a fine third-down running back, whether catching passes out of the backfield, blocking defenders, picking up blitzers or scampering for first downs.

Now the third-year pro, who went undrafted out of Notre Dame, is going to be the featured tailback in the Green Bay Packers' offense with starter Ahman Green (torn thigh tendon) set to join No. 2 running back Najeh Davenport (ankle) on injured reserve.

"There's always mixed emotions because if you're going to become one of the men, you don't want to have to do it under circumstances of people getting hurt," Fisher said.

Green went down in the fourth quarter of the Packers' last-second loss at Minnesota on Sunday.

He finished his injury-filled season — and perhaps his career in Green Bay — with just 255 yards on 77 rushes with no touchdowns.

Davenport broke his ankle three weeks ago when he started in place of Green against New Orleans and scored the team's only two touchdown runs this season.

Fisher, who has 20 yards on 14 carries so far, will make his second career start Sunday when the Packers (1-5) visit Cincinnati (5-2).

"He's been a very resilient,

reliable back for us," coach Mike Sherman said. "He's not Ahman Green, but he is a different type of back and somebody we're going to have to lean on."

The Packers will also have to lean on newcomer ReShard Lee, who has run seven times for 7 yards.

The Packers are also depleted at wide receiver, where quarterback Brett Favre has lost Pro Bowler Javon Walker and promising rookie Terrence Murphy for the season and

could be without Robert Ferguson for up to a month.

Even with an ever-changing lineup, Favre has been white hot of late, playing like he's 26 and not 36.

Since midway through the third quarter of a game against Carolina on Oct. 3, Favre has completed 62 of 87 passes (71 percent) for 715 yards and eight touchdowns with no interceptions and no sacks.

The best throw in that stretch was a 25-yard rope to Ferguson for a touchdown against New Orleans.

But he's losing more and more targets every week.

General manager Ted Thompson worked out several running backs and receivers Tuesday with the anticipation of signing one or two of them.

But there are no saviors in the street this late in the season.

"Obviously, you can't replace an Ahman Green at this point in the season. You have the cards you're dealt and you have to reshuffle the deck and add a few if you can and figure it out."

Mike Sherman
Packers coach

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A.P. Football Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Southern Cal	7-0	1,615
2	Texas	7-0	1,569
3	Virginia Tech	7-0	1,496
4	Georgia	7-0	1,413
5	Alabama	7-0	1,328
6	Miami	5-1	1,268
7	LSU	5-1	1,219
8	UCLA	7-0	1,170
9	NOTRE DAME	5-2	1,067
10	Florida State	6-1	1,055
11	Penn State	7-1	980
12	Ohio State	5-2	860
13	Boston College	6-1	846
14	Oregon	7-1	750
15	Wisconsin	7-1	698
16	Florida	5-2	617
17	Texas Tech	6-1	557
18	West Virginia	6-1	472
19	Auburn	5-2	456
20	TCU	7-1	400
21	Northwestern	5-2	240
22	Fresno State	5-1	233
23	Tennessee	3-3	165
24	California	6-2	151
25	Michigan	5-3	134

Big East Men's Soccer

	team	record	points
1	USF	7-2-0	21
2	St. Johns	6-1-2	20
3	Cincinnati	5-2-2	17
4	Seton Hall	5-2-2	17
5	Connecticut	5-3-1	16
6	West Virginia	5-3-1	16
7	NOTRE DAME	5-4-1	16
8	Georgetown	5-4-0	15
9	Rutgers	4-4-1	13
10	Villanova	3-4-1	10
11	Syracuse	3-5-1	10
12	Providence	2-3-4	10
13	Louisville	2-5-2	8
14	Pittsburgh	2-7-0	6
15	Marquette	1-6-1	4
16	DePaul	1-6-1	4

Big East Women's Soccer

team	conference	overall	points
NOTRE DAME	10-1-0	16-2-0	30
Connecticut	10-1-0	14-3-1	30
Marquette	9-2-0	16-2-1	27
West Virginia	7-2-1	10-4-3	22
Villanova	6-1-3	10-4-4	21
Louisville	6-5-0	11-7-0	18
Rutgers	5-6-0	9-9-1	15
Georgetown	4-6-1	11-7-1	13
DePaul	3-5-3	5-8-4	12
Syracuse	3-5-3	4-11-4	12
Seton Hall	3-6-2	7-7-4	11
Pittsburgh	3-6-2	4-10-3	11
USF	2-6-3	7-7-3	9
St. Johns	2-7-2	6-10-3	8
Providence	1-8-2	4-11-2	5
Cincinnati	1-8-2	3-11-4	5

MLB



Former Astro Geoff Blum watches his home run sail into the stands for Chicago's go-ahead run in the 14th inning early this morning. The game was the longest in World Series history.

Chicago takes 7-5 win in 13 innings

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ten, 11, 12, 13 innings. No one could break through.

Not the White Sox, who waited 46 years to get back to the World Series. Not the Astros, who've never been here before.

Finally, in the 14th inning, Geoff Blum won the longest game in World Series history with a tiebreaking, two-out solo homer, and Chicago beat Houston 7-5 Wednesday morning to move within a win of a Series sweep and its first title since 1917.

Long after Chicago over-

came a 4-0 deficit with five runs in the fifth inning against Roy Oswalt and Jason Lane hit a tying double for Houston in the eighth off Dustin Hermanson, Blum batted for the first time in a World Series with two outs in the 14th and faced Ezequiel Astacio, Houston's seventh pitcher.

With nearly all the seats still full in Minute Maid Park — and with the roof still open — Blum sent a 2-0 pitch from Astacio down the right-field line, and the ball sailed over the wall. As the former Astro circled the bases, Houston manager

Phil Garner slammed a stool in the dugout.

The White Sox picked up Blum from San Diego on July 31, right before the trading deadline. A starter with Houston in 2002-03, he's been mostly a backup since then and entered the game in the 13th as part of a double-switch.

Astacio allowed Chicago to load the bases on two singles and a walk, then forced in a run by walking Chris Widger on a 3-2 pitch.

Houston put runners at the corners in the bottom half when Orlando Palmeiro walked with one out and Brad Ausmus

reached when shortstop Juan Uribe misplayed his two-out grounder for an error.

Mark Buehrle, who pitched seven innings in Game 2 on Sunday night, came in, Chicago's ninth pitcher and the 17th of the game, both Series records.

Adam Everett then pitched the final out at 1:20 a.m. local time. At 5 hours, 41 minutes, it was the longest game by time in Series history. It matched the longest by innings, a Babe Ruth complete game for the Boston Red Sox against Brooklyn in 1914.

IN BRIEF

IOC meets to discuss the 2012 games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The impasse over doping rules at the Turin Winter Games, the possible inclusion of women's boxing and other new events in 2012 and a final ruling in Jerome Young's six-year-old drug case are being considered by Olympic leaders this week.

The International Olympic Committee executive board convenes today for its first full meeting since the July session in Singapore when London was awarded the 2012 Games and baseball and softball were voted off the program.

Topping the agenda for the three-day meeting is an update Friday from Italian organizers on planning for the Winter Olympics, which open in the northern city of Turin on Feb. 10.

After the most recent onsite inspection in September, the IOC reported that preparations were "nearly complete." However, financial problems and doping issues have clouded the picture.

Competition heats up at Swiss Indoors tournament

ASSEL, Switzerland — Third-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain eased through the opening round of the Swiss Indoors in only 69 minutes on Tuesday, beating Filippo Volandri of Italy 6-2, 6-4.

The 2003 French Open champion, is looking for his first title this season after reaching the final at Barcelona and Vienna. Last week, he lost in the first round of the Madrid Masters to Max Mirnyi of Belarus.

"I felt pretty good on court. I'm playing good indoors for the moment," Ferrero said.

"The first set went almost too quickly and the second set not so easy to finish," he added, referring to Volandri getting his ankle taped midway through the final set.

The fourth-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, who reached the final in 2002, defeated Italy's Andreas Seppi 7-6 (3), 6-3. The 25-year-old from Chile has won ATP titles this season New Zealand and the Netherlands.

NBA's Granik steps down to assist David Stern next season

NEW YORK — Russ Granik will leave his job as NBA deputy commissioner after this year to become a senior adviser to David Stern. Granik will remain the league's main representative to USA Basketball and board chairman of the Basketball Hall of Fame as well as an aide to the commissioner. Granik is in his 30th year with the NBA.

"It was long enough. I feel I've contributed as much as I can," Granik said Tuesday. "I've done my best. It just seemed like the right time for me to maybe take a step back."

"I want to take it a little bit easier for a while and then see what else I might want to do."

The announcement of came on the first day of the NBA's annual Board of Governors meeting. Another change comes Wednesday, when Phoenix Suns owner Jerry Colangelo will step down after two terms as chairman of the board and his successor will be chosen.

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CLUB SPORTS

Lavery prepares for spring with triathlon and marathon

Cycling captain ran Chicago road race in 2 hours, 49 minutes

Special to the Observer

Cycling captain Mike Lavery trained for the spring road races this fall by competing in the U.S. Half Triathlon Championships September 25

in Smithville, Mo., and in the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 9.

In the U.S. Half Triathlon, Lavery placed first in the 20-24 age division and seventh overall nationally. Nineteen qualifying events were held nationwide to determine the field for the national championship. Lavery competed against the best from across the country.

In the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, Lavery finished in 2

hours, 49 minutes and 23 seconds to place 290th among over 40,000 registered runners. With these two exceptional finishes, Lavery is well on his way to an outstanding season in road racing.

MEN'S WATER POLO

Rolfs Aquatics will be the venue this weekend for the Great Lakes Championships. The Irish will host the Toledo

at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and then take on Ball State at 7 p.m. The conference title game — a much anticipated and expected showdown between national powers Grand Valley State and Notre Dame — is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Grand Valley travels with a huge following and it is hoped that Irish fans will pack Rolfs for the finals.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Notre Dame Invitational is scheduled this Saturday in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The Irish will play Michigan State at 10:30 a.m., and Grand Valley State at 11:30 a.m. in pool play. Times and opponents for afternoon play will be determined by morning results. Afternoon competition is scheduled for 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 p.m.

NFL

Giants owner and league pioneer Mara dies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Every NFL fan owes a huge debt to Wellington Mara, who died Tuesday at 89.

So does every owner, executive and player.

Mara, who joined the New York Giants as a ballboy the day his father purchased the team 80 years ago and became co-owner as a teenager, was the face of the franchise for more than a half century.

But he also was the patriarch of the NFL, a man who was willing for more than 40 years to split the millions in television revenues he could have made in the nation's largest market with

the Green Bays and Pittsburghs of the league.

It put the NFL at the top of America's sports hierarchy.

"He shaped nearly every rule and philosophy we have in our league today,"

said Ernie Accorsi, the Giants general manager. "Most of all, he was the moral conscience of the National Football League. He now joins the

pantheon of incredible men who made this league what it has become."

"Wellington Mara represented the heart and soul of the National Football League."

**Paul Tagliabue
NFL commissioner**

Said commissioner Paul Tagliabue: "Wellington Mara represented the heart and soul of the National Football League. He was a man of deep conviction who stood as a beacon of integrity. When Well

Mara stood to speak at a league meeting, the room would become silent with anticipation because all of us knew we were going to hear profound insights born of eight decades of league experience."

The last of the NFL's founding

generation, Mara, elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997, died of cancer at his home in Rye, the team said.

One of Mara's greatest contributions came in the early 1960s when he and brother Jack agreed to share television revenue on a league wide basis soon after Pete Rozelle became commissioner. That deal allowed the NFL to thrive and remains in place today.

"Wellington Mara was a true pioneer who understood what it took to make the National Football League great," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association. "History will show that his vision,

integrity and willingness to share with small market clubs paved the way for economic success."

In 1989, Mara and group of older owners wanted Rozelle's successor to be Jim Finks, then the New Orleans general manager, rather than Tagliabue, then a league lawyer. Mara thought the league should be run by a football man.

But Mara and several other "old-guard" owners finally agreed to break a stalemate of four months by throwing their votes to Tagliabue. Mara became one of the new commissioner's staunchest supporters, a man Tagliabue often leaned on for advice.



Maiden of Orleans: a Bayou Thriller by Joseph Patrick Rogers is a fast-paced, romantic suspense novel that can be enjoyed by readers of all ages. The novel has a Catholic theme, and the action occurs in the present-day New Orleans area.

19-year-old Lori Faire finds herself as the focal point in the battle between good and evil. Lori has a special devotion to Saint Joan of Arc. She is helped by Mikhail Xavier, who proves to be a powerful defender.

For more information, visit the author's website at joerogers.homestead.com

Excerpt:

Mikhail sat down on a white, wrought-iron bench. While he relaxed there, the sound of children's voices caught his attention. Through a few trees and bushes, he could see several small girls and boys playing with a jump rope. As they jumped, they recited a sing-song chant:

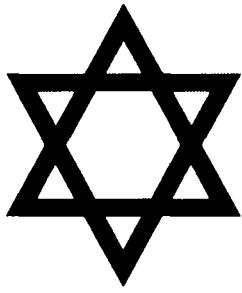
*"Kingdoms of darkness, Kingdoms of light,
Guided by angels of power and might;
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And now to the earth, the battle is brought;
On a holy vessel, you must now sail;
For the sake of the Maiden, you must prevail."*

At first Mikhail did not pay much attention to their chant. Then, when they repeated the verses, he took notice.

That is the oddest rhyme for children to be reciting, he thought. He rose from the bench and moved through the light shrubbery toward the children. They were only out of his sight for a matter of seconds, but when he came around a bush, they were gone.

Where could they be? He walked around another row of bushes; no one was there, though. Hearing the telephone ringing in his condo, he trotted back inside, still puzzling over the mystery of the disappearing children.

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MLB

Astros lack black presence in Series

*MLB announcer sees
a challenge for league
and commissioner*

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Joe Morgan worries about the face of baseball. Watching the World Series, the Hall of Famer is troubled by what he sees.

His old team, the Houston Astros, is down 2-0 to the Chicago White Sox, but it's not their lineup that concerns Morgan. It's their makeup.

The Astros are the first World Series team in more than a half-century with a roster that doesn't include a single black player.

"Of course I noticed it. How could you not?" Morgan said while the Astros took batting practice before the opener in Chicago. "But they're not the only ones. There are two or three teams that didn't have any African-American players this year."

Morgan said it's a predicament and a challenge for Major League Baseball. While more players from around the world are making it to the majors — Japan, Korea, for example — the number of blacks is declining.

"It's a daunting task to get African-American kids into baseball, and I don't see the trend changing," he said.

The last World Series team without a black player was the 1953 New York Yankees. It wasn't until 1955 — eight years after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947 — that Elston Howard became the first black in Yankee pinstripes.

Black players accounted for just about 9 percent of big league rosters this season.

"We know that we have to work to do," Commissioner Bud Selig said Tuesday. "We'll continue to intensify our efforts. I'm very aware, I'm

extremely sensitive about it, and I feel badly about it. But we need to get to work to change things."

Astros general manager Tim Purpura agrees.

"I think it's a huge, huge problem for baseball," he said.

"The pool of African-American players just isn't there. And as baseball becomes more college-oriented in its draft, there aren't a lot of players to pick."

"The African-American athletes are going into other sports," he said.

The most recent survey by the NCAA, taken during the 2003-04 season, showed that only 6 percent of Division I baseball players were black. Half of the men's basketball players were black, as were 44 percent of football players.

Houston has a half-dozen Hispanic players — it was the first team to open a baseball academy in Venezuela, about a dozen years ago. Bench coach Cecil Cooper is black.

Outfielders Charles Gipson and Charlton Jimerson, both black, played for the Astros during the regular season.

The White Sox have three black players on their Series roster: Jermaine Dye, Carl Everett and Willie Harris, along with coaches Tim Lincecum and Harold Baines.

They also have eight Hispanic players and Japanese second baseman Tadahito Iguchi.

"We're diverse because we're looking for the best in talent and character," general manager Ken Williams said before the Series started. "It just happened that way. I could care less what the makeup of the club is as long as it works as a whole."

Williams is the only black general manager in the majors. A former big league outfielder, he joined the White Sox in 1992 as a scout, confident he could find players in the inner cities. After a year of trying, Williams felt as if he'd failed.

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turned in solid results.

Notre Dame advanced two doubles teams to the semifinals. Brook Buck and Kelcy Tefft advanced to the semis on the strength of a 9-8 (7-2) quarterfinal win over Macall Harkins and Brianna Knue of Illinois.

Buck and Tefft, the tournament's No. 4 seed, fell in the semifinals to the top-seeded Cristelle Grier and Alexis Prouis from Northwestern 8-4.

Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny recorded a solid 8-5 win over Indiana's No. 1 team of Sarah Batty and Laura McGaffigan in the quarterfinal round. The Hoosier team was seeded second in the tournament and is ranked 19th nationally.

Connelly and Stastny were tripped up by the Wisconsin team of Nicole Beck and Caitlin Burke in the semis, falling 8-4.

The doubles results this weekend encouraged Louderback.

"Both teams played really well," he said. "It was good for them to play against other schools' No. 1 teams too; the competition was really good. With those two teams and the Thompsons, doubles will definitely be a strength of our team this year."

Connelly also had a solid tournament in singles and advanced to the round of 16,

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Jay Louderback
Irish coach

winning two matches. The senior captain defeated Reedhina Parekh of Western Michigan in the first round by a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 score. A 7-5, 0-6, 7-6 (7-3) win over Beatrix Csordas of DePaul secured a berth in the round of 16. Csordas was seeded 13th in the tournament and is ranked No. 117 in the country. Connelly's run ended with at 6-0, 6-2 loss to Northwestern's Prouis.

Louderback was complimentary of Connelly's play. "Lauren had a great tournament. The win in the second round was big for her over the seeded player," he said.

Christian Thompson also advanced to the round of 16 before being upset by Georgia Rose of Northwestern 6-3, 6-2.

The Irish will compete in the final weekend of the fall schedule beginning Nov. 3. The Thompson twins will play at the National Indoor Championships, while the rest of the team will travel to the University of Illinois to compete in the Midwest Blast tournament.

As the fall season nears its end, Louderback evaluated his team's progress.

"We've been a little up and down this fall," he said. "We've had some good results here and there in singles and have been pretty solid in doubles. I think by the time the spring season hits we will be putting it all together."

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league play while allowing only 14 goals. They have the third-best plus/minus ratio in the league, behind perennial powerhouses Calvin and Hope.

Much of that success on offense can be attributed to freshman standout Lauren Hinton, who earned the Week Seven MIAA offensive player of the week honor.

Hinton also was nominated for the same award in Week

Eight, but the title went to another freshman, Hope attacker Sarah Sosolik.

Senior backfield stalwart Maura Schoen was nominated for the MIAA defensive player of the week honor as well, but lost out to Hope goalkeeper Holly Nestle.

Saint Mary's played one of its toughest games of the year last Saturday in a 1-0 loss at the hands of Calvin College. Calvin has allowed a single goal all season and its game against the Belles was one of its closest fought in several seasons.

"As much as we felt disappointed by the Calvin loss, I think we also took some measure of positive feeling away from the fact that we played so well as a team and defended so well as a team," Mackenzie said. "I think to be honest, from top to bottom, they were a better team than we are."

Adrian has three conference wins on the season, two against cellar-dweller Tri-State University and the third in a 1-0 win over Olivet. Olivet is currently on the heels of the Belles for third place, only one win away from pulling into a dead heat with them.

Three games remain on the schedule and all three are a must-win for the Belles.

"Just stay focused on playing one game at a time as we go into this last portion of our season," Mackenzie said, describing the Belles' attitude on the games left to play. "Take it one game at a time and be all business. I think they are focused and ready to finish the season."

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similar fashion, winning the first two games before dropping the next two and finally winning the fifth 15-13.

"It was almost like instant replay out there," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles came out strong and dictated play throughout much of the first game. After struggling in the second before pulling out a victory, the Belles fell flat in games three and four.

"We really struggled to get in our groove in the third and fourth game," Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles' sluggish play continued into the fifth as the Belles trailed 9-5 in the final game before winning 10 of the final 14 points in the match to secure the victory.

Playing close games has become a habit for a Saint Mary's. The team is 5-2 in five-game matches, and four of the Belles' five conference wins have come in five-game matches.

Schroeder-Biek said her team did not bring its best game Tuesday.

"We didn't play our strongest," she said. "We shouldn't have struggled as much as we did. Kalamazoo is a good program, but they are in a rebuilding year right now."

Despite the sluggish play, the Belles pulled through with a crucial victory that put them in sole possession of fifth place in the MIAA with a 5-10 conference record, 11-16 overall. With one regular season game remaining against Albion, Saint Mary's has the opportunity to secure its highest finish in the MIAA since 1999, when the Belles finished fourth.

Schroeder-Biek recognized the magnitude of the win in relation to the conference standings.

"It was an incredibly important win for us," Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles' struggles were partly due to new positioning. The team was forced to implement changes following last week's injury to setter Amanda David. Michelle Turley stepped into the setter role last week and has played well despite her inexperience at the position. Turley recorded 57 assists in Tuesday's victory.

"Michelle has a higher set than Amanda, so the hitters had to adjust their timing a bit," Schroeder-Biek said. "Everyone has to think about different things in their new positions. We struggled with this at times tonight, but in the end it clicked."

One Belle who was playing her natural position was Marisa Gross at Right Side. Gross recorded a personal high 18 digs and was a key contributor to the Belles victory.

"That was really a confidence builder for Marisa," Schroeder-Biek said. "She really stepped up and played her position. I thought she was one of the solid rocks out there for us tonight."

Kristen Playko also played a key role for the Belles, recording 17 kills and 21 digs. Shelly Bender had 16 kills and Anne Cusack led the Belles' defense with 31 digs.

With an exciting victory in hand Tuesday, the Belles were confident heading into Thursday's contest with Albion.

"We're glad we pulled that one out tonight, and we are excited about the challenge later this week," Schroeder-Biek said.

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Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

Hoosiers

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program into a Big Ten powerhouse. They are 9-1-5 (2-1-3 Big Ten) and have not lost since Sept. 30 to Penn State — a 2-1 defeat that is their only loss of the season. Indiana is coming off a 2-2 tie against Ohio State on Sunday but demonstrated its offensive explosiveness in a 6-0 demolition of Butler on Oct. 19.

The Irish finished a fall break conference road trip with a 2-1 record to put them at 9-5-2 overall this year (5-4-1 Big East). They are tied for second in the conference's Blue Division with two games to go in the regular season.

Clark is hoping to establish the team's first three-game winning streak this year.

"We've got nine wins but I don't think we've strung three together this year," he said. "It's certainly possible, more than possible."

The Irish and the Hoosiers have danced around each other, each traveling to the

other's campus to play in a hosted tournament but never meeting head-to-head. Notre Dame finished 1-1 against two then-Top 10 teams at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington. In that tournament, the Hoosiers finished with two wins.

At the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament, held at Alumni Field earlier this fall, the Irish finished with two wins and the Hoosiers went 1-0-1.

"We go to their tournament, they come to ours, it's a lot of respect," Clark said. "I think they know us very well and we know them very well ... there's not a lot of secrets out there."

The Irish have struggled to put wins together this season, dropping some heartbreaking games where they dominated but couldn't find the back of the net. The team has been looking for a marquee win to ride into the NCAA Tournament, and Indiana has

the potential to be that matchup.

"Obviously the Indiana game is a big regional game," Clark said. "It's a big game on the national level — it certainly would be a great scalp to take, for sure, and it would certainly enhance our NCAA tournament chances."

Indiana currently holds the No. 5 spot in the national rankings.

"This is for me as good as Indiana as I've seen, and this is a very talented team," Clark said.

Clark said his team is thriving under the pressure.

"This is the kind of pressure you really enjoy," he said. "This isn't pressure, this is just playing in a great game ... It doesn't matter how we play before, it matters how we play [today]."

The Irish will kick off at 6 p.m. tonight at Alumni Field.

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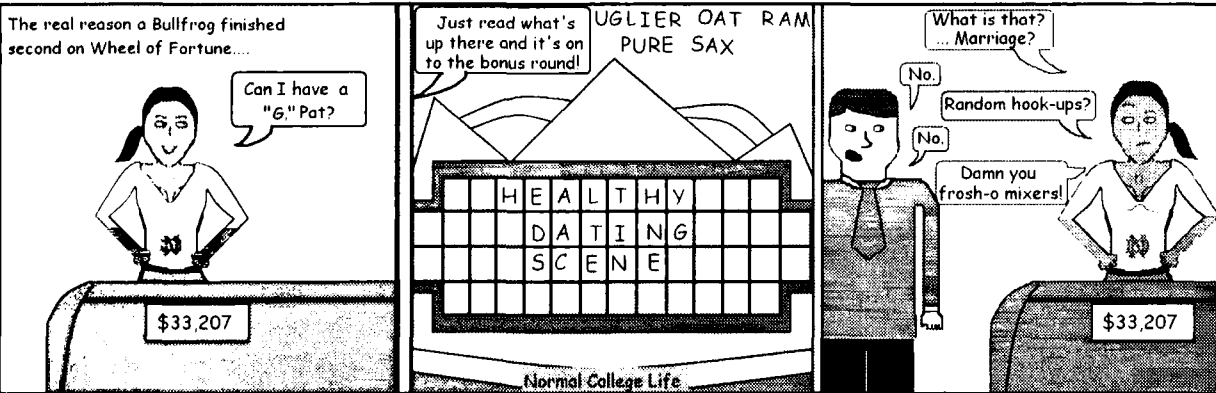
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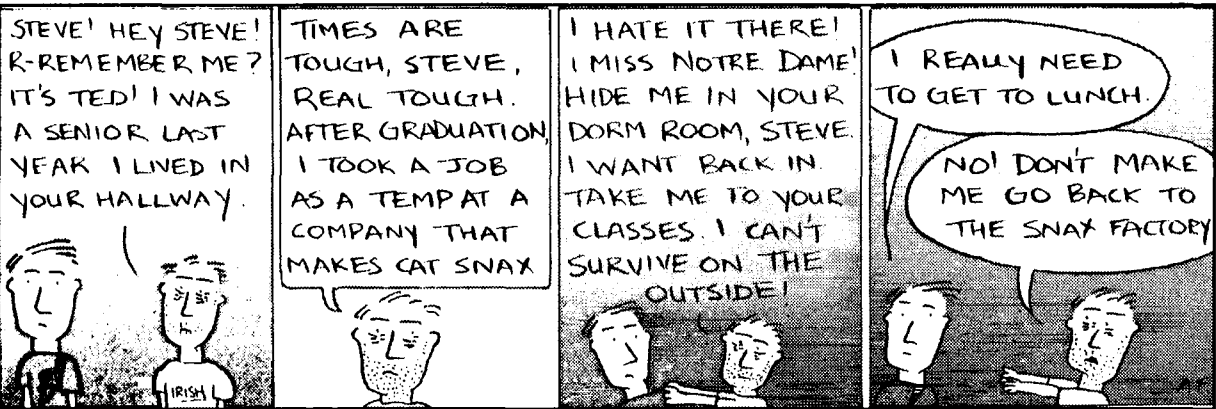
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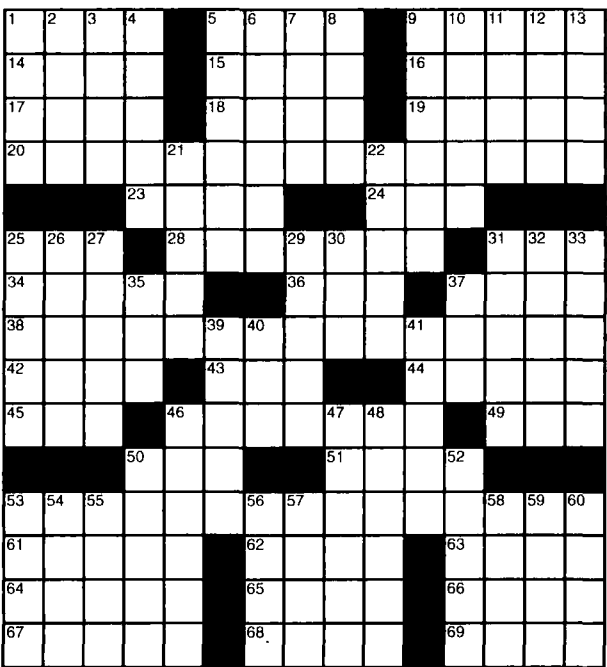
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- 5 Particular, for short
- 9 Data processing room
- 14 Looking up
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- 16 Geneva's river
- 17 Petri dish filler
- 18 Wife of Jacob
- 19 Give the slip to
- 20 What this puzzle has? (not really)
- 23 Give ____ to (prompt)
- 24 Stan who created Spider-Man
- 25 Thanksgiving side dish
- 28 In perfect formation
- 31 Mattress problem
- 34 Bubbling over
- 36 Neptune's realm
- 37 Essayist's alias
- 38 Like this puzzle? (not really)
- 42 Without a partner
- 43 Arthur Godfrey played it
- 44 Nobelist Bohr
- 45 A.A.R.P. members
- 46 Treated with contempt
- 49 Church ____
- 50 Liberal arts maj.
- 51 ____ about
- 53 What this puzzle is composed of? (not really)
- 61 Super success
- 62 Life of Riley
- 63 Yawn producer
- 64 Stroke of luck
- 65 Monopoly stack
- 66 "The very ____!"
- 67 Like a celebrity
- 68 Bronx/thonx rhymr
- 69 Grown-up eft

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- 37 QB Manning
- 39 New Mexico's state flower
- 40 Ref's declaration, for short
- 41 Provide funds for
- 46 In cubbyholes
- 47 Implements of western justice
- 48 Catch in a net
- 50 Anti-vampire tool
- 52 Maid Marian's man
- 53 Mutt's buddy, in the comics
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your stubbornness will lead to difficulties in both your personal and professional life. Admit you are wrong and do something nice for the ones you love. Less said and more done will keep you out of trouble. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can learn by watching what others do, and that will keep you on top of what needs to be done. Work at making yourself the best that you can be. Love is in the picture. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't take any chances when it comes to money. Lending or borrowing will not turn out well. Loss is evident, but if you are smart and invest wisely you can secure your future. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make rash decisions, especially in your personal life. Your emotions will lead you down a hurtful path. This is not the day to discuss your concerns if you want to win or make your point be known. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can expect to have problems with your boss or an officer if you break the rules. You will want to do everything fast today, and that may lead to mistakes. Stick to what you know and do best. Avoid gossip at all costs. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial matters should be dealt with in a conservative manner. An unusual business deal must be considered. Moderation and simplicity will lead you down the right path. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on the task at hand. You will have plenty of time to deal with other matters once you have accomplished what really needs to be done. Don't expect to get a lot of help from your partner today. **

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Problems with partnerships will be mind-boggling. Avoid a discussion that will lead to a point of no return. Take a little time for yourself to figure out what to do. **

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MEN'S SOCCER

In-state showdown



Defender Ryan Miller carries the ball upfield in a 1-0 loss to Cincinnati on Sept. 25.

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After two straight national titles, the Hoosiers visit the Irish today

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

An in-state rival that also happens to be the two-time, back-to-back defending national champion?

As the Irish attempt to secure a berth in the NCAA Tournament, today's traditionally heated game with the Indiana Hoosiers becomes even bigger with the possible postseason implications.

To up the pressure even more, ESPN will be broadcasting the game, set to kick off at 6 p.m. at Alumni Field.

"In many ways you like to say that it is any other game but it's not," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Let's be honest, they are the national champs coming in — they're an interstate rivalry ... It's a very healthy rivalry that we've enjoyed over the last few years."

The Hoosiers have won the last two national titles in men's soccer and have built a dynamic



Kurt Martin steals the ball from a Bradley defender in a 1-0 Notre Dame win on Sept. 28.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Catrina Thompson wins berth in ITA Midwest

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The luck of the Irish was with Catrina Thompson this weekend.

The junior learned Tuesday that she had received one of the at-large berths to the ITA Indoor Championships, despite falling one match short of

earning an automatic berth this weekend.

Thompson advanced to the semifinal round of the ITA Midwest Championships before falling in three sets to Northwestern's Alexis Prousis 6-7 (2-7), 6-1, 6-4. A win would have secured an automatic berth in the season's second grand slam beginning Nov. 3.

Irish coach Jay Louderback was pleased with Thompson's play and her good fortune, saying she was a few points away from winning her semifinal match.

"She didn't play as well in the semis as she did in the quarters when she beat the DePaul player [Gergana Ganeva]," Louderback said. "She just made a few more

errors in the semifinal, but it was a very close match."

Thompson will also compete in the doubles tournament at the Indoor Championships in November with her sister Christian. The sisters won the first doubles grand slam of the year earlier this month at the ITA All-American Championships. Their performance in that tournament

qualified them for the Indoor Championships.

For the rest of the Irish players, last weekend's Midwest Championships gave them an opportunity to qualify for the Indoor Championships next month. Although no other Irish players were able to qualify, many of those on the roster

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SMC SOCCER

Belles can make history with a win over Adrian

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The mantra is "one game at a time" as the Belles soccer team looks to secure its first third-place MIAA finish in team history.

And the next step on the road to cementing their place in the Saint Mary's record book takes them to the confines of bottom-tier Adrian College. The last time these two teams faced off, the Belles walked off their home field

with a 5-0 trouncing.

"It doesn't matter what we have done up to this point," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "To make the goals we have set for ourselves we need to focus on playing well and playing with our best effort against Adrian, Tri-State, then at Kalamazoo."

The Belles currently hold a 7-5-1 record in MIAA conference play and an 8-7-1 overall standing. They have found the back of the net 29 times in

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

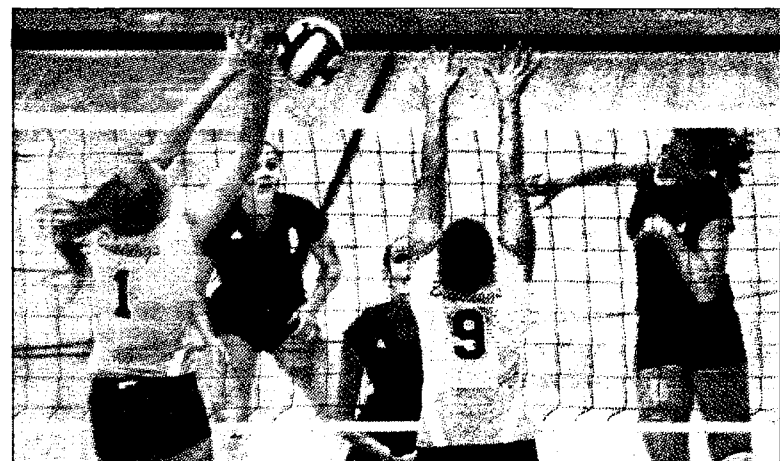
Team prevails in five games

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was glad history repeated itself Tuesday night in Kalamazoo, Mich.

In a match eerily similar to the one the teams played last month, the Belles prevailed over Kalamazoo College in five games, with a final score of 30-21, 30-28, 28-30, 25-30, 15-13.

The Belles defeated the Hornets (2-13, 6-22) in their previous match in



The Belles play defense against Albion on Oct. 11 in their final home match, which they lost in four games.

MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

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Houston is the first team in the Fall Classic since 1953 without a black player.

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Former Irish running back Tony Fisher will replace Ahman Green as the Packers' featured tailback.

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